

April 1, 2018
Easter Sunday

GOD CALLS US

Gathering Song

He Arose
Robert Lowry (1874)

Low in the grave He lay, Jesus my Savior,
Waiting the coming day, Jesus my Lord.

REFRAIN: *Up from the grave He arose, with a mighty triumph o'er His foes,
He arose a Victor from the dark domain,
And He lives forever, with His saints to reign.
He arose! He arose! Hallelujah! Christ arose!*

Christ Is Risen, He Is Risen, Indeed
Getty, Cash (2012)

How can it be, the One who died,
has borne our sin through sacrifice
To conquer every sting of death?
Sing, sing hallelujah.

For joy awakes as dawning light
when Christ's disciples lift their eyes.
Alive He stands, their Friend and King;
Christ, Christ He is risen.

REFRAIN: *Christ is risen, He is risen indeed! Oh, sing hallelujah.
Join the chorus, sing with the redeemed;
Christ is risen, He is risen indeed.*

Where doubt and darkness once had been,
they saw Him and their hearts believed.
But blessed are those who have not seen,
Yet, sing hallelujah.

Once bound by fear now bold in faith,
they preached the truth and power of grace.
And pouring out their lives they gained
Life, life everlasting.

REFRAIN: *Christ is risen, He is risen indeed! Oh, sing hallelujah.
Join the chorus, sing with the redeemed;
Christ is risen, He is risen indeed.*

The power that raised Him from the grave
now works in us to powerfully save.
He frees our hearts to live His grace;
Go tell of His goodness.

*Christ is risen, He is risen indeed! Oh, sing hallelujah.
Join the chorus, sing with the redeemed;
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TAG: Three times

MEN (WOMEN): He's alive! (He's alive!) He's alive! (He's alive!)

ALL: Heaven's gates are opened wide.

MEN (WOMEN): He's alive! (He's alive!) He's alive! (He's alive!)

ALL: Now in heaven glorified.

Welcome, Greeting and Announcements

Call to Worship

Mark 16:1-8

LEADER: When the Sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint [Jesus]. And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. And they were saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance of the tomb?" And looking up, they saw that the stone had been rolled back—it was very large. And entering the tomb, they saw a young man sitting on the right side, dressed in a white robe, and they were alarmed. And he said to them, "Do not be alarmed. You seek Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has risen; He is not here. See the place where they laid Him. But go, tell His disciples and Peter that He is going before you to Galilee. There you will see Him, just as He told you." ⁸ They went out and fled from the tomb, for trembling and astonishment had gripped them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

ALL: He is risen indeed!

Prayer of Invocation

Worship Singing

Christ, the Lord, Is Risen Today

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today

Thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. 1 Cor. 15:57

1. "Christ the Lord is ris'n to - day," Al - - le - lu - ia!
 2. Vain the stone, the watch, the seal; Al - - le - lu - ia!
 3. Lives a - gain our glo - rious King; Al - - le - lu - ia!
 4. Soar we now where Christ has led, Al - - le - lu - ia!

sons of men and an - gels say; Al - - le - lu - ia!
 Christ has burst the gates of hell; Al - - le - lu - ia!
 where, O death, is now thy sting? Al - - le - lu - ia!
 fol - l'wing our ex - alt - ed Head; Al - - le - lu - ia!

raise your joys and tri - umphs high; Al - - le - lu - ia!
 death in vain for - bids his rise; Al - - le - lu - ia!
 Once he died, our souls to save; Al - - le - lu - ia!
 made like him, like him we rise; Al - - le - lu - ia!

sing ye heav'ns, and earth, re - ply. Al - - le - lu - ia!
 Christ has o - pened par - a - dise. Al - - le - lu - ia!
 where thy vic - to - ry, O grave? Al - - le - lu - ia!
 ours the cross, the grave, the skies, Al - - le - lu - ia!

GOD CLEANSSES US

Confession of Sin and Assurance of Pardon

from Revelation 4-5;
The Worship Sourcebook

LEADER: “Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord God Almighty,
Who was and is and is to come!”

ALL: “Worthy are You, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honor and power, for
You created all things, and by Your will they existed and were created.”

LEADER: Then I saw in the right hand of Him who was seated on the throne a scroll
written within and on the back, sealed with seven seals. And I saw a mighty
angel proclaiming with a loud voice,

ALL: “Who is worthy to open the scroll and break its seals?”

LEADER: And no one in heaven or on earth or under the earth was able to open the
scroll or to look into it, and I began to weep loudly because no one was found
worthy to open the scroll or to look into it.

Please pray with me.

ALL: **Almighty God, You have raised Jesus from the grave and crowned him Lord of
all. We confess that we have not bowed before Him or acknowledged His rule
in our lives. We have gone along with the way of the world and failed to give
Him glory. Forgive us and raise us from sin, that we may be Your faithful
people, obeying the commands of our Lord Jesus Christ, who rules the world
and is head of the church, His body.**

LEADER: Merciful Father, hear now our silent prayers of confession.

SILENT CONFESSION

LEADER: Amen. But then, one of the elders said to me, “Weep no more; behold, the Lion
of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has conquered, so that He can open
the scroll and its seven seals.” And between the throne and the four living
creatures and among the elders I saw a Lamb standing, as though it had been
slain.

ALL: “Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom
and might and honor and glory and blessing! To Him who sits on the throne
and to the Lamb be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever!”

Worship Singing

Behold Our God

S. Altrogge, J. Baird, M. Baird, R. Baird (2011)

Who has held the oceans in his hands?
Who has numbered every grain of sand?
Kings and nations tremble at His voice;
all creation rises to rejoice.

REFRAIN: *Behold our God seated on His throne!
Come let us adore Him!
Behold our King, nothing can compare;
come let us adore Him!*

Who has given counsel to the Lord?
Who can question any of His words?
Who can teach the One who knows all things?
Who can fathom all His wondrous deeds?

REFRAIN

Who has felt the nails upon His hand,
bearing all the guilt of sinful man?
God eternal humbled to the grave,
Jesus, Savior, risen now to reign

REFRAIN

(X5) MEN: You will reign forever
WOMEN: Let Your glory fill the earth

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Worship Though Giving: Adult Choir

Risen Today!

Quoting EASTER HYMN, Lyra Davidica (1708)

Dan Forrest (2011)

*Christ, the Lord, is ris'n today, Alleluia!
Earth and heav'n in chorus say, Alleluia!
Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia!
Sing, ye heav'ns, and earth, reply, Alleluia!*

*Love's redeeming work is done, Alleluia!
Fought the fight, the battle won, Alleluia!
Death in vain forbids Him rise, Alleluia!
Christ has opened paradise, Alleluia!*

*Lives again our glorious King, Alleluia!
Where, O death, is now thy sting? Alleluia!
Dying once He all doth save, Alleluia!
Where thy victory, O grace? Alleluia!*

*Soar we now where Christ has led, Alleluia!
Foll'wing our exalted Head, Alleluia!
Made like Him, like Him we rise, Alleluia!
Ours the cross, the grave, the skies, Alleluia!*

Alleluia!

GOD SPEAKS TO US

Sermon

Revelation 5

Chad Smith

The King's Taken Back the Throne

I saw in the right hand of Him who sat on the throne a book written inside and on the back, sealed up with seven seals. ² And I saw a strong angel proclaiming with a loud voice, “Who is worthy to open the book and to break its seals?” ³ And no one in heaven or on the earth or under the earth was able to open the book or to look into it. ⁴ Then I began to weep greatly because no one was found worthy to open the book or to look into it; ⁵ and one of the elders *said to me, “Stop weeping; behold, the Lion that is from the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has overcome so as to open the book and its seven seals.”

⁶ And I saw between the throne (with the four living creatures) and the elders a Lamb standing, as if slain, having seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven Spirits of God, sent out into all the earth. ⁷ And He came and took the book out of the right hand of Him who sat on the throne. ⁸ When He had taken the book, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb, each one holding a harp and golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints. ⁹ And they sang a new song, saying,

*“Worthy are You to take the book and to break its seals;
for You were slain, and purchased for God with Your blood
men from every tribe and tongue and people and nation.*

¹⁰ *“You have made them to be a kingdom and priests to our God;
and they will reign upon the earth.”*

¹¹ Then I looked, and I heard the voice of many angels around the throne and the living creatures and the elders; and the number of them was myriads of myriads, and thousands of thousands, ¹² saying with a loud voice,

*“Worthy is the Lamb that was slain
to receive power and riches and wisdom and might
and honor and glory and blessing.”*

¹³ And every created thing which is in heaven and on the earth and under the earth and on the sea, and all things in them, I heard saying,

*“To Him who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb,
be blessing and honor and glory and dominion forever and ever.”*

GOD STRENGTHENS US

Celebration of the Lord's Supper

(BREAD) Worship Singing

Worthy is the Lamb

Zschech (2000)

Thank you for the cross, Lord; Thank you for the price You paid
Bearing all my sin and shame, in love You came and gave amazing grace.
Thank you for this love, Lord; Thank you for the nail pierced hands.
Washed me in Your cleansing flow, now all I know - Your forgiveness and embrace.

REFRAIN: *Worthy is the Lamb, seated on the throne!
Crown You now with many crowns, You reign victorious!
High and lifted up; Jesus Son of God.
The Treasure of Heaven crucified.
Worthy is the Lamb, Worthy is the Lamb.*

Lion of Judah

Robin Mark (1997)

You're the Lion of Judah, the Lamb Who was slain,
You ascended to heaven and evermore will reign;
At the end of the age when the earth You reclaim,
You will gather the nations before You.
And the eyes of all men will be fixed on the Lamb Who was crucified;
With wisdom and mercy and justice You'll reign at Your Father's side.

REFRAIN: *And the angels will cry, "Hail the Lamb
Who was slain for the world, rule in power."
And the earth will reply, "You shall reign
as the King of all kings and the Lord of all lords."*

There's a shield in our hand and a sword at our side,
There's a fire in our spirits that cannot be denied;
'Cause the Father has told us, for these You have died,
for the nations who gather before You.
And the ears of all men need to hear of the Lamb Who was crucified;
Who descended to hell, yet was raised up to reign at His Father's side.

REFRAIN

(CUP) Video

Is He Worthy?

Andrew Peterson

GOD SENDS US

Musical Offering: Adult Choir

Don't Cry

Words & music by Kirk Franklin

Arr. Joel Raney (2008)

*Why do you cry? He has risen.
Why are you weeping? He's not dead.
Why do you cry? he has risen.
Why are you weeping? He's not dead.*

*He paid it all on that lonely highway
and His anointing I can feel.
He shed his blood for my transgressions
And by His stripes we are healed.*

*Why do you cry? He has risen.
Why are you weeping? He's not dead.*

*So as you go through life's journey
don't you worry, lift up your head!
Don't you cry, stop your weeping
He has risen He's not dead.*

*Don't cry, wipe your eyes, He's not dead.
Oh, don't weep, He's not asleep
Jehovah, He's not dead
Oh, don't cry, wipe your eyes, He's not dead.*

*Oh, don't cry, wipe your eyes, He's not dead.
Oh, don't cry, wipe your eyes, He's not dead.
Oh, don't cry, wipe your eyes, He's not dead.
Oh, don't cry, wipe your eyes, He's not dead.*

*Oh, don't, don't you cry,
Wipe, wipe your eyes,
He, He is not dead!*

Dismissal

LEADER: This is the good news—the grave is empty; Christ is risen.
This is the good news—the light shines in the darkness,
and the darkness can never put it out.
This is the good news—once we were no people;
now we are God’s people.
Christ is our peace,
the indestructible peace we now share with each other.
Praise the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.
Christ is Risen!

ALL: **Hallelujah! He is risen indeed!**