

April 16, 2016
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
Keith Getty, Kristyn Getty, Ed 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;
Christ is risen, He is risen indeed.*

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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

based on 1 Peter 1:3-5

LEADER: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

ALL: He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

LEADER: Praise the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

ALL: He has given us new life and hope. He has raised Jesus from the dead.

LEADER: God has claimed us as His own.

ALL: He has brought us out of darkness. He has made us light to the world.

LEADER: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

ALL: He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Prayer of Invocation

Musical Offering/Worship Singing

Easter Fanfare and Hymn

Anthony D. Moore (2017); sung by the Adult Choir

CHOIR: *Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah!*
Christ is risen from the dead!
Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah!
Crown Him the King of Life!
Christ is risen from the dead!

CONGREGATION:

Christ, the Lord, is risen today, Alleluia!

Sons of men and angels say, Alleluia!

Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia!

Sing, ye heavens, 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 hath opened paradise, Alleluia!

CHOIR: *Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah!*

CONGREGATION:

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!

CHOIR: *Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah!*

Christ is risen from the dead!

Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah!

Crown Him the King of Life!

Christ is risen from the dead!

Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah!

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: 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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Come let us adore Him!
Behold our King, nothing can compare;
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*Behold our God seated on His throne!
Come let us adore Him!
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Worship Though Giving: Adult Choir

Christ is Risen! Alleluia!

Monsell, alt. | Joan Pinkston (2013)
sung by the Adult Choir

*Christ is risen! Christ is Risen! Alleluia! Christ is Risen!
Christ is risen! Alleluia! Risen our exalted King!
Christ is Risen! Alleluia! Joyful praises let us sing!
Alleluia! Christ is risen! Joyful praises let us sing!*

*How our grateful hearts adore Him, who has bourn our grief and tears.
We bow down with joy before Him, as our Lord once more appears.*

*Angel hosts on Him attending – Alleluia!
Death and heal before Him bending – Alleluia!
Christ, our King, is Victor over all!*

Christ is risen! Christ is Risen! Alleluia! Christ is Risen!

*Christ is risen! All the sadness of His earthly life is o'er.
Through the open gates of gladness He has come to life once more!
Alleluia! Christ is risen! Alleluia! Let us sing! Let us sing!
Joyful praises let us sing!*

GOD SPEAKS TO US

Sermon

Luke 23:50-24:12 | Cemetery Savior

Chad Smith

GOD STRENGTHENS US

Celebration of the Lord's Supper

(BREAD) Worship Singing *I Know That My Redeemer Lives – Glory Hallelujah!*

(CUP) Musical Offering: Adult Choir

I Know That My Redeemer Lives

Job 19:25-26; 1 Corinthians 13:12
By Craig Courtney (1999)

*I know that my Redeemer lives, and that He shall stand at the latter day upon the earth.
And though my body be destroyed yet in my flesh shall I see God.
Alleluia, I know that my Redeemer lives.*

*Now we see in a glass dimly, but then, face to face;
Now I know in part, but then I shall know as I am known.
Alleluia, I know that my Redeemer lives.*

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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!**