

Liturgy for Home Worship
Easter Sunday – April 12, 2020



Call to Worship

O LORD, you are my God;

I will exalt you; I will praise your name,
for you have done wonderful things,
plans formed of old, faithful and sure.

On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples
a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wine,
of rich food full of marrow, of aged wine well refined.

And he will swallow up on this mountain
the covering that is cast over all peoples,
the veil that is spread over all nations.

He will swallow up death forever;
and the Lord GOD will wipe away tears from all faces,
and the reproach of his people he will take away from all the earth,
for the LORD has spoken.

It will be said on that day,

“Behold, this is our God; we have waited for him, that he might save us.
This is the LORD; we have waited for him;
let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.”

—Isaiah 25.1, 6-9

Prayer of Adoration

Explanation of Symbol: In the Greek language of the early Christian era abbreviations were typically the first and last letters of words, often with a superscription to indicate the missing letters. IC is a standard abbreviation of IHCOYC, the Greek “Jesus,” XC the abbreviation of XPICTOC, “Christ”; NIKΑ means “He conquers.” The symbol then reads, “Jesus Christ Conquers by the Cross” or “Jesus Christ, Victor.”

Song of Easter

Hymn No. 276

UP FROM THE GRAVE HE AROSE

Audio: <https://bit.ly/2RsYV5q>

Music: <https://bit.ly/39UGmxm>

Unison Reading of the Easter Story

Now after the Sabbath, toward the dawn of the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. And behold, there was a great earthquake, for an angel of the Lord descended from heaven and came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. And for fear of him the guards trembled and became like dead men. But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified. He is not here, for he has risen, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples that he has risen from the dead, and behold, he is going before you to Galilee; there you will see him. See, I have told you." So they departed quickly from the tomb with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. And behold, Jesus met them and said, "Greetings!" And they came up and took hold of his feet and worshiped him. Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee, and there they will see me."

—Matthew 28.1-10

Confession of Sin

Gracious Father, you sent your Son to die and rise again that death might be brought to an end and that we might live a new life. Yet too often we have chosen death over life. In thought, word, and deed we have rebelled against you and your will for us; we have broken fellowship with you, whose love is better than life; we have hurt others, intentionally and unintentionally; and we have damaged ourselves, who were created to reflect your beauty. Father, forgive us our sin for Jesus' sake, and grant that your resurrection power might flow through us, that we might walk in the ways of love and justice, to the glory of your holy Name. Amen.

Silently Add Your Own Confession of Sin

Assurance of God's Pardon

For what does the Scripture say? "Abraham believed God, and it was counted to him as righteousness." But the words "it was counted to him" were not written for his sake alone, but for ours also. It will be counted to us who believe in him who raised from the dead Jesus our Lord, who was delivered up for our trespasses and raised for our justification.

—Romans 4.3, 23-25

Song of Praise to Christ

Hymn No. 277

CHRIST THE LORD IS RISEN TODAY

Audio: <https://bit.ly/3b0I81d>

Music: <https://bit.ly/34qoIjU>

Confession of Faith

We believe in one God, the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth,
of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of his Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God,
begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father;
by whom all things were made;
who for us and for our salvation
came down from heaven,
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary,
and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered and was buried;
and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures,
and ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father;
and he shall come again, with glory, to judge both the living and the dead;
whose kingdom shall have no end.

And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son;
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified;
who spoke by the prophets;
and we believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church;
we acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins;
and we look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

—The Nicene Creed

Prayers of Intercession and the Lord's Prayer

- Pray for those recovering from surgery and battling illness: Tom Manning, Clint Miller, Vickie Myers, and others.
- For the Sacred Road team in White Swan: Pray for wisdom to know how to continue their ministry without the help of their spring and summer teams. Pray also for the many children who are not able to participate in their programs during quarantine.
- Pray for those who have lost loved ones or jobs as a result of coronavirus. Pray also that God would use this time to turn many from their sins and toward Christ.

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name.
Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread,
and forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil;
for Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

Sermon

“From Humiliation to Exaltation”
Philippians 2.5-11
Rev. Ron Gonzales

Song of Response

IN CHRIST ALONE
Audio: <https://bit.ly/2yUf6m1>
Music: <https://bit.ly/2Viv3d7>

The Doxology

Audio: <https://bit.ly/3b9bWIL>

*Praise God from whom all blessing flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

Benediction

Now may the God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, equip you with everything good that you may do his will, working in us that which is pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen.

—Hebrews 13.20-21