

BRIEF ORDER FOR WORSHIP
APRIL 12, 2020
THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD—EASTER SUNDAY

Gathering: [Call to Worship]

Leader: We ring the bell as a call to Worship in Honor of Our Triune God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. [pause]

Leader: Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them and give thanks to the LORD.

All: **This is the gate of the LORD; the righteous shall enter through it.**

Leader: I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation. The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone.

All: **This is the LORD's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.**

Leader: This is the day that the LORD has made...

All: **...let us rejoice and be glad in it!**

Confession and Forgiveness: Easter Sunday

Leader: Out of our distress, we called on the LORD; in faith and genuine repentance, we confessed our sins.

All: **The LORD answered and set us free. The LORD is our strength and our song; The Lord has become our salvation.**

Leader: For our forgiveness, God the Father has made the light of the Risen Christ to shine upon us.

All: **Oh give thanks to the LORD, for He is good; His steadfast love endures forever!**

Pastor: As a Called and Ordained Minister of the Church of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen

Hymn: *Jesus Christ is Risen Today!* [instrumental by Vivian Myers] LBW #151 or ELW #365

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

Let us pray:

Almighty God, You gave Your only Son to suffer death on a cross for our redemption, and by His glorious resurrection, You delivered us from the power of death. Make us die every day to sin, that we may live forever with Him by Your Grace. We pray this in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

CHOIR ANTHEM: *Christ the Lord is Risen Today.* [Performed by Dustin Rainey.]

Word [Read from your Bible at home, or see attached file]

The Readings: Acts 10:34-43, Psalm 118: 1-2 & 14-24, Colossians 3:1-4

The Gospel: Matthew 28:1-10

AN EASTER REFLECTION 2020: [see attached file]

[OVER]

The Nicene Creed

P. With the whole church, let us confess our faith with the words of the Nicene Creed:

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,
By the power of the Holy Spirit He became incarnate from the virgin Mary and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures;
he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

The Prayers of the Church for April 12, 2020. [see attached file]

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

The Lord's Prayer:

P. Let us pray the prayer that Jesus taught us:

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 trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

Sending

The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.
The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.
Amen.

Go in peace. Christ is Risen!
He is Risen Indeed. Alleluia!!!

Postlude: *Jesus Christ is Risen Today!* [instrumental]

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