

**UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST LITURGY FOR RESURRECTION SUNDAY
APRIL 12, 2020**

SOUNDING OF GONG/DRUM (or piano/organ/ or any instrument) optional

LIGHTING THE TWO CANDLES (representing the Divinity and the Humanity of Christ)

SOLO: **Up from the Grave He Arose**

Text: Robert Lowry, 1826-1899

Music: Robert Lowry, 1826-1899

(last two lines of the refrain)

He arose! He arose! Hallelujah! Christ arose!

CONGREGATION (singing the whole refrain)

He arose! He arose! Hallelujah! Christ arose!

OPENING SENTENCES

Minister Yes Jesus Christ the Lord is risen!

People: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Minister: O shout to the Lord for He has risen.

People: Alleluia praise to you our Risen Lord (loud clapping or drum rolls can be done here)

Minister: O Sing to the Christ who lives today

People: (Singing)

“He Lives” HFJ#164

Alfred H. Ackley, 1887 - 1960

He lives (He lives), He lives (He lives), Christ Jesus lives today

He walks with me and talks with me ,Along life's narrow way

He lives (He lives), He lives (He lives), Salvation to impart

You ask me how I know He lives? He lives within my heart

OPENING PRAYER (can be done by the leader) Or this

Almighty God, who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ overcame death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: Grant that we, who celebrate with joy the day of the Lord's resurrection, may be raised from the death of sin by your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen. (source: Book of Common Prayer, 1979 version, Protestant Episcopal Church in the USA.)

OPENING HYMN:

Christ Lord is Rise Today HFJ#163

Author: Charles Wesley (1739)

Tune: EASTER HYMN

1 Christ the Lord is risen today, Alleluia! Earth and heaven in chorus say, Alleluia!
Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia! Sing, ye heavens, and earth reply, Alleluia!

2 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!

3 Lives again our glorious King, Alleluia! Where, O death, is now thy sting? Alleluia!
Once he died our souls to save, Alleluia! Where's thy victory, boasting grave? Alleluia!

4 Hail the Lord of earth and heaven, Alleluia! Praise to thee by both be given, Alleluia!
Thee we greet triumphant now, Alleluia! Hail the Resurrection, thou, Alleluia!

5 King of glory, soul of bliss, Alleluia! Everlasting life is this, Alleluia!
Thee to know, thy power to prove, Alleluia! Thus to sing, and thus to love, Alleluia!

Sound of Instrument (ching/bell)

CALL TO CONFESSION (based on Luke 24:46-48; Heb. 4:16)

Minister: You have heard what was written about Jesus in Scripture:
how he would suffer and die and then rise from the dead on the third day;
how, through his death and resurrection, the forgiveness of sin is now possible
for all who repent. So let us boldly approach the throne of God,
where we will find grace and mercy.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Soft Music or sound of any instrument)

All: Loving God, we confess that at times we do not share in the joy of the resurrection but are caught in the worries of the world. We confess that we do not always live in the spirit of new life but remain discontent, grumbling and anxious. Forgive us for not sharing in the Good News. Forgive us when we find it more comfortable to worry and complain than to risk the joy and encouragement of new life in Christ. Call us back to Your ways, O God, to seek hope and reconciliation, restoration and peace. In the name of the Risen Christ, we pray. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Minister: Christ is Risen! The stone is rolled away, the tomb found empty. Mary calls out, "I have seen the Lord!" We have seen Christ, too, in every helping hand, in every heartfelt gift, in every choice to restore life in this world. We are called to this new life, a life of forgiveness and reconciliation. You are forgiven; accept your forgiveness and know that God loves you and desires great joy for your life. Walk forward on this journey of faith, knowing your brothers and sisters are with you. Amen.

SONG

In the Garden HFJ #165

Words: Charles Austin Miles (1912)

And He walks with me, and He talks with me, And He tells me I am His own;
And the joy we share as we tarry there, None other has ever known.

He speaks, and the sound of His voice, Is so sweet the birds hush their singing,
And the melody that He gave to me, Within my heart is ringing.

And He walks with me, and He talks with me, And He tells me I am His own;
And the joy we share as we tarry there, None other has ever known.

SHARING OF GOD'S PEACE (the parents or any oldest person in the house can extend the sign of peace)

CHURCH CONCERNS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sound of Instrument (give few minutes before this prayer)

PASTORAL PRAYER/INTERCESSORY PRAYER

➤ **Response "O Hear Our Prayer" HFJ #83**

SCRIPTURE READING/S

OT Reading

Response

Ang Salita ng Dios HFJ #353

Words: Cirilo A. Rigos Music: Eliseo M. Fajaro

Ang Salita ng Dios Ay may yaman, waring gintot perlas na tunay

Kung sasaliksikin araw araw, may kakamting lugod and buhay

NT Reading

ANTHEM (if no Anthem –one of this can be sung)

HYMNS

I Come to the Garden Alone HFJ#165

Jesus Shall Reign HFJ#173

My Hope is Built on Nothing Less HFJ#203

SERMON/REFLECTION/MEDITATION

Response "Ang Salita Ng Dios" HFJ# 353

Ang salita ng Dios ay may tinig, lunas sa kaluluwang may hapis

Kung nanlulupaypay sa pagtangis may bubugsong sigla sa langit

CALL TO OFFERING

Leader: Christ is risen – Alleluia! God keeps God's promises, and we are filled with joy on this Easter Sunday morning. New life is ours, and hope is ours as well. Let us respond to God's great works and God's great gifts in our life together as the church by sharing what we have been given.

OFFERTORY HYMN (if No Choir this can be sung: Count your Blessing HFJ# 221/ We

Thank you Lord HFJ#194, With Gifts That Differ by Your Grace HFJ#245)

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Leader: Glorious God, we rejoice in Jesus' victory over death! You raised him up to live forever. He left behind his linen wrappings -- the shroud, his grave clothes. Robed in white, Christ leads us from darkness to light. Help us to follow him, leaving behind the things of our

past that obscure our horizons. We dedicate these offerings as tokens of the breaking dawn of Christ. May our gratitude shine forth by our joyfully giving of our earthly goods. Amen. (*John 20:1-18*)

CLOSING HYMN

BECAUSE HE LIVES

Songwriters: Gloria Gaither, William J. Gaither

God sent His son, they called Him Jesus; He came to love, heal and forgive;
He lived and died to buy my pardon, An empty grave is there to prove my Savior lives!

Chorus

Because He lives, I can face tomorrow, Because He lives, all fear is gone;
Because I know He holds the future, And life is worth the living, Just because He lives!

How sweet to hold a newborn baby, And feel the pride and joy he gives;
But greater still the calm assurance: This child can face uncertain days because He Lives!

Chorus

Because He lives, I can face tomorrow, Because He lives, all fear is gone;
Because I know He holds the future, And life is worth the living,
Just because He lives!

And then one day, I'll cross the river, I'll fight life's final war with pain;
And then, as death gives way to victory, I'll see the lights of glory and I'll know He lives!

Chorus

Because He lives, I can face tomorrow, Because He lives, all fear is gone;
Because I know He holds the future, And life is worth the living,
Just because He lives!

CLOSING PRAYER

Leader: O Lord, Risen, alive and full of grace. You paid such a price that we may live in freedom today. We worship your holy name and give thanks for your redeeming grace. Heavenly God, May we drink in your tender love so that we can pour this love out to others. Come reign in our hearts, minds and spirits. Holy Spirit, we welcome you to blow through our every word, action and thought. Come transform us on the inside so that each day we become more like our risen Lord. Amen.

CLOSING PRAYER (Minister)

BENEDICTION

Minister: My brothers and sisters! May the joy of resurrection and the hope of Easter fill your hearts and minds this whole year. Come Lord Jesus!

Response **Because He lives**

Because He lives, I can face tomorrow, Because He lives, all fear is gone;
Because I know He holds the future, And life is worth the living,
Just because He lives!

SOUNDING OF GONG/DRUM

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