

WORSHIP GUIDE

April 12, 2020

ENTER GOD'S PRESENCE

ENCOUNTER WITH JESUS

Early on Sunday morning, while it was still dark...

MUSIC FOR RESURRECTION

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today

PRAYER

Jesus, You told us that we would know that death was not an ending but rather a beginning. You promised that no tomb would hold You, but we didn't believe it. We still face the little deaths which fill our lives with fear and dread and despair. But, now in the places we gather, we are reminded:

Resurrection happens.

Life finds us anywhere.

Grace brings us home.

We worship with joy and relief. Stand among us now, Jesus, and let Your life flood our weary and hesitant souls. We join together in prayer...

LORD'S PRAYER

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. Amen.

LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD

A READING FROM PSALMS

Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24

PRAYER

Jesus, as You stand among us in Your resurrected glory, may we know the power of Your life. May we turn away from death, and may we become agents of resurrection wherever we find ourselves. Amen.



Easter Sunday

HE IS RISEN!

MEDITATION

What Do You See?

Pastor Jenn Lucas

RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Rejoicing in the mighty acts of God who has delivered His people from sin and death through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, let us lift our voices and pray.

Risen Lord,

Hear our prayer.

Let us give thanks to God for the multitude of blessings He showers upon us: For our lives and for those whom we love, for the beauty of this home God has created for us, for our families and our friendships, let us give thanks to the God of Life.

Risen Lord,

Hear our prayer.

Let us pray for the Church and its people – young and old – near and far. We pray for all who serve the church and serve the world through the church.

Risen Lord,

Hear our prayer.

Let us pray the joy of Easter may ever grow within us and that the Spirit may guide us in lives of active faith.

Risen Lord,

Hear our Prayer.

Let us pray for the nations and peoples of the world, that the powers that oppress and destroy may decline, and that justice, peace, and prosperity be lifted up.

Risen Lord,

Hear our prayer.

Let us pray for those who are sick, those who suffer, those who struggle, and those who have died. We ask that the hope born of Easter gives them peace, acceptance, and renewal, and that through their struggles they may come into closer communion with the God who redeems and restores.

Risen Lord,

Hear our prayer.

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MUSIC FOR REJOICING

I've Just Seen Jesus

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Jesus, we offer our praise and our thanks for Your life that cannot be quenched, that fills us now, and that calls us to be resurrection people in the world. Amen.

DEPART WITH GOD'S WORD

MUSIC FOR LIVING

Because He Lives

BENEDICTION

The tomb is empty, Christ has risen. As you journey in faith, may your life be full, your love be abundant, and your hope be eternal. Live this day and always for Christ Jesus because the Risen Christ lives in you. Alleluia! Christ is Risen!

MUSIC FOR CELEBRATION

Toccata from the Fifth Organ Symphony
Charles-Marie Widor

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