

THE CELEBRATION OF THE RESURRECTION

Instructions:

1. The Service will begin outside the church building with "Healings from the Empty Tomb."
2. The congregation will then process singing "Allelu" to the side door, enter the basement and find places to sit.
3. The congregation will remain standing until after the "Glory to God on High."

Begin with

"HOW DO WE KNOW JESUS ROSE FROM THE DEAD?"

"HEALINGS FROM THE EMPTY TOMB"

- Pastor: People of God, why do you seek the living among the dead?
Congre: Because we are afraid, we are uncertain, we are uncomfortable here, and we have doubts about this man.
P: Do not be afraid, for he has risen from the dead, he has broken through the tomb, he has come back to life and he is here among us now.
Reader: Men of God, why do you seek the living among the dead?
C: Because we feel guilty, we feel lonely, and we feel lost, for we deserted that man.
P: Do not carry your guilt any longer, for he has taken the guilt himself, he has buried it in his grave, he has lifted it to his cross, and he is here among us now.
R: Men of God, why do you seek the living among the dead?
C: Because our wounds are deep. We have torn away from that man, we have broken with him and with our fellowmen.
P: Do not dwell on your wounds for he has risen to heal you, he has risen to forgive you, he has risen to change you all and bind us all together now.
R: Men of God, he is not here; he is risen.
C: Yes, he is risen!
P: He is risen!
C: And he is here!
P: Allelu!
C: Allelu!
P: He is risen!
C: And he is here!

"ALLELU"

Refrain: Allelu, allelu, Ev'rybody sing allelu!
For the Lord has risen it is true:
Ev'rybody sing allelu!

1. God said he would send his Son, allelu, allelu!
And salvation would be won, alleluia!
2. Christ was born in Bethlehem, allelu, allelu!
So that man would live again, alleluia!
3. Thirty years he walked the land, allelu, allelu!
To all in need he lent his hand, alleluia!
4. On the hardwood of the cross, allelu, allelu!
He suffered and he died for us, alleluia!
5. On the third day he did rise, allelu, allelu!
Now he lives no more to die, alleluia!
6. Now we too can live anew, allelu, allelu!
Live in him need all we do, alleluia!

PSALM 8

P: Lord, our Lord,
C: your greatness is seen in all the world!
P: Your praise reaches up to the heavens;
C: it is sung by children and babies.
P: You have built a fortress against your foes
C: to stop your enemies and adversaries.

P: When I look at the sky, which you have made,
C: at the moon and the stars, which you set in their places---
P: what is man, that you think of him;
C: mere man, that you care for him?

P: Yet you made him inferior only to yourself;
C: you crowned him with glory and honor.
P: You made him ruler over all you have made;
C: you placed him over all things:
P: sheep and cattle, and wild animals too;
C: the birds and the fish,
and all the creatures in the seas.
P: Lord, our Lord,
C: your greatness is seen in all the world!

"GLORY TO GOD ON HIGH"

Refrain: Glory to God on high; Peace to all good men.
Honor and praise Him all of our days,
and love Him in all mankind.

1. Sing out praise to God For His wond'rous deeds;
Know for sure that in His love He answers all our needs.
2. Praise the Lord in prayer, Praise the Lord in song,
Praise the Lord in all we do, And we can't go far wrong.
3. Seek and you will find; Ask and He will give;
Trust the Lord with all our might, And then we'll always live.
4. Let us give him thanks For sending us his Son,
Who taught us all the way to live, And the joy that's to be won.
5. God gave one command, So the Scriptures tell,
For in the love of all mankind We love our God as well.
6. To the Father now give praise, And praise be to the Son,
And by His Spirit's love in us We know that God is one.

THE FIRST READING John 20:1-10

1. "An Empty Tomb? - A Commentary on Eggs"

"IN THE MIDST OF THE YEARS"

1. Oh, Lord, I've heard a report about you
Oh Lord, I've heard a report about you.
In the midst of the years you've made it known, made it known
Oh Lord, I've heard a report about you.
2. Oh Lord, I need a report from you (repeat)
The tents of the people are crumbling, are crumbling;
Oh Lord, I need a report from you.
3. Oh Lord, I'm blind, let me see, let me see (repeat)
In the midst of my years let it be, let it be;
Oh Lord, I'm blind, let me see, let me see.
4. Oh Lord, I've heard a report from you. (repeat)
In the midst of the years renew it, renew it;
Oh Lord, I've heard a report from you.

5. Thanksgiving I give without price, without price (repeat)
I've heard the report and believe it, believe it;
Oh, Lord, I can see, now I can see.
6. Hallelujah. Amen. It is so, it is so. (repeat)
I'm here to celebrate in the midst of my tears.
Hallelujah. Amen. It is so.

THE SECOND READING John 20:11-18

2. "A Personal Relationship? - A Commentary on Being Known by Name"

"LORD OF THE DANCE"

1. I danced in the morning when the world was begun,
And I danced in the moon and the stars and the sun
And I came down from heaven and I danced on the earth
At Bethlehem I had my birth.
- Refrain: Dance then wherever you may be
I am the Lord of the Dance said he
And I'll lead you all wherever you may be,
and I'll lead you all in the Dance said he.
2. I danced for the scribe and the pharisee
But they would not dance and they wouldn't follow me,
I danced for the fishermen for James and John -
They came with me and the dance went on.
 3. I danced on the Sabbath and I cured the lame
The holy people said it was a shame
They whipped and they stripped and they hung me high
And they left me there on a Cross to die.
 4. I danced on a Friday when the sky turned black --
It's hard to dance with the devil on your back
They buried my body and they thought I'd gone --
But I am the dance and I still go on.
 5. They cut me down and I leapt up high
I am the life that'll never, never die
I'll live in you if you'll live in me
I am the Lord of the Dance said he.

THE THIRD READING John 20:19-23

3. "A New Presence after Death - A Commentary on Locked Rooms"

"CLAP YOUR HANDS"

- Refrain: All you peoples, clap your hands and shout for joy:
The Lord has made all mankind one, so raise your voices high!
1. All creation shows the glory of the Lord:
The earth proclaims his handiwork;
The sky cries out his word.
Night and day sing out the glories all about,
So praise the Lord with shouts of joy.
 2. The strength of God is great; He rules from sea to sea,
And all creation knows the might and glory of his deeds.
So ev'ry queen and king, join in now as we sing,
And praise the Lord with shouts of joy.
 3. The king of all the earth has made his message known,
That we should offer him ourselves and ev'rything we own.
We do this by the way we live through ev'ry day,
So live each day in peace and joy.
 4. Let ev'ry man alive remember your command,
That ev'ry day in ev'ry way we love our fellow man.
If this command be done, the vict'ry will be won,
And we'll all live in peace and joy.

THE CREED - EXPLANATION OF THE SECOND ARTICLE - Luther

We believe that Jesus Christ - true God, Son of the Father from eternity, and true man, born of the Virgin Mary - is our Lord. At great cost he has saved and redeemed us, lost and condemned persons. He has freed us from sin, death, and the power of the devil - not with silver or gold, but with his holy and precious blood and his innocent suffering and death. All this he has done that we may be his own, live under him in his kingdom, and serve him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness, just as he is risen from the dead and lives and rules eternally. This is most certainly true.

THE OFFERING

THE OFFERTORY ASSIGNMENT

On each table is a plant. It is a reminder of the new life in the resurrection. However, it is a reminder only if it is in the presence of someone. Your assignment is that each group at each table should consider the plant theirs and decide as a group to whom the plant will go to be a constant reminder of Easter Day. It is each group's job to decide, announce the decision, and deliver the plant. This is definitely an offering.

PRAYERS OF EASTER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

THE BENEDICTION

THE GREETING AND RESPONSE (Do this with someone at your table, preferably a person across from you. After you have greeted and responded, smash your boiled eggs together).

Greeting: Christ is Risen!

Response: He is Risen Indeed!

DEPARTING HYMN - "JESUS CHRIST IS RISEN TODAY"

1. Jesus Christ is risen today, Alleluia!
Our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!
Who did once, upon the Cross, Alleluia!
Suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!
2. Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia!
Unto Christ, our heavenly King, Alleluia!
Who endured the Cross and grave, Alleluia!
Sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia!
3. But the pains which he endured, Alleluia!
Our salvation have procured; Alleluia!
Now above the sky he's King, Alleluia!
Where the angels ever sing. Alleluia!
4. Sing we to our God above, Alleluia!
Praise eternal as his love; Alleluia!
Praise him, all ye heavenly host, Alleluia!
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia! Amen.

Breakfast is served. Several volunteers from each table can help distribute the food. Your eggs, unless too badly bruised, can be eaten.

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