

# *Christ Our Redeemer – Easter*

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## **SHADOW AND LIGHT** **Death and Life**

### *Opening Message* *The Shadow of Death*

**Matthew 27:50, 55-60**

<sup>50</sup>And when Jesus had cried out again in a loud voice, he gave up his spirit. <sup>55</sup>Many women were there, watching from a distance. They had followed Jesus from Galilee to care for his needs. <sup>56</sup>Among them were Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James and Joses, and the mother of Zebedee's sons. <sup>57</sup>As evening approached, there came a rich man from Arimathea, named Joseph, who had himself become a disciple of Jesus. <sup>58</sup>Going to Pilate, he asked for Jesus' body, and Pilate ordered that it be given to him. <sup>59</sup>Joseph took the body, wrapped it in a clean linen cloth, <sup>60</sup>and placed it in his own new tomb that he had cut out of the rock. He rolled a big stone in front of the entrance to the tomb and went away.

## Hymn

## *"Morning Breaks Upon the Tomb"*



Morn - ing breaks up - on the tomb; Je - sus  
You who are of death a - fraid, Tri - umph  
Chris - tian, dry your flow - ing tears; Chase your



scat - ters all its gloom. Day of tri - umph through the  
in the scat - tered shade. Drive your anx - ious cares a -  
un - be - liev - ing fears. Look on his de - sert - ed



skies, See the glo - rious Sav - ior rise.  
- way; See the place where Je - sus lay.  
grave; Doubt no more his pow'r to save.

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## MUSICAL SELECTION - Children's Choir

## *"This Is the Day"*

Text, Tune: Natalie Sleeth

# *The Light of Life*

## INVOCATION AND RESPONSES

P: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

P: Christ is risen!

**C: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

P: Death has been swallowed up in victory.

**C: Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O grave, is your sting?**

P: The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law.

**C: But thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ!**

## HYMN

*"Awake, My Heart, With Gladness"*

CW 156 vv 1-3 Text. Tune, Setting: Public Domain



A - wake, my heart, with glad - ness! See what to -  
The Foe in tri - umph shout - ed When Christ lay  
This is a sight that glad - dens--What peace it  
- day is done; Now, af - ter gloom and sad - ness, Comes  
in the tomb. But low, he now is rout - ed; His  
does im - part! Now noth - ing ev - er sad - dens The  
forth the glo - rious sun. My Sav - ior there was  
boast is turned to gloom. For Christ a - gain is  
joy with - in my heart. No gloom shall ev - er  
laid Where our bed must be made When to the  
free; In glo - rious vic - to - ry He who is  
shake, No foe shall ev - er take The hope which  
realms of light Our spir - it wings its flight.  
strong to save Has tri - umphed o'er the grave.  
God's own Son In love for me has won.

**CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**

**P:** Dear friends, let us approach God with a true heart and confess our sins, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to forgive us.

**C:** Lord of life, I confess that I am by nature dead in sin.  
For faithless worrying and selfish pride,  
for sins of having and sins of choice,  
for the evil I have done and the good I have failed to do,  
You should cast me away from your presence forever.  
O Lord, I am sorry for sins. Forgive me, for Jesus' sake.

P: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again. In his great mercy, God made us alive in Christ even when we were dead in our sins. Hear the word of Christ through his called servant: I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

P: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord:

**HYMN**

***“Christ the Lord is Risen Today; Alleluia”***

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Christ the Lord is ris'n to - day; Al - le - lu - ia!  
 For the sheep the Lamb has bled, Al - le - lu - ia!

Chris - tians, has - ten on your way; Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Sin - less in the sin - ners' stead. Al - le - lu - ia!

See the place where he was laid; Al - le - lu - ia!  
 "Christ is ris'n," to - day we cry; Al - le - lu - ia!

Praise him for the ran - som paid. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Now he lives, no more to die. Al - le - lu - ia!

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P: Almighty God, by the glorious resur-rection of your Son Jesus Christ you conquered death and opened the grave to eternal life. Grant that we, who have been raised with him through baptism, may walk in the newness of life and ever rejoice in the hope of sharing his glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit be dominion and praise now and forever.

**C: Amen.**



# God's Word for Easter

## *Old Testament Lesson* - **Jonah foreshadows Jesus - Jonah 2:2-9**

He said: "In my distress I called to the LORD, and he answered me. From the depths of the grave I called for help, and you listened to my cry. You hurled me into the deep, into the very heart of the seas, and the currents swirled about me; all your waves and breakers swept over me. I said, 'I have been banished from your sight; yet I will look again toward your holy temple.' The engulfing waters threatened me, the deep surrounded me; seaweed was wrapped around my head. To the roots of the mountains I sank down; the earth beneath barred me in forever. But you brought my life up from the pit, O LORD my God.

"When my life was ebbing away, I remembered you, LORD, and my prayer rose to you, to your holy temple. "Those who cling to worthless idols forfeit the grace that could be theirs. But I, with a song of thanksgiving, will sacrifice to you. What I have vowed I will make good. Salvation comes from the LORD."

## *Epistle Lesson* - **Living the Easter Victory - Colossians 3:1-4**

Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things. For you died, and your life is now hidden with Christ in God. When Christ, who is your life, appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

### **VERSE OF THE DAY**

P: Alleluia. Alleluia. Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia. For as in Adam all die, so in Christ all will be made alive. Alleluia.

### **MUSICAL SELECTION - Senior Choir**

***"Resurrection Alleluias"***

Written and Arranged by Tom Fettke

### **THE APOSTLE'S CREED**

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated on the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

# HYMN

## "I Know That My Redeemer Lives"

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I know that my Re - deem-er lives; What com-fort this sweet  
He lives tri - um - phant from the grave; He lives e - ter - nal-  
He lives to si - lence all my fears; He lives to wipe a-  
He lives and grants me dai - ly breath; He lives, and I shall  
He lives, all glo - ry to his name! He lives, my Je - sus,



sen - tence gives! He lives, he lives, who once  
- ly to save. He lives all - glori - ous in  
- way my tears. He lives to calm my trou-  
con - quer death. He lives my man - sion to  
still the same. Oh, the sweet joy this sen-



was dead; He lives, my ev - er - liv - ing Head!  
the sky; He lives ex - alt - ed there on high.  
- bled heart; He lives, all bless-ings to im - part.  
pre - pare; He lives to bring me safe - ly there.  
- tence gives: "I know that my Re - deem-er lives!"



### *Message*

## *The Light of Life*

*Matthew 28:1-10*

<sup>1</sup>After the Sabbath, at dawn on the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to look at the tomb.  
<sup>2</sup>There was a violent earthquake, for an angel of the Lord came down from heaven

and, going to the tomb, rolled back the stone and sat on it. <sup>3</sup>His appearance was like lightning, and his clothes were white as snow. <sup>4</sup>The guards were so afraid of him that they shook and became like dead men.

<sup>5</sup>The angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. <sup>6</sup>He is not here; he has risen, just as he said. Come and see the place where he lay. <sup>7</sup>Then go quickly and tell his disciples: 'He has risen from the dead and is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see him.' Now I have told you." <sup>8</sup>So the women hurried away from the tomb, afraid yet filled with joy, and ran to tell his disciples. <sup>9</sup>Suddenly Jesus met them. "Greetings," he said. They came to him, clasped his feet and worshiped him. <sup>10</sup>Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid. Go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me."

**HYMN**

***"Alleluia! Jesus Lives"***

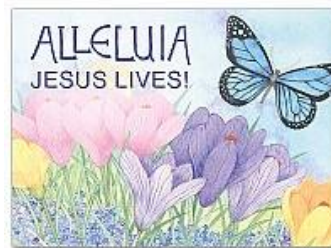
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Al - le - lu - ia! Je - sus lives! He is now the  
 Je - sus lives! Let all re - joice; Praise him, ran - somed  
 Je - sus lives! Why do you weep? Why that sad and  
 Je - sus lives! And thus, my soul, Life is yours e-

liv - ing one; From the gloom - y house of death  
 ones of earth. Praise him in a no - bler song,  
 fre - quent sigh? He who died our Broth - er here  
 - te - rnal - ly; Joined to him, your liv - ing head,

Forth the con - quer - or has gone, Bright fore - run - er to the skies  
 Cher - u - bim of heav'n - ly birth. Praise the Vic - tor - King, whose sway  
 Lives our Broth - er still on high, Lives for - ev - er to be - stow  
 Where he is, you too shall be; You with him at his right hand

Of his peo - ple, yet to rise.  
 Sin and death and hell o - bey.  
 Bless - ings on his Church be - low.  
 Vic - tor o - ver death shall stand.



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## EASTER PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

## BENEDICTION

P: Brothers and sisters, go in peace, live in harmony with one another, serve the Lord with gladness. The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look on you with favor and give you peace. Amen.

P: Christ is risen!

C: He is risen indeed! Alleluia

## CLOSING HYMN

### *"He Is Arisen! Glorious Word!"*

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He is a-ris-en! Glo-rious Word! Now re-con-ciled is God, my Lord;  
The gates of heav'n are o-pen. My Je-sus did tri-um-phant die,  
And Sa-tan's ar-rows bro-ken lie, De-stroyed hell's fierc-est wea-pon.  
Oh, hear What cheer! Christ vic-to-rious, Ris-ing glo-rious, Life is giv-ing.  
He was dead, but now is liv-ing!



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