

Christ the King Worship Guide

Easter Sunday, April 12th, 2020

Call to Worship

from 1 Peter 1:3-5

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

He has given us new life and hope!

He has raised Jesus from the dead!

God has claimed us as his own.

He Has brought us out of darkness.

He has made us light to the world.

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Song of Praise - Christ the Lord is Risen Today

Christ the Lord is ris'n today, Alleluia!

Sons of men and angels say, Alleluia!

Raise your voice and triumphs high, Alleluia!

Sing, ye heav'ns, and earth, reply, Alleluia!

Lives again our glorious King, Alleluia!

Where, O Death, is now thy sting? Alleluia!

Dying once he all doth save, Alleluia!

Where thy victory, O Grave? Alleluia!

Love's redeeming work is done, Alleluia!

Fought the fight, the battle won, Alleluia!

Death in vain forbids Him rise, Alleluia!

Christ hath opened paradise, Alleluia!

Soar we now where Christ has led, Alleluia!

Foll'wing our exalted Head, Alleluia!

Made like Him, like Him we rise, Alleluia!

Ours the cross, the grave, the skies, Alleluia!

Confession of Faith

from 1 Corinthians 15:3-7, Colossians 1:15-20

What is the good news that you have received, in which you stand, and by which you are saved?

Christ died for our sins, was buried, was raised on the third day,

and appeared first to the women, then to Peter and the Twelve, and then to many faithful witnesses.

Jesus is the Christ, the Anointed One of God, the firstborn of all creation,

the firstborn from the dead, in whom all things hold together,
in whom the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, by the power of the Spirit.
Christ is the head of the body, the church,
and by the blood of the cross reconciles all things to God. Amen.

Confession of Sin

Almighty God, in raising Jesus from the grave, you shattered the power of sin and death.
We confess that we remain captive to doubt and fear. (*silence*)

Almighty God, in raising Jesus from the grave, you showed that your kingdom is not of this earth.
We confess that we have turned to our earthly privileges for eternal life. (*silence*)

Almighty God, in raising Jesus from the grave, you showed that your kingdom is for this earth.
We confess that we have abused the earth you have made. (*silence*)

Almighty God, in raising Jesus from the grave, you showed that death must precede resurrection.
We confess that we have clung to our old ways, instead of dying to them. (*silence*)

Forgive us, God of mercy. Help us to trust your power to change our lives and make us new, that we may know the joy of life abundant given in Jesus Christ, the risen Lord, Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Ephesians 2:4–8

[4] But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, [5] even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved—[6] and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, [7] so that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus.

Prayers of the People

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give Him thanks and praise.
We give you thanks, great God,
for the hope we have in Jesus,
who died but is risen and rules over all.
We praise you for his presence with us.
Because he lives we look for eternal life,
knowing that nothing past, present, or yet to come
can separate us from your love
made known to us in Christ. Amen.

Reading of Scripture

John 20:19–29

[19] On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being locked where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, “Peace be with you.” [20] When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. [21] Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you.” [22] And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. [23] If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you withhold forgiveness from any, it is withheld.”

[24] Now Thomas, one of the twelve, called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came. [25] So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see in his hands the mark of the nails, and place my finger into the mark of the nails, and place my hand into his side, I will never believe."

[26] Eight days later, his disciples were inside again, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." [27] Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here, and see my hands; and put out your hand, and place it in my side. Do not disbelieve, but believe." [28] Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" [29] Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed." (ESV)

Devotional

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Song of Sending - The Strife is O'er

The strife is o'er, the battle done, the victory of life is won;
the song of triumph has begun. Alleluia, alleluia!

The powers of death have done their worst, but Christ their legions hath dispersed:
let shouts of holy joy outburst. Alleluia, alleluia!

Refrain:

Alleluia, alleluia; Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

The three sad days are quickly sped, he rises glorious from the dead:
all glory to our risen Head! Alleluia, alleluia!

(refrain)

He closed the yawning gates of hell, the bars from heav'n's high portals fell;
let songs of praise his triumphs tell: Alleluia, alleluia!

Lord! by the stripes which wounded thee, from death's dread sting your servant's free,
that we may live and sing to thee. Alleluia, alleluia!

(refrain)

Benediction

Hebrews 13:20–21

[20] Now may the God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, [21] equip you with everything good that you may do his will, working in us that which is pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen.