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Celebration of Easter

Song

Low In the Grave He Lay

1. Low in the grave He lay, Jesus my Savior! Waiting the coming day, Jesus my Lord!

Up from the grave He arose With a mighty triumph o'er His foes He arose a victor from the dark domain And He lives forever with His saints to reign He arose, He arose, Hallelujah, Christ arose!

2. Vainly they watch His bed, Jesus my Savior! Vainly they seal the dead, Jesus my Lord!

Up from the grave He arose With a mighty triumph o'er His foes He arose a victor from the dark domain And He lives forever with His saints to reign He arose, He arose, Hallelujah Christ arose!

3. Death cannot keep his prey, Jesus my Savior! He tore the bars away, Jesus my Lord!

Up from the grave He arose With a mighty triumph o'er His foes He arose a victor from the dark domain And He lives forever with His saints to reign He arose, He arose, Hallelujah, Christ arose!

The Easter Acclamation (3X)

Pastor: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

All: The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Song

Christ the Lord

- Christ the Lord is risen today, Al le lu ia!
 Earth and heaven in chorus say, Al le lu ia!
 Raise your joys and triumphs high, Al le lu ia!
 Sing, ye heavens, and earth reply, Al le lu ia!
- 2. Love's redeeming work is done, Al le lu ia! Fought the fight, the battle won, Al le lu ia! Death in vain forbids him rise, Al le lu ia! Christ has opened paradise, Al le lu ia!
- 3. Soar we now where Christ has led, Al le lu ia! Following our exalted Head, Al le lu ia! Made like him, like him we rise, Al le lu ia! Ours the cross, the grave, the skies, Al le lu ia!

Reading

John 20:18

Message

Song

In Christ Alone

"In Christ alone my hope is found; He is my light, my strength, my song; This cornerstone, this solid ground, Firm through the fiercest drought and storm. What heights of love, what depths of peace, When fears are stilled, when strivings cease! My comforter, my all in all— Here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone, Who took on flesh, Fullness of God in helpless babe! This gift of love and righteousness, Scorned by the ones He came to save. Till on that cross as Jesus died, The wrath of God was satisfied; For ev'ry sin on Him was laid—

Here in the death of Christ I live.
There in the ground His body lay,
Light of the world by darkness slain;
Then bursting forth in glorious day,
Up from the grave He rose again!
And as He stands in victory,
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me;
For I am His and He is mine—
Bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death—
This is the pow'r of Christ in me;
From life's first cry to final breath,
Jesus commands my destiny.
No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man,
Can ever pluck me from His hand;
Till He returns or calls me home—
Here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand."

THANKSGIVING AND COMMUNION

Alleluia. The risen Christ is with us.

Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

We have seen your glory.

We are yours, all yours, blessed Triune God, all our lives, all our thanks, all our praise,

we give it all to you, with all our bodies, and minds, and voices.

Yours the blessing, yours the praise,

from the unimaginable silence before creation,

beyond the farthest reaches of time and space our instruments may ever find,

from infinity to infinity, everlasting to everlasting,

you are God, boundless in love and power.

We stand in awe, trembling in the light of your glory!

How can we but praise you, joining our voices with the song of angels and saints, seraphim and martyrs, strangers and family in every generation:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

You are holy, O God! You are worthy, O Christ! Worthy in your birth! Worthy in your living! (The pastor continues the prayer...)

We remember, and we praise you with our lives and these gifts of bread and wine, proclaiming with one voice the mystery of faith:

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Even so, come upon us, Holy Spirit. Come upon these gifts. Make them be for us Christ's body, Christ's blood. Make us one body in Christ enlivened by his blood.

Even so, come and fill this feast, Holy Spirit, this day, and every day until that day when we eat it new at the marriage supper of the Lamb and our Easter rejoicing shall know no end.

All blessing, honor, glory and power be yours, Holy Triune God, now and forever.

Amen!

The 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.

Serving the Bread and Cup

Prayer after Communion

Song My Redeemer Lives

I know He rescued my soul His blood has covered my sin I believe I believe

My shame He's taken away My pain is healed in his name I believe I believe

I'll raise a banner 'Cause my Lord has conquered the grave

My Redeemer lives My Redeemer lives My Redeemer lives My Redeemer lives

I know He rescued my soul His blood has covered my sin I believe I believe My shame He's taken away My pain is healed in His Name I believe I believe

I'll raise a banner 'Cause My Lord has conquered the grave

My Redeemer lives My Redeemer lives
My Redeemer lives My Redeemer lives
You lift my burdens I'll rise with You
I'm dancing on this mountain top to see your kingdom come

My Redeemer lives

Dismissal

Assisting in Worship Today: Dawn Houck

Dawn Houck
Bethany Calderon
Bob VanAllen
Kris Jaffa
Ryan Krout
Jackson Mills