

Home Worship Liturgy
Easter
4/12/2020

Jesus' friends go along the path of uncertainty toward the tomb where Jesus was laid following His crucifixion. They are uncertain what they will find when they arrive. But when they do, their paths will be changed forever!

Opening Prayer (*Have one person read this out loud*)

Glorious Lord of life,
by the mighty resurrection of your Son
you overcame the old order of sin and death
to make all things new in him.
Grant that we who celebrate with joy
Christ's rising from the dead
may be raised from the death of sin
to the life of righteousness,
through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever. Amen.

The Worship Sourcebook 2nd Edition, Section N.1.10

Songs of Praise and Hope (*The words to the songs have been provided below. If you would like to sing along with a video, please either click on the link provided, look it up on Youtube, or play your own instrument if possible.*)

Low in the Grave Christ Lay (*Lowry, 1874*)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oN77HjfAc8k>

Low in the grave he lay, Jesus my Savior,
waiting the coming day, Jesus my Lord! (cont.)

Refrain:

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!

Vainly they watch his bed, Jesus my Savior,
 vainly they seal the dead, Jesus my Lord!

Refrain:

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!

Death cannot keep its prey, Jesus my Savior;
 he tore the bars away, Jesus my Lord!

Refrain:

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!

Christ the Lord is Risen Today (*Wesley, 1739*)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nzy7jFNUc3w>

Christ the Lord is ris'n today, Alleluia!
 Sons of men and angels say, Alleluia! (cont.)

Raise your joys 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!
Once He died our souls to 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 His rise, Alleluia!
Christ hath opened paradise, Alleluia!

Soar we now where Christ hath led, Alleluia!
Foll'wing our exalted Head, Alleluia!
Made like Him, like Him we rise, Alleluia!
Ours the cross, the grave, the skies, Alleluia!

Hail the Lord of earth and heaven, Alleluia!
Praise to Thee by both be given, Alleluia!
Thee we greet triumphant now, Alleluia!
Hail the Resurrection, thou, Alleluia!

For an additional song if you feel led, consider singing “He Lives, He Lives, Christ Jesus Lives Today”

(<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qF6aBDS3drA&t=107s>)

Confession of our Faith (*Join together in proclaiming the words of the Apostle's Creed, the truth held by the church in all times and places*).

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to hell.

The third day he rose again from the dead.
 He ascended to heaven
 and is seated at 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 catholic church,
 the communion of saints,
 the forgiveness of sins,
 the resurrection of the body,
 and the life everlasting. Amen.

Songs of Praise and Hope (*The words to the songs have been provided below.*)

Jesus Loves Me (*Warner, 1860*)

Jesus loves me this I know
 For the bible tells me so
 Little ones to Him belong
 They are weak but He is strong

Yes Jesus loves me
 Yes Jesus loves me
 Yes Jesus loves me
 The Bible tells me so

Jesus loves me He who died
 Heaven's gate to open wide
 He will wash away my sin
 Let His little child comes in

Yes Jesus loves me
 Yes Jesus loves me
 Yes Jesus loves me
 The Bible tells me so

Bible Text and Sermon (*To access the sermon video/audio and worship liturgy, please visit our website at idealparkchurch.com and click on the “Current Sermon Series” tab. From there, click on “Watch Now” or “Read Now” for April 12. The direct link to this page is <https://idealparkchurch.com/current-sermon-series/>). A direct link to the sermon video is <https://youtu.be/IS0TmyY0CFo>).*

John 20: 1-10¹

1 Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene went to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the entrance. 2 So she came running to Simon Peter and the other disciples, the one Jesus loved, and said, “They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we don’t know where they have put him!”

3 So Peter and the other disciples started for the tomb. 4 Both were running, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. 5 He bent over and looked in at the strips of linen lying there but did not go in. 6 Then Simon Peter came along behind him and went straight into the tomb. He saw the strips of linen lying there, 7 as well as the cloth that had been wrapped around Jesus’ head. The cloth was still lying in its place, separate from the linen. 8 Finally the other disciples, who had reached the tomb first, also went inside. He saw and believed. 9 (They still did not understand from Scripture that Jesus had to rise from the dead.) 10 Then the disciples went back to where they were staying.

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Sermon Video and Outline

The End of the Path

John 20:1-10

Sermon for April 12, 2020

The path to the tomb

- Jesus as a new path
- Reality of Jesus' death
- Importance of Jesus in His friends' lives
- Decision to take the path to the tomb

Wondering what awaits down the path

- What we experience
- A young woman's story

The experience of:

- The women
- Peter and John

What lies at the end of the path is

- An empty tomb and a Risen Savior
 - This changes everything
 - The path we are on

Prayers for our church, community, nation, and world (*Read each of these as you feel led, either out loud or silently. After each section, take time to pray in whatever way you feel led.*)

God of life,

We rejoice in the resurrection of your Son, His defeat over death, and his gift of new life. We praise you and thank you for the reflections of that new life (pray for the following as you feel led)

- Nations and governments around the world
- Ministry of the church
- The sacrifice of those who serve

- Our new life in Christ

To you as the giver of new life and renewed hope, we bring our prayers
(pray for the following as you feel led)

- For our nation and its leaders
- Our community and those who are in authority
- For the church universal as it works on your behalf
- For our church and its ministry
- For persons with particular needs

We pray all this in the name of our resurrected Lord Jesus, the giver of life.
Amen.

Based on prayer N.4.1 in the Worship Sourcebook, 2nd Edition

Song of Faith and Hope *(The words to the songs have been provided below. If you would like to sing along with a video, please either click on the link provided, look it up on Youtube, or play your own instrument if possible.)*

When Peace like a River

(https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AHe_qmo3gX4)

When peace like a river, attendeth my way,
When sorrows like sea billows roll
Whatever my lot, thou hast taught me to say
It is well, it is well, with my soul

(Refrain) It is well (it is well)
With my soul (with my soul)
It is well, it is well with my soul

My sin, oh, the bliss of this glorious thought
My sin, not in part but the whole,
Is nailed to the cross, and I bear it no more,
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, o my soul

(Refrain) It is well (it is well)
 With my soul (with my soul)
 It is well, it is well with my soul

O Lord, haste the day when my faith shall be sight,
 The clouds be rolled back as a scroll;
 The trump shall resound and the Lord shall descend;
 Even so, it is well with my soul.

(Refrain) It is well (it is well)
 With my soul (with my soul)
 It is well, it is well with my soul

Time for Discussion

- *How has the empty tomb and our Risen Lord affected your walk in life?*
- *When your walk in life is hard, where do you get encouragement? Just a few passages to consider reading, amongst many, are Hebrews 12:1-3, Psalm 62:5-8, Hebrews 10:19-25, Romans 15:13, etc. Are there others that come to mind?*

*When you have gone through this liturgy and discussion, **consider calling a friend or two from church to see how they are doing.***

“The LORD bless you and keep you, the LORD make his face shine on you and be gracious to you; the LORD turn his face toward you and give you peace.” Numbers 6:24-26 (New International Version)