



## CALL TO WORSHIP

Bless the LORD, O my soul,  
and all that is within me, bless his holy name!  
**Bless the Lord, and forget not all His benefits,  
Who forgives iniquity and heals our diseases,**

Who redeems our lives from the pit,  
**Who crowns us with steadfast love and mercy,**  
Who satisfies us with good so that our youth is renewed like the eagle's.  
**Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me,  
Bless His Holy Name!**

*Psalm 103*

## INVOCATION

### SONGS 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 joys and triumphs high; Alleluia!  
Sing ye heav'ns, and earth, reply. Alleluia!

Vain the stone, the watch, the seal; Alleluia!  
Christ has burst the gates of hell: Alleluia!  
death in vain forbids his rise; Alleluia!  
Christ has opened paradise. 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!

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!

Hail, the Lord of earth and heav'n! Alleluia!  
Praise to thee by both be giv'n; Alleluia!  
thee we greet triumphant now; Alleluia!  
hail, the Resurrection, thou! Alleluia!

Text: Charles Wesley 1739; Music: Easter Hymn *Lyra Davidica*, 1708; alt

#### *Worship Christ the Risen King*

Rise O Church and lift your voices Christ has conquered death and hell  
Sing as all the earth rejoices resurrection anthems swell  
Come and worship come and worship, worship Christ the Risen King  
See the tomb where death had laid Him, empty now its mouth declares  
Death and I could not contain Him for the throne of life He shares  
Come and worship come and worship, worship Christ the Risen King  
Hear the earth protest and tremble see the stone removed with pow'r  
All hell's minions may assemble, but cannot withstand His hour  
He has conquered He has conquered Christ the Lord the Risen King  
Doubt may lift its head to murmur scoffers mock and sinners jeer  
But the truth proclaims a wonder thoughtful hearts receive with cheer  
He is risen He is risen now receive the Risen King

We acclaim Your life O Jesus, now we sing Your victory  
Sin or hell may seek to seize us, but Your conquest keeps us free  
Stand in triumph stand in triumph worship Christ the Risen King

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#### *Our God Reigns*

How lovely on the mountains are the feet of Him,  
Who brings good news, good news,  
Announcing peace, proclaiming news of happiness:  
Our God reigns, our God reigns!

Chorus:

Our God Reigns, our God Reigns, our God Reigns, our God Reigns

He had no stately form, He had no majesty,  
That we should be drawn to Him,  
He was despised and we took no account of Him,  
yet now He reigns with the Most High. (*chorus*)

Out of the tomb He came with grace and majesty. He is alive. He is alive.  
God loves us so, see here His hands, His feet, His side...  
Yes, we know, He is alive! (*chorus*)

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## GOD'S LAW AND OUR CONFESSION

And the LORD God commanded the man, "You are free to eat from any tree in the garden; but you must not eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, for when you eat from it you will certainly die." *Genesis 2:16-17*

Why are you cast down, O my soul, and why are you in turmoil within me?  
**Lord we have turned away from you, our only hope.**

The Word of God became flesh and dwelt among us,  
**yet we act as if there is no reason for hope.**

Your Son sacrificed for us, rose victorious over sin and death.  
**Forgive us Lord for our cynicism, our doubt,  
and our hopelessness.**

We confess that we find it easier to trust in our gadgets,  
our bank account, and our reputations than in the hope of the Eternal King.  
We claim to have the hope of the gospel,  
but despair at the prospect of suffering and persecution.

**Awake in us afresh a hopeful trust in you.  
You are our only hope for forgiveness and restoration.  
Restore to us a love of holiness and delight in your way.**

## SILENT CONFESSION

### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*I Peter 1:3-5*

According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, unfading, kept in heaven for you, who by God's power are being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.

## PROFESSION OF FAITH

Why do you need forgiveness and salvation?  
**None is righteous, no, not one; no one understands;  
no one seeks for God. All have turned aside;  
together they have become worthless; no one does good, not even one."**

Is the Law able to save you?  
**For by works of the law no human being will be justified in his sight,  
since through the law comes knowledge of sin.**

Where shall you turn for forgiveness and salvation?  
**But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from  
the law, although the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it—  
the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who  
believe. For there is no distinction: for all have sinned and fall short  
of the glory of God, and are justified by his grace as a gift, through  
the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, whom God put forward as  
a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith.**

Who is this Jesus?  
**Christ Jesus was promised by God beforehand through his prophets  
in the Holy Scriptures. He was descended from David according to  
the flesh and was declared to be the Son of God in power according  
to the Spirit of holiness by his resurrection from the dead.**

*Based on Romans, 1:1-5, 3:9-20*

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

### RECEPTION OF OFFERINGS

#### PRAYER

**Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be your name.  
Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts,  
As we forgive our debtors. and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil: for yours is the kingdom, and the power,  
and the glory, forever. Amen.**

## HYMN OF PREPARATION

### *I Know That My Redeemer Lives – Glory Hallelujah*

I know that my Redeemer lives—glory, hallelujah!

What comfort this sweet sentence gives—glory, hallelujah!

Refrain:

Shout on, pray on, we're gaining ground—glory, hallelujah!

The dead's alive and the lost is found—glory, hallelujah!

He lives, he lives, who once was dead—glory, hallelujah!

He lives, my everlasting Head—glory, hallelujah! (*refrain*)

He lives, to bless me with his love—glory, hallelujah!

He lives to plead for me above—glory, hallelujah! (*refrain*)

He lives, all glory to his name!—glory, hallelujah!

He lives, my Jesus, still the same—glory, hallelujah! (*refrain*)

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## SCRIPTURE READING

Romans 6:1-14

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## SERMON

“Resurrection Freedom”

Pastor Ian Hard

## HYMN OF RESPONSE\*

### *He is Lord*

He is Lord, He is Lord,

He is risen from the dead and He is Lord.

Ev'ry knee shall bow, ev'ry tongue confess

That Jesus Christ is Lord.

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## CELEBRATION OF COMMUNION

*If you are following along at home, please refrain from taking Communion as it is a form of worship meant to be celebrated in the physical presence of the body of Christ.*

## MERCY OFFERING

## HYMN OF SENDING

### *Up from the Grave He Arose*

Low in the grave he lay— Jesus, my Savior,

waiting the coming day— 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!

Vainly they watch his bed—Jesus, my Savior;

vainly they seal the dead—Jesus, my Lord. (*refrain*)

Death cannot keep his prey—Jesus, my Savior;

he tore the bars away—Jesus, my Lord. (*refrain*)

*Robert Lowry 1874*

## BENEDICTION

**Sermon NOTES:** Resurrection Freedom