

**EASTER CALL TO WORSHIP**

- P** Though physically separate, we connect by the power of God, our creator, redeemer and friend.
- C Amen**
- P** We seek the everlasting love of God that casts out all fear.
- C We seek so we can find our Risen Savior**
- P** We knock on the doors of heaven, calling upon Jesus to encourage and support us.
- C We knock so that the doors shall be open**
- P** We ask the Holy Spirit to come and give us strength for our journey
- C We ask and trust that hope will be given**
- P** We seek, we knock, we open because God seeks us out today. Christ has Risen
- C He has risen indeed! Alleluia.**

OPENING HYMN: The King of Love My Shepherd Is (VERSES 1-4)

(RED ELW HYMN #502 AND GREEN LBW #456)

Verse 1: The King of love my shepherd is, whose goodness faileth never; I nothing lack if I am his and he is mine forever.

Verse 2: Where streams of living water flow, my ransomed soul he leadeth and, where the verdant pastures grow, with food celestial feedeth.

Verse 3: Perverse and foolish oft I strayed, but yet in love he sought me, and on his shoulder gently laid, and home, rejoicing, brought me.

Verse 4: In death's dark vale I fear no ill, with thee, dear Lord, beside me, thy rod and staff my comfort still; thy cross before to guide me.

PRAYER OF THE DAY:

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Lord of the resurrection, you died and were raised so that ultimately death would not prevail. Remind us daily that sin, and even death, have no power over us. You are greater than any disease or pandemic. You are the Lord of Life:

C Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING I CORINTHIAN 15:1-14, 51-57

Now I would remind you, brothers and sisters, of the good news that I proclaimed to you, which you in turn received, in which also you stand, through which also you are being saved, if you hold firmly to the message that I proclaimed to you—unless you have come to believe in vain. For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me has not been in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them—though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. Whether then it was I or they, so we proclaim and so you have come to believe. Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say there is no resurrection of the dead? If there is no resurrection of the dead, then Christ has not been raised; and if Christ has not been raised, then our proclamation has been in vain and your faith has been in vain.

Listen, I will tell you a mystery! We will not all die, but we will all be changed, in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed. For this perishable body must put on imperishability, and this mortal body must put on immortality. When this perishable body puts on imperishability, and this mortal body puts on immortality, then the saying that is written will be fulfilled: "Death has been swallowed up in victory." "Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting?" The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

HYMN OF THE DAY: Abide with Me*(RED ELW HYMN #629, GREEN LBW HYMN #272 * VERSES 2 & 3 ARE SWITCHED, DOES NOT HAVE VERSE 5)***Verse 1:** Abide with me, fast falls the eventide. The darkness deepens; Lord, with me abide. When other helpers fail and comforts flee, help of the helpless, oh, abide with me**Verse 2:** Swift to its close ebbs out life's little day; earth's joys grow dim, its glories pass away; change and decay in all around I see; O thou who changest not, abide with me.**Verse 3:** I need thy presence ev'ry passing hour; what but thy grace can foil the tempter's pow'r? Who like thyself my guide and stay can be? Through cloud and sunshine, oh, abide with me.**Verse 4:** I fear no foe, with thee at hand to bless; ills have no weight, and tears no bitterness. Where is death's sting? Where, grace, thy victory? I triumph still, if though abide with me!**Verse 5:** Hold thou thy cross before my closing eyes, shine through the gloom, and point me to the skies; heav'n's morning breaks, and earth's vain shadows flee; in life, in death, O Lord, abide with me.**Apostle's Creed****☩ I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.****I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and 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.****PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH***(Each petition concludes: Lord in your mercy, Response is Hear our Prayer)***☩** Lord in your mercy**☩ Hear our Prayer****THE LORD'S PRAYER****Closing hymn: To Be Your Presence***(Red ELW hymn #546)***Verse 1:** To be your presence is our mission here, to show compassion's face and list'ning ear, to be your heart of mercy ever near, Al-le-lu-ia!**Verse 2:** To be your presence is our mission bold, to feed the poor and shelter homeless cold, to be your hands of justice, right uphold. Al-le-lu-ia!**Verse 3:** To be your presence is our mission blest, to speak for all the broken and oppressed, to be your voice of hope, your love expressed, Al-le-lu-ia!**Verse 4:** We are your heart, O Christ, your hands and voice, to serve your people is our call and choice, and in this mission we, the church rejoice,, Al-le-lu-ia!**BENEDICTION:****☩** The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.

The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

☩ Amen**DISMISSAL****☩** Alleluia! Christ is Risen.**☩ Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**