

WORSHIP AT HOME
SUNDAY, MAY 3, 2020

Before you begin...

- **Think about where you will gather.** Will you sit at your kitchen table, in the family room, or somewhere else? Make sure everyone can participate comfortably.
- **Make your space sacred.** Light a candle (or two or three), and make sure you have a Bible handy. If you have a cross, put it in a central place. Find a nice bowl and fill it with water to remember your baptism as we do with the font at Resurrection. You will also need slips of paper, writing utensils, and a small basket or other container.
- **Prepare for music.** The video will include music led by different families, and we hope you will sing along! If you're not using the video, make your own music. Simple songs like "Jesus Loves Me" or "This Little Light of Mine" are great for kids who can't yet read. It might be fun to search YouTube for one of your favorite songs from church.
- **Choose leaders and readers.** Some parts of the worship service work better if one person does most of the reading and others respond. Someone will need to read scripture, too. You can look through and assign those parts ahead of time or pick someone as you go.

A Service of the Word for the Fourth Sunday of Easter

EASTER GREETING

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

If not following along with the video, choose a leader or take turns reading. This is a good time to remember our baptism with the water.

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism,
we are raised with him to new life.

Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

Water may be poured into the font as we give thanks.

We give you thanks, O God,
for in the beginning you created us in your image
and planted us in a well-watered garden.
In the desert you promised pools of water for the parched,
and you gave us water from the rock.
When we did not know the way,
you sent the Good Shepherd to lead us to still waters.

At the cross, you watered us from Jesus' wounded side,
and on this day, you shower us again with the water of life.

We praise you for your salvation through water,
for the water in this font,
and for all water everywhere.

Bathe us in your forgiveness, grace, and love.
Satisfy the thirsty, and give us the life only you can give.

To you be given honor and praise
through Jesus Christ our Lord
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

Amen.

HYMN

Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing!



1 Good Chris - tian friends, re - joice and sing! Now is the tri - umph
2 The Lord of life is ris'n this day; death's might-y stone is
3 Praise we in songs of vic - to - ry that love, that life which
4 Your name we bless, O ris - en Lord, and sing to - day with



of our king! To all the world glad news we bring:
rolled a - way; let all the earth re - joice and say:
can - not die, and sing with hearts up - lift - ed high:
one ac - cord, the life laid down, the life re - stored:



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

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GREETING

If not following along with the video, the leader says the greeting.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

HYMN OF PRAISE

If following along with the video, a leader will sing the verses and everyone sings together on the refrains in bold. If not using the video, you can read this responsively or in unison.

**Glory to God in the highest, the highest,
and peace to God's people on earth.**

Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.

**Glory to God in the highest, the highest,
and peace to God's people on earth.**

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.

**Glory to God in the highest, the highest,
and peace to God's people on earth.**

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen. Amen. Amen.

**Glory to God in the highest, the highest,
and peace to God's people on earth.**

**Glory to God in the highest, the highest,
and peace to God's people on earth.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God our shepherd, you know your sheep by name and lead us to safety through the valleys of death. Guide us by your voice, that we may walk in certainty and security to the joyous feast prepared in your house, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

SCRIPTURE

Gospel: [John 10:1-10](#)

SUNDAY OF HOPE REFLECTION

HYMN OF THE DAY

For Everyone Born

- 1 For everyone born, a place at the table,
for everyone born, clean water and bread,
a shelter, a space, a safe place for growing,
for everyone born, a star overhead,
and God will delight when we are creators
of justice and joy, compassion and peace:
yes, God will delight when we are creators
of justice, justice and joy!
- 2 For woman and man, a place at the table,
revising the roles, deciding the share,
with wisdom and grace, dividing the power,
for woman and man, a system that's fair,
and God will delight when we are creators
of justice and joy, compassion and peace:
yes, God will delight when we are creators
of justice, justice and joy!
- 3 For young and for old, a place at the table,
a voice to be heard, a part in the song,
the hands of a child in hands that are wrinkled,
for young and for old, the right to belong,
and God will delight when we are creators
of justice and joy, compassion and peace:
yes, God will delight when we are creators
of justice, justice and joy!
- 4 For gay and for straight, a place at the table,
a covenant shared, a welcoming space,
a rainbow of race and gender and colour,
for gay and for straight, the chalice of grace,
and God will delight when we are creators
of justice and joy, compassion and peace:
yes, God will delight when we are creators
of justice, justice and joy!
- 5 For everyone born, a place at the table,
to live without fear, and simply to be,
to work, to speak out, to witness and worship,
for everyone born, the right to be free,
and God will delight when we are creators
of justice and joy, compassion and peace:
yes, God will delight when we are creators
of justice, justice and joy!

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Say this part together.

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.**

For us and for our salvation

**he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary
and became truly human.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the scriptures;
he ascended into heaven**

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.**

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

**We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

PRAYERS

If you're not using the video, pray together for the world and its leaders, our church, our community, and your neighbors, family, and friends. Ask those who are with you what they would like to pray for, and be sure to remember those who are sick, people who work in healthcare, and all emergency workers. One person could pray for the whole group aloud, or you could take turns praying aloud.

PEACE

Greet those worshiping with you with the peace of Christ. Assuming no one among you is ill, share a warm embrace.

OFFERING

If you're not using the video, talk together or think about what gifts God has given us that might be unique to these special circumstances. How might we use these gifts and any extra time we might have to share God's love with others? Write your ideas on slips of paper and place them in a basket. Put something in the basket (maybe your offering envelope or just another slip of paper) to symbolize your monetary gift to the church, too. Remember to mail your contribution or give online through the church website, rlcindy.org/giving.

If not using the video, pray together:

**God, we give you thanks for all the things you give to us so that we may give to others.
Use our gifts to bring hope, healing, and help to those who need it.
In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

THANKSGIVING FOR THE WORD

If not using the video, choose a leader for this part or take turns reading.

Praise and thanks to you, holy God, for by your Word you made all things: you spoke light into darkness, called forth beauty from chaos, and brought life into being. For your Word of life, O God,
we give you thanks and praise.

By your Word you called your people Israel to tell of your wonderful gifts: freedom from captivity, water on the desert journey, a pathway home from exile, wisdom for life with you. For your Word of life, O God,
we give you thanks and praise.

Through Jesus, your Word made flesh, you speak to us and call us to witness: forgiveness through the cross, life to those entombed by death, the way of your self-giving love. For your Word of life, O God,
we give you thanks and praise.

Send your Spirit of truth, O God; rekindle your gifts within us: renew our faith, increase our hope, and deepen our love, for the sake of a world in need. Faithful to your Word, O God, draw near to all who call on you; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory forever.
Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

If not using the video, you choose which version!

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.**

**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 and ever. Amen**

BLESSING

If not using the video, say this part together.

**May the One who brought forth Jesus from the dead
raise us to new life, fill us with hope,
and turn our mourning into dancing.**

**Almighty God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit,
bless us now and forever.**

Amen.

HYMN

I'm So Glad Jesus Lifted Me



1 I'm so glad I'm so glad
2 Sa - tan had me bound, Je - sus lift - ed me. Sa - tan had me bound,
3 When I was in trou - ble, When I was in trou - ble,



Je - sus lift - ed me. I'm so glad
Sa - tan had me bound, Je - sus lift - ed me,
When I was in trou - ble,



sing - ing glo - ry, hal - le - lu - jah! Je - sus lift - ed me.

Text: African American spiritual
Music: JESUS LIFTED ME, African American spiritual

DISMISSAL

If not using the video, choose a leader for this part.

Christ is risen, just as he said.
Be at peace. Share the good news. Alleluia!
Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

Don't forget to blow out any candles, and make sure no one spills the water! Think about when you might put your offering ideas into action.