

## WORSHIP AT HOME SUNDAY, MAY 24, 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 Seventh 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

### A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing!



1 A hymn of glo - ry let us sing! New hymns through-out the world shall  
2 The ho - ly ap - os - tol - ic band up - on the Mount of Ol - ives  
3 To whom the shin - ing an - gels cry, "Why stand and gaze up - on the  
4 "You see him now, as - cend - ing high up to the por - tals of the  
5 O ris - en Christ, as - cend - ed Lord, all praise to you let earth ac -



ring: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Christ, by a road be - fore un -  
stand, Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! and with his faith - ful fol - l'wers  
sky?" Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! "This is the Sav - ior!" thus they  
sky." Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! "Here - af - ter Je - sus you shall  
cord: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! You are, while end - less ag - es



trod, as - cends un - to the throne of God.  
see their Lord as - cend in maj - es - ty.  
say, "this is his glo - rious tri - umph day!" Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -  
see re - turn - ing in great maj - es - ty."  
run, with Fa - ther and with Spir - it one.



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

Text: Bede, 673–735; tr. *Lutheran Book of Worship*  
Music: LASST UNS ERFREUEN, *Geistliche Kirchengesänge*, Köln, 1623  
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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.**

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and peace to God's people on earth.**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God of glory, your Son Jesus Christ suffered for us and ascended to your right hand. Unite us with Christ and each other in suffering and in joy, that all the world may be drawn into your bountiful presence, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

## READINGS & PSALM

First Reading: [Acts 1:6-14](#)

Psalm 68: 1-10, 32-35

<sup>1</sup>Let God arise, and let God's enemies be scattered;  
let those who hate God flee.

<sup>2</sup>**As smoke is driven away, so you should drive them away;  
as the wax melts before the fire, so let the wicked perish at the presence of God.**

<sup>3</sup>But let the righteous be glad and rejoice before God;  
let them also be merry and joyful.

<sup>4</sup>**Sing to God, sing praises to God's name; exalt the one who rides the clouds;  
I AM is that name, rejoice before God!**

<sup>5</sup>In your holy habitation, O God,  
you are a father to orphans, defender of widows;

<sup>6</sup>**you give the solitary a home and bring forth prisoners into freedom;  
but the rebels shall live in desert places.**

<sup>7</sup>O God, when you went forth be- | fore your people,  
when you marched | through the wilderness,  
<sup>8</sup>**the earth quaked, and the skies poured down rain, at the presence of God,  
the | God of Sinai,  
at the presence of God, the | God of Israel.**  
<sup>9</sup>You sent a bountiful | rain, O God;  
you restored your inheritance | when it languished.  
<sup>10</sup>**Your people found their | home in it;  
in your goodness, O God, you have made provision | for the poor.**  
<sup>32</sup>Sing to God, O kingdoms | of the earth;  
sing praises | to the Lord.  
<sup>3</sup>**You ride in the heavens, O God, in the | ancient heavens;  
you send forth your voice, your | mighty voice.**  
<sup>34</sup>Ascribe pow- | er to God,  
whose majesty is over Israel; whose strength is | in the skies.  
<sup>35</sup>**How wonderful you are in your holy places, O | God of Israel,  
giving strength and power to your people! | Blessed be God!**

Second Reading: [1 Peter 4: 12-14, 5:6-11](#)

Gospel: [John 17:1-11](#)

## REFLECTION

HYMN OF THE DAY

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus!



1 Al - le - lu - ia! Sing to Je - sus; his the scep - ter,  
 2 Al - le - lu - ia! Not as or - phans are we left in  
 3 Al - le - lu - ia! Bread of heav - en, here on earth our  
 4 Al - le - lu - ia! King e - ter - nal, Lord om - nip - o -  
 5 Al - le - lu - ia! Sing to Je - sus; his the scep - ter,



his the throne; Al - le - lu - ia! his the tri - umph, his the  
 sor - row now; Al - le - lu - ia! he is near us; faith be -  
 food, our stay; Al - le - lu - ia! here the sin - ful flee to  
 tent we own; Al - le - lu - ia! born of Mar - y, earth your  
 his the throne; Al - le - lu - ia! his the tri - umph, his the



vic - to - ry a - lone. Hark! The songs of peace - ful  
 lieves, nor ques - tions how. Though the cloud from sight re -  
 you from day to day. In - ter - ces - sor, friend of  
 foot - stool, heav'n your throne. As with - in the veil you  
 vic - to - ry a - lone. Hark! The songs of peace - ful



Zi - on thun - der like a might - y flood: "Je - sus  
 ceived him when the for - ty days were o'er, shall our  
 sin - ners, earth's re - deem - er, hear our plea where the  
 en - tered, robed in flesh, our great high priest, here on  
 Zi - on thun - der like a might - y flood: "Je - sus



out of ev - 'ry na - tion has re - deemed us by his blood."  
 hearts for - get his prom - ise: "I am with you ev - er - more?"  
 songs of all the sin - less sweep a - cross the crys - tal sea.  
 earth both priest and vic - tim in the eu - cha - ris - tic feast.  
 out of ev - 'ry na - tion has re - deemed us by his blood."

Text: William C. Dix, 1837-1898, alt.  
 Music: HYFRYDOL, Rowland H. Prichard, 1811-1887

## THE NICENE CREED

*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](http://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

### Crown Him with Many Crowns



- 1 Crown him with man - y crowns, the Lamb up - on his throne;
- 2 Crown him the vir - gin's Son, the God in - car - nate born,
- 3 Crown him the Lord of love— be - hold his hands and side,
- 4 Crown him the Lord of life, who tri - umphed o'er the grave
- 5 Crown him the Lord of years, the po - ten - tate of time,



hark, how the heav'n-ly an - them drowns all mu - sic but its own.  
whose arm those crim-son tro - phies won which now his brow a - dorn;  
rich wounds, yet vis - i - ble a - bove, in beau - ty glo - ri - fied.  
and rose vic - to - rious in the strife for those he came to save.  
cre - a - tor of the roll - ing spheres, in - ef - fab - ly sub - lime.



A - wake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,  
fruit of the mys - tic rose, yet of that rose the stem,  
No an - gels in the sky can ful - ly bear that sight,  
His glo - ries now we sing, who died and rose on high,  
All hail, Re - deem - er, hail! For thou hast died for me;



and hail him as thy match-less king through all e - ter - ni - ty.  
the root whence mer - cy ev - er flows, the babe of Beth - le - hem.  
but down - ward bend their burn - ing eyes at mys - ter - ies so bright.  
who died, e - ter - nal life to bring, and lives that death may die.  
thy praise and glo - ry shall not fail through-out e - ter - ni - ty.

Text: Matthew Bridges, 1800–1894, sts. 1–3, 5; Godfrey Thring, 1823–1903, st. 4  
Music: DIADEMATA, George J. Elvey, 1816–1893

## **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.*