

First Christian Reformed Church
Lynden, Washington
April 4, 2021
Easter Sunday

Call to Worship: *Luke 24:5-6; I Corinthians 15:54-57; John 11:25-26*

Why do you look for the living among the dead?

He is not here; the Lord has risen!

He has risen indeed!

Where, O death, is your victory?

Where, O death, is your sting?

Death has been swallowed up in victory!

Christ has risen indeed!

Jesus said, "I am the resurrection and the life.

He who believes in Me will live, even though he dies;

and whoever lives and believes in Me will never die.

Thanks be to God!

He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

The Lord has risen!

He has risen indeed! Alleluia!

God's Greeting

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today

Christ the Lord is risen today! Alleluia!

Sons of men and angels say: Alleluia!

Raise your joys and triumphs high; Alleluia!

Sing, ye heavens, and earth, reply: Alleluia!

Lives again our glorious King, Alleluia!

Where, O death, is now thy sting? Alleluia!

Dying once, He all doth 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 him rise; Alleluia!

Christ has opened paradise. Alleluia!

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He Lives

I serve a risen Savior, He's in the world today;

I know that He is living, whatever men may say;

I see His hand of mercy, I hear His voice of cheer,

And just the time I need Him He's always near.

Refrain: He lives, He lives, Christ Jesus lives today!

He walks with me and talks with me along life's narrow way.

He lives, He lives, salvation to impart!

You ask me how I know He lives?

He lives within my heart.

Rejoice, rejoice, O Christian lift up your voice and sing

Eternal hallelujahs to Jesus Christ the King!

The Hope of all who seek Him the Help of all who find,

None other is so loving, so good and kind. *Refrain*

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Easter Reading: *Matthew 28:1-20*

Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God the Father almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth.
And in Jesus Christ,
his only begotten Son, our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary;
suffered under Pontius Pilate;
was crucified, dead, and buried;
he descended into 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 shall come to judge
the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit.
I believe in a holy catholic church,
the communion of saints;
the forgiveness of sins;
the resurrection of the body;
and the life everlasting. AMEN.**

Christ 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 watched His bed, Jesus, my Savior!
Vainly they sealed the dead, Jesus, my Lord! *Refrain*

Death could not keep his prey, Jesus, my Savior!
He tore the bars away, Jesus, my Lord! *Refrain*

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Morning Prayer

Come, People of the Risen King

Come, people of the risen King, who delight to bring Him praise.
Come, all, and tune your hearts to sing to the Morning Star of grace.
From the shifting shadows of the earth we will lift our eyes to Him,
Where steady arms of mercy reach to gather children in.

Refrain: Rejoice! Rejoice! Let every tongue rejoice!
One heart, one voice, O Church of Christ, rejoice!

Come, young and old from every land, men and women of the faith.
Come, those with full or empty hands; find the riches of His grace.
Over all the world His people sing; shore to shore we hear them call
The Truth that cries through every age: "Our God is all in all!" *Refrain*

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Scripture: *John 19:28-30 (ESV)*

²⁸ After this, Jesus, knowing that all was now finished, said (to fulfill the Scripture), "I thirst." ²⁹ A jar full of sour wine stood there, so they put a sponge full of the sour wine on a hyssop branch and held it to his mouth. ³⁰ When Jesus had received the sour wine, he said, "It is finished," and he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Message: *It Is Finished*

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Alleluia, alleluia! Hearts to heaven and voices raise.
Sing to God a hymn of gladness, sing to God a hymn of praise.
He who on the cross a victim for the world's salvation bled,
Jesus Christ, the King of glory, now is risen from the dead.

Alleluia, Christ is risen! Death at last has met defeat.
See the ancient powers of evil in confusion and retreat.
Once he died and once was buried; now he lives forevermore
Jesus Christ, the world's Redeemer, whom we worship and adore.

Alleluia, alleluia! Glory be to God on high;
Alleluia! to the Savior, who has won the victory;
Alleluia! to the Spirit, fount of love and sanctity:
Alleluia, alleluia! To the triune Majesty.

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God's Blessing

Crown Him with Many Crowns

Crown Him the Lord of life: who triumphed o'er the grave,
Who rose victorious to the strife for those He came to save;
His glories now we sing, who died and rose on high,
Who died eternal life to bring, and lives that death may die.

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