

Come Let Us Worship Together...

(please go through this all out loud and together)

SCRIPTURE READING FROM THE GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE

John 19:28-30 Knowing that all was now completed, and so that the Scripture would be fulfilled, Jesus said, "I am thirsty." A jar of wine vinegar was there, so they soaked a sponge in it, put the sponge on a stalk of the hyssop plant, and lifted it to Jesus' lips. When he had received the drink, Jesus said, "It is finished." With that, he bowed his head and gave up his spirit...

WORSHIP IN PRAYER

Dear Lord, thank you that, for as hard as Good Friday was, Sunday was still coming. As dark as that Friday afternoon was, the dawn still shone brightly on Resurrection Sunday. Help us to thank you and praise you this morning that you are still God yesterday, today, and tomorrow. And help us to live out the truth of your resurrection from the dead--that this life is not all that there is to life--every day.

In Jesus' name we pray, *Amen*.

WORSHIP IN SONG - *Low In The Grave He Lay (Christ Arose)...*

Low in the grave He lay, Jesus, my Saviour!
Waiting the coming day, Jesus, my Lord!

Chorus: 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 Saviour!
Vainly they seal the dead, Jesus, my Lord!

Chorus

Death cannot keep his prey, Jesus, my Saviour!
He tore the bars away, Jesus, my Lord!

Chorus

WORSHIP IN PRAYER

Bill shares the Pastoral Prayer this Sunday. Please pray along with him in spirit.

WORSHIP IN SONG - *Christ The Lord Is Risen Today...*

Christ the Lord is ris'n today, *Al-le-lu-ia!*
Sons of men and angels say: *Al-le-lu-ia!*
Raise your joys and triumphs high, *Al-le-lu-ia!*
Sing, ye heav'ns, and earth reply: *Al-le-lu-ia!*

Lives again our glorious King, *Al-le-lu-ia!*
Where, O death, is now thy sting? *Al-le-lu-ia!*
Dying once, he all doth save, *Al-le-lu-ia!*
Where thy vict-o-ry, O grave? *Al-le-lu-ia!*

Love's redeeming work is done, *Al-le-lu-ia!*
Fought the fight, the battle won, *Al-le-lu-ia!*
Death in vain forbids Him rise, *Al-le-lu-ia!*
Christ hath opened par-a-dise, *Al-le-lu-ia!*

Soar we now where Christ has led, *Al-le-lu-ia!*
Foll'wing our ex-alt-ed Head, *Al-le-lu-ia!*
Made like Him, like Him we rise, *Al-le-lu-ia!*
Ours the cross, the grave, the skies, *Al-le-lu-ia!*

WORSHIP IN SONG - *The Lord Is King...*

The Lord is King! Lift up, lift up thy voice--
Sing his praise, sing his praise!
All heav'n and earth before him now rejoice--
Sing his praise, sing his praise!
From world to world the joy shall ring,
For he alone is God and King;
From sky to sky his banners fling--
Sing his praise, sing his praise!

The Lord is King! Let all his worth declare--
Great is he, Great is he!
Bow to his will and trust his tender care--
Great is he, Great is he!
Nor murmur at his wise decrees,
Nor doubt his steadfast promises;
In humble faith fall on thy knees--
Great is he, Great is he!

The Lord is King! And bow to him ye must--
God is great, God is good!
The Judge of all to all is ever just--
God is great, God is good!
Holy and true are all his ways:
Let ev'ry creature shout his praise;
The Lord of Hosts, Ancient of Days--
God is great, God is good!

The Lord is King! Thru-out his vast domain--
He is all, all in all!
The Lord Jehovah evermore shall reign--
He is all, all in all!
Thru earth and heav'n one song shall ring,
From grateful hearts this anthem spring:
Arise, ye saints, salute they King--
All thy days, sing his praise!

INTERACTIVE DISCUSSION FOR AFTER THE SERVICE

1. Jesus died and was buried right before the Passover Sabbath, and burst forth from the tomb the day after--and Passover has begun this week for us as well. How is it significant to our current "shelter-in-place" context that Jews in exile prayed at their Seder that the *next* year, they might somehow be able to eat the meal in Jerusalem (i.e.; where they really *wanted* to be, but *couldn't* be)? Please be specific. How is it significant that even *Jesus* was looking forward to the next time that *He* would eat it as well--in Paradise? Was that a vain hope for Him (or for us), or was it rather a healthy perspective check about how to look at temporary crises? How so?
2. Why did the angels seem surprised that Christ's disciples would look for Him in the tomb, and why did Jesus chide the men on the road to Emmaus? Why did people struggle to believe what they *knew* when their circumstances *felt* so hard? How important is it for us to be solid in our faith today (i.e.; how good is a map that you only *sorta* follow or a bridge you only *sorta* trust)? Again, be specific.
3. Jesus really died, but He didn't rise as some ghostly apparition, but as a person in a real, living body. How does that give us hope today--and not a *vain* hope--in our own personal circumstances? Be specific. How can we *share* that hope with others? Please take some time to interactively pray with and for one another about all of that.

