

We ask that you follow along with the screens.

Hymn: 445 Verses 1-3 He's Risen, He's Risen

- 1 He's risen, he's risen, Christ Jesus, the Lord;
he opened death's prison, the incarnate Word.
Break forth, hosts of heaven, in jubilant song
and earth, sea, and mountain, the praises prolong.
- 2 The foe was triumphant when on Calvary
the Lord of creation was nailed to the tree.
In Satan's domain did the hosts shout and jeer,
for Jesus was slain, whom the evil ones fear.
- 3 But short was their triumph; the Savior arose,
and death, hell, and Satan he vanquished, his foes.
The conquering Lord lifts his banner on high;
he lives, yes, he lives, and will nevermore die.

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Easter Greeting

P: Hallelujah! Praise the Lord! Death has been swallowed up in victory!

C: Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting?

P: The sting of death is sin and the power of sin is the Law;

C: But thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ!

P: The Scriptures assure us that Jesus was delivered into death for our sins and raised to life for our salvation. Therefore, we rejoice in the forgiveness of sins God grants us for Jesus' sake. This forgiveness is made certain for us by his resurrection from the dead.

C: The Lord is risen indeed! This is the day the Lord has made. Let us rejoice and be glad in it! Hallelujah!

Hymn: 445 Verse 4 He's Risen, He's Risen

- 4 O, where is your sting, death? We fear you no more;
Christ rose, and now open is fair Eden's door.
For all our transgressions his blood does atone;
redeemed and forgiven, we now are his own.

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Easter Lesson: John 20:1–18

¹Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene went to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the entrance. ²So she came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved, and said, “They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we don’t know where they have put him!” ³So Peter and the other disciple started for the tomb. ⁴Both were running, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. ⁵He bent over and looked in at the strips of linen lying there but did not go in. ⁶Then Simon Peter came along behind him and went straight into the tomb. He saw the strips of linen lying there, ⁷as well as the cloth that had been wrapped around Jesus’ head. The cloth was still lying in its place, separate from the linen. ⁸Finally the other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, also went inside. He saw and believed. ⁹(They still did not understand from Scripture that Jesus had to rise from the dead.) ¹⁰Then the disciples went back to where they were staying. ¹¹Now Mary stood outside the tomb crying. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb ¹²and saw two angels in white, seated where Jesus’ body had been, one at the head and the other at the foot. ¹³They asked her, “Woman, why are you crying?” “They have taken my Lord away,” she said, “and I don’t know where they have put him.” ¹⁴At this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not realize that it was Jesus. ¹⁵He asked her, “Woman, why are you crying? Who is it you are looking for?” Thinking he was the gardener, she said, “Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have put him, and I will get him.” ¹⁶Jesus said to her, “Mary.” She turned toward him and cried out in Aramaic, “Rabboni!” (which means “Teacher”). ¹⁷Jesus said, “Do not hold on to me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father. Go instead to my brothers and tell them, ‘I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.’” ¹⁸Mary Magdalene went to the disciples with the news: “I have seen the Lord!” And she told them that he had said these things to her.

Hymn: 445 Verse 5 He’s Risen, He’s Risen

5 Then sing your hosannas and raise your glad voice;
proclaim the blest tidings that all may rejoice.
Laud, honor, and praise to the Lamb that was slain:
with Father and Spirit he ever shall reign.

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The Seven Crucial Words of Resurrection

There will be seven short devotions with each Word.

First Word: Luke 24:5

⁵In their fright the women bowed down with their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, “Why do you look for the living among the dead?”

Hymn: 455 Verses 1-2 Alleluia! Jesus Lives

- 1 Alleluia! Jesus lives!
He is now the Living One;
from the gloomy house of death
forth the conqueror has gone,
bright forerunner to the skies
of his people, yet to rise.
- 2 Jesus lives! Let all rejoice;
praise him, ransomed ones of earth.
Praise him in a nobler song,
cherubim of heav’nly birth.
Praise the Victor-King, whose sway
sin and death and hell obey.

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Second Word: John 20:15

¹⁵He asked her, “Woman, why are you crying? Who is it you are looking for?” Thinking he was the gardener, she said, “Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have put him, and I will get him.”

Hymn: 455 Verses 3-4 Alleluia! Jesus Lives

- 3 Jesus lives! Why do you weep?
Why that sad and frequent sigh?
He who died our brother here
lives our brother still on high,
lives forever to bestow
blessings on his Church below.
- 4 Jesus lives! And thus, my soul,
life is yours eternally;
joined to him, your living head,

where he is, you too shall be;
you with him at his right hand
victor over death shall stand.

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Third Word: Matthew 28:10

¹⁰*Then Jesus said to them, “Do not be afraid. Go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me.”*

Hymn: 443 Verses 1, 4 Awake, My Heart, with Gladness

1 Awake, my heart, with gladness—
see what today is done!
Now, after gloom and sadness,
comes forth the glorious sun.
My Savior there was laid
where our bed must be made
when to the realms of light
our spirit wings its flight.

4 Now I will cling forever
to Christ, my Savior dear.
My Lord will leave me never;
with him I need not fear.
He rends death’s iron chain;
he breaks through sin and pain.
He shatters hell’s dark thrall;
I follow him through all.

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Fourth Word: Mark 16:6

⁶*“Don’t be alarmed,” he said. “You are looking for Jesus the Nazarene, who was crucified. He has risen! He is not here. See the place where they laid him.*

Hymn: 462 Verses 4-5 Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain

4 For today among his own
Christ appeared, bestowing
blessèd peace, which evermore
passes human knowing.
Neither could the gates of death
nor the tomb’s dark portal

nor the watchers nor the seal
hold him as a mortal.

- 5 Alleluia! Now we cry
to our King immortal,
who, triumphant, burst the bars
of the tomb's dark portal.
Come, you faithful, raise the strain
of triumphant gladness!
God has brought his Israel
into joy from sadness!

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Fifth Word: Luke 24:25–26

²⁵He said to them, “How foolish you are, and how slow to believe all that the prophets have spoken! ²⁶Did not the Messiah have to suffer these things and then enter his glory?”

Hymn: 442 Christ the Lord Is Risen Today; Alleluia

- 1 Christ the Lord is ris'n today; Alleluia!
Christians, hasten on your way; Alleluia!
see the place where he was laid; Alleluia!
praise him for the ransom paid. Alleluia!
- 2 For the sheep the Lamb has bled, Alleluia!
sinless in the sinners' stead. Alleluia!
“Christ is ris'n,” today we cry; Alleluia!
now he lives, no more to die. Alleluia!
- 3 Christ, the victim undefiled, Alleluia!
God and sinners reconciled, Alleluia!
while, in strange and awe-full strife, Alleluia!
met together death and life. Alleluia!
- 4 Christ, who once for sinners bled, Alleluia!
now the firstborn from the dead, Alleluia!
throned in endless might and pow'r, Alleluia!
lives and reigns forevermore. Alleluia!

Text: tr. Jane E. Leeson, 1807–1882, alt.; Latin, 11th cent., attr. Wipo of Burgundy, d. c. 1050, abr.
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Sixth Word: Luke 24:39

³⁹Look at my hands and my feet. It is I myself! Touch me and see; a ghost does not have flesh and bones, as you see I have.”

Hymn: 511 Verses 1-2 Crown Him with Many Crowns

- 1 Crown him with many crowns,
the Lamb upon his throne;
hark how the heav'nly anthem drowns
all music but its own.
Awake, my soul, and sing
of him who died for thee,
and hail him as thy matchless King
thro' all eternity.
- 2 Crown him the Lord of love—
behold his hands and side,
rich wounds, yet visible above,
in beauty glorified.
No angel in the sky
can fully bear that sight,
but downward bends his wond'ring eye
at mysteries so bright.

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Seventh Word: John 20:18

¹⁸*Mary Magdalene went to the disciples with the news: "I have seen the Lord!" And she told them that he had said these things to her.*

Offering

Prayer

Blessing

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look on you with favor and I give you peace.

C: Amen.

Hymn: 511 Verses 3-4 Crown Him with Many Crowns

- 3 Crown him the Lord of life,
who triumphed o'er the grave
and rose victorious in 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.
4 Crown him the Lord of heav'n,
enthroned in worlds above;
crown him the King to whom is giv'n
the wondrous name of Love.
Crown him with many crowns
as thrones before him fall;
crown him, ye kings, with many crowns
for he is King of all.

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