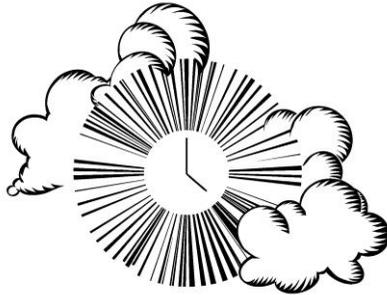


Worship at Home Bulletin

For times when you can't be with
the church for worship...
but still are the church



IT IS NOT FOR YOU TO KNOW
TIMES OR SEASONS
THAT THE
FATHER HAS FIXED
BY HIS
AUTHORITY.

ACTS 1:7, ESV

*Even when we must worship from home it is good for us to
gather together in this way, through God's Spirit.*

We're glad you're here!

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SUGGESTIONS FOR WORSHIP AT HOME

At one time, worship at home was more common. Either due to weather, or not having a church that spoke your language. Families would hold worship at home using a common prayer book and a book of Sermons by Martin Luther or pastors from their homeland.

Here are some things you can do to “set the scene” for worshiping at home:

- Create an altar. This used to be fairly common. A cross on a wall or on a simple table with a family Bible. Find a place to gather, perhaps around the kitchen table or a coffee table. Bring out a candle, cross, and Bible. These are symbols of our faith and unite us together in worship as the Body of Christ. - Decide who will take the role of “Leader.” When it comes to the songs, feel free to sing out loud or read the text together. - You are welcome to remain seated throughout the entire liturgy, but we do encourage you to stand, as you are able, for the reading of the Gospel. In our Lutheran tradition, we rise during the reading of the Gospel in order to meet Christ in the Word. - In place of communion, perhaps fill a bowl with water and place it on the table. Before you worship you may mark the sign of the cross on your forehead with the water to remember your baptism and that you are a beloved child of God. - Thank you for your faithful participation in worshiping and praising God. We hope this resource will be a blessing to you.

Holy Communion: We celebrate Holy Communion when we are gathered together. While we are saddened to not share the Body and Blood with you in person, the sacrament of Holy Communion is effective. Its blessing and mercy and power are yours and upon you even if we do not partake in the eating of the elements.

TODAY’S WORSHIP LEADERS

You. You are a leader in the church and you are called for such a time as this to read the Word of God, to sing with praise, and to preach the Good News of Jesus Christ’s life death and resurrection.

Call to Worship

L: Let us rejoice and worship God,

C: We have seen the risen Lord!

L: Who does great things for us.

C: We have seen the risen Lord!

L: Let us praise God's holy name,

C: We have seen the risen Lord!

Confessions and Forgiveness

P: We confess our sins before God and one another.

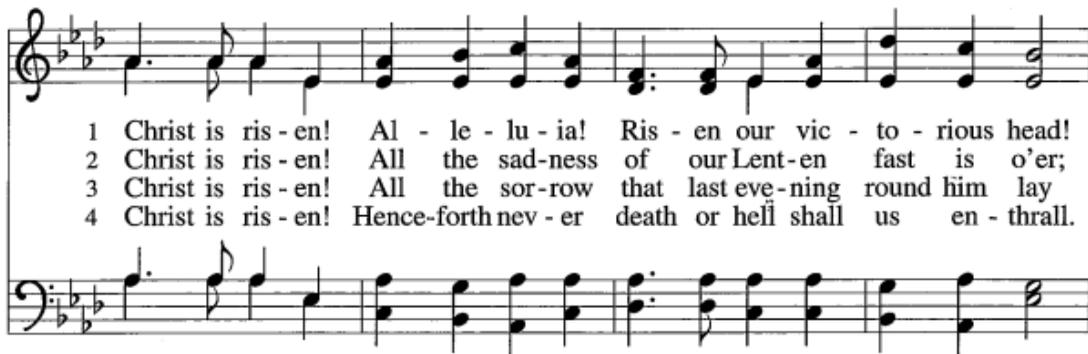
Pause for silence and reflection.

P: Risen Lord,

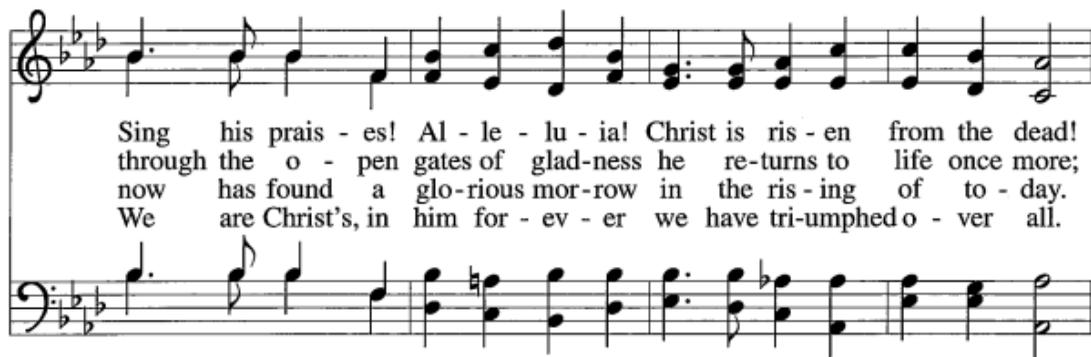
c: We see the miracle of your resurrection, yet so often live as though we are still lost in our sins. We rely on our own feeble will, we stay mired in the past, and we refuse that which is too uncomfortable or unfamiliar. Forgive us, and open our hearts again to your freedom. Amen.

P: Praise God—Christ is arisen! We have a new life, and the old has fallen away. Rejoice that we are truly forgiven, and go out and proclaim the grace that is free to all, in Jesus' name,

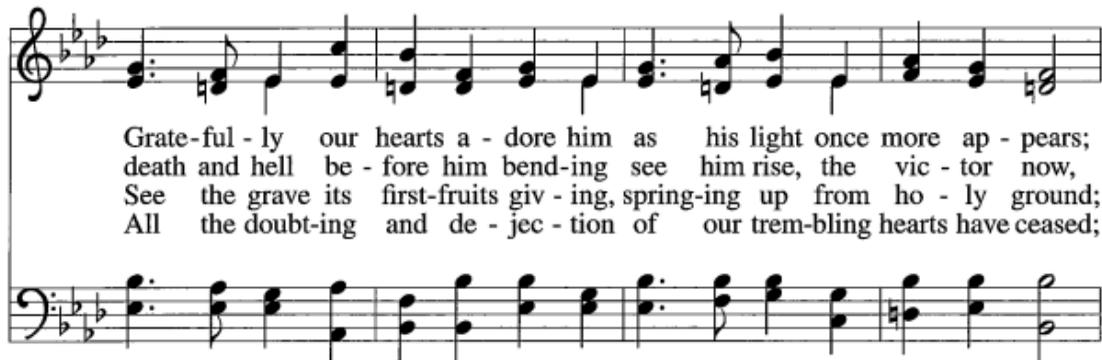
C: Amen.



1 Christ is ris - en! Al - le - lu - ia! Ris - en our vic - to - rious head!
 2 Christ is ris - en! All the sad - ness of our Lent - en fast is o'er;
 3 Christ is ris - en! All the sor - row that last eve - ning round him lay
 4 Christ is ris - en! Hence - forth nev - er death or hell shall us en - thrall.



Sing his prais - es! Al - le - lu - ia! Christ is ris - en from the dead!
 through the o - pen gates of glad - ness he re - turns to life once more;
 now has found a glo - rious mor - row in the ris - ing of to - day.
 We are Christ's, in him for - ev - er we have tri - umphed o - ver all.



Grate - ful - ly our hearts a - dore him as his light once more ap - pears;
 death and hell be - fore him bend - ing see him rise, the vic - tor now,
 See the grave its first - fruits giv - ing, spring - ing up from ho - ly ground;
 All the doubt - ing and de - jec - tion of our trem - bling hearts have ceased;

bow - ing down in joy be - fore him, ris - ing up from griefs and tears.
 an - gels on his steps at - tend - ing, glo - ry round his wound - ed brow.
 Christ was dead, but now is liv - ing; he was lost, but he is found.
 hail the day of res - ur - rec - tion! Let us rise and keep the feast.

Refrain

Christ is ris - en! Al - le - lu - ia! Ris - en our vic - to - rious head!

Sing his prais - es! Al - le - lu - ia! Christ is ris - en from the dead!

The Greeting

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **C: And also with you.**

Hymn of Praise



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb



who was slain, whose blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and



strength, and hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of



God, and join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or,

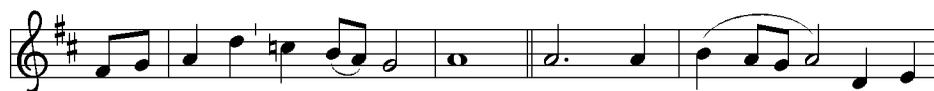


glo - ry, and might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

Refrain



This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God. Al - le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 4 For the Lamb who was



slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

Final refrain



This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

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Prayer of the Day

P: Loving Lord, You never left your disciples without the tools they needed to follow your way. So equip us that we might be found faithful witnesses to the joy of your resurrection life. In Jesus name, **C: Amen.**

Prayer of Illumination

L: Let us pray.

C: Almighty God, through your only Son you overcame death and opened to us the light of eternity. Enlighten our minds and kindle our hearts with the presence of your Spirit, that we may hear your words of comfort and challenge in the reading of the scriptures, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Acts 1:1-14

In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus did and taught from the beginning ² until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. ³ After his suffering he presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. ⁴ While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for the promise of the Father. "This," he said, "is what you have heard from me; ⁵ for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now."

⁶ So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" ⁷ He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. ⁸ But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." ⁹ When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. ¹⁰ While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. ¹¹ They said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven."

¹² Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day's journey away. ¹³ When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying, Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. ¹⁴ All these were constantly devoting themselves to

prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

Sermon

Rev. Lori Nickoloff

Hymn 661 Red hymnal *I Love to Tell the Story*

1 I love to tell the sto - ry of un - seen things a - bove,
2 I love to tell the sto - ry: how pleas - ant to re - peat
3 I love to tell the sto - ry, for those who know it best

of Je - sus and his glo - ry, of Je - sus and his love.
what seems, each time I tell it, more won - der - ful - ly sweet!
seem hun - ger - ing and thirst - ing to hear it like the rest.

I love to tell the sto - ry, be - cause I know it's true;
I love to tell the sto - ry, for some have nev - er heard
And when, in scenes of glo - ry, I sing the new, new song,

The image shows a musical score for the hymn "I Love to Tell the Story". It consists of three systems of music. Each system has a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature is three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat), and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are written below the vocal line. The first system contains three verses. The second system continues the lyrics. The third system concludes the lyrics. The piano accompaniment consists of chords and simple melodic lines.

it sat - is - fies my long - ings as noth - ing else would do.
the mes - sage of sal - va - tion from God's own ho - ly word.
I'll sing the old, old sto - ry that I have loved so long.

Refrain

I love to tell the sto - ry; 'twill be my theme in glo - ry

to tell the old, old sto - ry of Je - sus and his love.

The Nicene Creed

A: With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

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 of the Church

L: We pray for the church, the world, and all those in need.

A brief silence.

L: The first resurrection witnesses were inspired by what they experienced, even though they didn't fully understand the direction their ministry would take. Give us their zeal for spreading the message of your merciful kingdom. God of Life,

C: Hear our prayer.

L: As a cloud obscured Jesus when he was being taken back to heaven, so we often feel confused by a lack of clarity in how to approach the issues of our day. Give us your guidance when the way forward seems uncertain. God of Life,

C: Hear our prayer.

L: As our Orthodox sisters and brothers celebrate the feast of your resurrection this day, we too continue in our Easter hope and joy, knowing that the redemption you offer in Christ transcends all boundaries of time, culture and tradition. God of Life,

C: Hear our prayer.

L: In your presence there is healing, even for that which we didn't know was making us unwell. Remove all the barriers which stand between ourselves, you and others, and make us one again. Grant healing to those we know need it, (*especially...*). God of Life,

C: Hear our prayer.

L: We lift up the lives of Olaus and Laurentius Petri, Swedish reformers and faithful proclaimers of your gospel. Empower us to spread the good news wherever in the world we happen to be. God of Life,

C: Hear our prayer.

Here other petitions may be offered.

L: We thank you, O Lord, that you hear our prayers even before we speak them, or know what we want to say. Accept all these things for the sake of our risen Savior, Jesus Christ, amen.

C: Amen.

The Doxology

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heav'nly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.**

Thanksgiving for the Word

P: O God of justice and love we give thanks to you that you illumine our way through life with words of you Son. Give us the light we need, awaken us to the needs of others, and at the end bring all the world to your feast: through Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord, to whom with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory forever.

C: Amen

The Lord's Prayer

P: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

All: 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.

The Benediction

P: May the peace of the Lord Christ go with you wherever he may send you; may God guide you through this wilderness time that we're in and protect you through this storm; may God bring us back together rejoicing at the wonders that God has shown us at this time; may God help us to be rejoicing in this time until once again we are able to gather together face to face.

In the name of the Father, and the Son and the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

Hymn 393 Red Hymnal

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!

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Dismissal

A: The worship has ended. The service now begins. Christ is Risen. Alleluia!

C: Thanks be to God.

