



OPENING SENTENCES

With Mary, who glad tidings signaled hope
and summoned joy, we proclaim:

We have seen the Lord!

With the disciples, whom Jesus greeted with peace
and freed from fear, we declare:

We have seen the Lord!

Behold! The risen Lord is in our midst!

Let us worship God!

HYMN: THIS EASTER CELEBRATION

AURELIA 7.6.7.6 D ("The Church's One Foundation")

This Easter celebration is not like ones we've known.
We pray in isolation, we sing the hymns alone.
We're distant from our neighbors - from worship leaders, too.
No flowers grace the chancel to set a festive mood.

No gathered choirs are singing; no banners lead the way.
O God of love and promise, where's joy this Easter Day?
With sanctuaries empty, may homes become the place we ponder resurrection
and celebrate your grace.
Our joy won't come from worship that's in a crowded room but from the news of
women who saw the empty tomb.

Our joy comes from disciples who ran with haste to see - who heard that Christ is
risen, and then, by grace, believed.
In all the grief and suffering, may we remember well: Christ suffered
crucifixion and faced the powers of hell. Each Easter bears the promise: Christ
rose that glorious day!
Now nothing in creation can keep your love away.

We thank you that on Easter, your church is blessed to be a scattered, faithful body that's doing ministry.

In homes and in the places of help and healing, too, we live the Easter message by gladly serving you.

Tune: Samuel Sebastian Wesley, 1864 ("The Church's One Foundation")

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This new hymn is a prayer to be used in Easter 2020 worship services, while most churches are closed and people are remaining in their homes because of the pandemic. It can be used for online worship or in online written communications from a church to its members. Permission is given for free use.

CALL THE CONFESSION

The psalmist prayed: Open to me the gates of righteousness,
O Lord, that I may enter through them and give thanks to you.
We give thanks that God has answered us, and has become our salvation.
The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.
This is the Lord's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.
With gratitude for God's life-giving love, let us confess our sin.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Risen Lord,
You have breathed the Spirit upon us,
and sent us forth to testify
to what we have heard and seen.
We yearn for more-
more proof,
more courage,
more guidance,
more faith-
and forget that you have given us all we need:
the gift of the Holy Spirit.
Forgive us, we pray.
Free us from fear
and send us forth to proclaim:
"We have seen the Lord."**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Hear the word of the Lord: I am about to create new heavens and a new earth:
the former things shall not be remembered or come to mind.
Be glad and rejoice forever in what I am creating;
I will rejoice and delight in my people; no more shall the sound of weeping be heard.
Friends, hear and believe the good news of the gospel:
In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven. **Thanks be to God!**

GLORIA PATRI

SOLO: "Peace Medley" -Heather Miner Handbell Solo

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Living God, with joy we celebrate
the presence of your risen Word.
Enliven our hearts by your Holy Spirit
so that we may proclaim the good news
of eternal and abundant life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

READING: Psalm 46:10

HYMN: #233 "The Day of Resurrection" verses 1&3

The day of resurrection!
Earth, tell it out abroad;
the passover of gladness,
the passover of God.
From death to life eternal,
from earth unto the sky,
our Christ hath brought us over,
with hymns of victory.

Now let the heavens be joyful!
Let earth the song begin!
Let the round world keep triumph,
and all that is therein!
Let all things seen and unseen
their notes in gladness blend,
for Christ the Lord hath risen,
our joy that hath no end.

SERMON

HYMN #240 "Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks"

Alleluia, Alleluia, Give Thanks To The Risen Lord
Alleluia, Alleluia, Give Praise To His Name [2]

Jesus Is Lord Of All The Earth
He Is The King Of Creation

Alleluia, Alleluia, Give Thanks To The Risen Lord
Alleluia, Alleluia, Give Praise To His Name

Spread The Good News All The Earth
Jesus Has Died And Has Risen

Alleluia, Alleluia, Give Thanks To The Risen Lord
Alleluia, Alleluia, Give Praise To His Name

We Have Been Crucified With Christ
Now We Shall Live Forever

Alleluia, Alleluia, Give Thanks To The Risen Lord
Alleluia, Alleluia, Give Praise To His Name

God Has Proclaimed The Just Reward
Life For All Men, Alleluia!

Alleluia, Alleluia, Give Thanks To The Risen Lord
Alleluia, Alleluia, Give Praise To His Name

Come Let Us Praise The Living God
Joyfully Sing To Our Saviour

Alleluia, Alleluia, Give Thanks To The Risen Lord
Alleluia, Alleluia, Give Praise To His Name [2]

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERING PRAYER

OFFERTORY: “Come Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain” -Burkhardt

OFFERING

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

DOXOLOGY

HYMN #250 “In the Bulb There is a Flower”

In the bulb there is a flower;
in the seed, an apple tree;
in cocoons, a hidden promise:
butterflies will soon be free!
In the cold and snow of winter
there's a spring that waits to be,
unrevealed until its season,
something God alone can see.

There's a song in every silence,
seeking word and melody;
there's a dawn in every darkness,
bringing hope to you and me.
From the past will come the future;
what it holds, a mystery,
unrevealed until its season,
something God alone can see.

In our end is our beginning;
in our time, infinity;
in our doubt there is believing;
in our life, eternity.
In our death, a resurrection;
at the last, a victory,
unrevealed until its season,
something God alone can see.

Postlude **“Thine is the Glory”**