

# ***Easter 2021***

***It shall be said in that day,  
Lo, this is our God;  
we have waited for him, and he will save us:  
this is the Lord; we have waited for him,  
we will be glad and rejoice in his salvation.  
Isaiah 25 (KJV)***

***“Even the darkest night will end  
and the sun will rise.”  
— Victor Hugo,  
Les Misérables***



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### On YouTube this Week

<https://youtube.com/playlist?list=PLY5iZ1NS28HTiZRfityrqqmMD8rlcivF1>

Sunday Worship 1 - Easter Sunrise - 6:30 am

Sunday Worship 2 - Easter Prayers and Praise - 9:00 am

Sunday Worship 3 - Responding to the Easter Proclamation - 9:30 am

Lenten Reflection #7 - Wednesday Morning, 7am.

Holy Thursday - 7:00 pm

Good Friday - 8:00 am

All Previous Lent Videos remain available for viewing.



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## APRIL 4, 2021 - EASTER SUNDAY SUNRISE SERVICE - 6:30AM

### PRELUDE

*In the Garden* (John)  
Rick-Hymnal 314-rick-20Jun28.mp4

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### EASTER PROCLAMATION - MARK 16:1-8

#### AND

*Up from the Grave He Arose* (Mark)  
Dean McIntyre / GBoD - 322.mp3

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<sup>16</sup>*When the Sabbath was over,  
Mary of Magdala, Mary the mother of James, and Salome  
gathered some spices, so that they might  
go and anoint the body of Jesus.*

<sup>2</sup>*Very early on the first day of the week they set out for the tomb,  
the light of dawn just barely beginning to color the eastern sky.*

<sung>

**Low in the grave he lay,  
Jesus my Savior,  
waiting the coming day,  
Jesus my Lord!**

<sup>3</sup>On the way they began problem solving,  
"Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance of the tomb?"

<sup>4</sup>But then, approaching, they saw that  
the stone had already been rolled back;  
it was a very large one.

<sup>5</sup>And entering the tomb, they saw  
a young man sitting on their right, in a white robe,  
and they were alarmed;

but he said to them, <sup>6</sup>"Do not be fearful;  
you seek Jesus, from Nazareth, who was crucified;  
he has risen, he is not here!  
Look! This is the place where they had laid him.

<sung>

**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!**

<sup>7</sup>Now go, and announce this news  
to his disciples, including Peter '  
Jesus is going ahead of you, returning to Galilee;  
there you will see him, as he already told you."

<sung>

**Death cannot keep its prey,  
Jesus my Savior;  
he tore the bars away,  
Jesus my Lord!  
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!**

<sup>8</sup>They emerged from the tomb confused and shaken,  
and in fear they fled the tomb;  
they did not say a word to anyone,  
because of their fear.

Written by Hippolytus (AD 190-236),  
reposted <https://re-worship.blogspot.com/2016/03/easter-call-to-worship.html>.

*Christ is Risen: The world below lies desolate*

**Christ is Risen: The spirits of evil are fallen**

*Christ is Risen: The angels of God are rejoicing*

**Christ is Risen: The tombs of the dead are empty**

*Christ is Risen indeed from the dead,  
the first of the sleepers,*

**Glory and power are his forever and ever**

1 Christ is alive! Let Christians sing.  
His cross stands empty to the sky.  
Let streets and homes with praises ring.  
His love in death shall never die.

2 Christ is alive! No longer bound  
to distant years in Palestine,  
he comes to claim the here and now  
and dwell in every place and time.

3 Not throned afar, remotely high,  
untouched, unmoved by human pains,  
but daily, in the midst of life,  
our Savior in the Godhead reigns.

4 In every insult, rift, and war,  
where color, scorn, or wealth divide,  
he suffers still, yet loves the more,  
and lives, though ever crucified.

5 Christ is alive, and comes to bring  
good news to this and every age,  
till earth and all creation ring  
with joy, with justice, love, and praise.

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## CALL TO CONFESSION

*RG*

*Friends, the good news of the risen Christ  
is that the death-tending realities of our world have been overcome.  
Because Christ is risen, we are no longer enslaved  
to hatred, greed, anxiety and fear.  
Indeed, we are freed to live in Christ and for one another.  
Let us confess our sin  
in order that we might live in and through the risen Christ.*

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

RG

O God, in raising Christ from dead,  
you have set us free  
from self-absorption, doubt and fear.  
Yet we continue to live as those who are  
enslaved to enmity towards others and ourselves.  
We have been called to love you with all of who we are  
and to love our neighbors as ourselves,  
but we are turned in upon ourselves and refuse to love.  
Empower us with the new life of the risen Christ  
so that we might be free  
to love you, others and ourselves as we ought.  
Amen.

## <SILENT PRAYERS>

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

RG

*Our baptism assures us that, in the risen Christ,  
enmities based in race, gender and class  
have been washed away.  
As Paul tell us, for those who are clothed in Christ,  
"there is no longer Jew or Greek,  
there is no longer slave or free,  
there is no longer male or female."  
Old divisions have been crucified in Christ  
so that we who are raised with Christ  
might live in mutuality and peace.*

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*adapted from RG*

*We offer our prayers through the risen Christ,  
and in the strength of the Spirit giving life even to us.  
In the risen Christ, we pray for the church.*

**May we be Easter people  
living in the power of the Spirit  
that raised Jesus from the dead.  
May we be salt and light for our world  
— encouraging the downtrodden,  
standing with the marginal,  
resisting oppression in all of its forms.**

*In the risen Christ, we pray for the earth.*

**Let us be healers of your good creation  
— utilizing sustaining practices  
that mend the earth and its creatures.**

*In the risen Christ, we pray for all nations.*

**Let us be agents of your love  
for the peoples of the earth  
— especially for nations torn by war and blood  
and crippled by the coronavirus.**

*In the risen Christ, we pray for our communities.*

**May we extend care and compassion  
to those who are grieving and fearful  
because of mass shootings.  
May we be especially attentive to those who are fearful  
because of the racialized violence in our communities.  
Help us to know that when some are crucified,  
all are crucified,  
and empower us for justice-seeking  
in our schools, neighborhoods, cities and regions.**

*In the risen Christ, we pray for loved ones.*

**May we be agents of hope for those who are fragile  
in our families, churches and community,  
and help us to comfort the afflicted.**

*We pray all these things in the name of Jesus Christ,  
who gave us these words to pray ...*

#### **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

***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,  
for ever and ever. Amen***

**SENDING**

(Psalm 118)

RG

*Christ is Risen! Alleluia!*

**Alleluia! Christ is Risen Indeed!**

*This is the Lord's doing;  
it is marvelous in our eyes.*

**This is the day that the LORD has made;  
let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

**HYMN**

***Come, Let Us with Our Lord Arise***

**2084**

courtesy Clyde McLennan, and Small Church Music dot com  
MP3-OnChristmasNight-SussexC-SPiano-128-CAM.mp3

**INTERLUDE**

***Crown Him with Many Crowns***

**327**

Rick-Hymnal 327-lyrics 4v.mp4

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**Cathy's Weekly Note...**

*Blessings to all of you this Easter Sunday. We wish you much joy and peace as we know "He Lives." This beautiful hymn, "Because He Lives," gives us that peace with these inspirational words, "Because He lives, I can face tomorrow, because he lives, all fear is gone." Enjoy this YouTube with amazing pictures and the lyrics. Love and Blessings to all this Easter,*

*Cathy and Clark*

**ORDER OF WORSHIP      EASTER SUNDAY**  
**9:00 AM- PRAYER AND PRAISE**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

*(Psalm 118)*

*RG*

*Christ is Risen! Alleluia!*

**Alleluia! Christ is Risen Indeed!**

*Give thanks to the Lord for his goodness,  
Let the family, the household of God, now say:*

**The kindness of the Lord endures forever.  
The Lord is my strength and my song,  
and he is become my salvation.**

*The stone which the builders despised  
has become the head-stone of the corner.  
This has been accomplished by our God;*

**It is marvelous in our eyes.  
This day is the Lord 's own creation:  
We will rejoice and be glad in it.**

**HYMN**

***To God Be the Glory***  
Rick-Hymnal 098 -3v.mp4

**98**

**EASTER PROCLAMATION**

**- JOHN 20:1-18**

**HYMN**

***Christ the Lord Is Risen Today***  
Dean McIntyre / GBoD - 302.mp3

**302**

**CALL TO CONFESSION**

*FotW*

*Jesus' rising from the dead assures us that  
we, too, have been given new life.*

*Let us repent of our sin before God and one another, certain of God's mercy.*

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

*FotW*

**All-knowing, all-powerful God,  
we confess that, even on this most holy day,  
we struggle to believe in the victory over death  
shown to us in the resurrection  
of Jesus Christ, our Lord.**

**We confess our utter dependence on you  
not only for life but also for faith, hope, and love.  
Without your astonishing appearance to our ancestors  
and your stunning presence throughout the ages,  
we would be lost.**

**Forgive us and transform us,  
that in every way our work and prayer  
will make whole what is broken  
and give peace on earth. Amen.**

<SILENT PRAYERS>

EPISTLE LESSON

ACTS 10:34–43

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

*Ps. 118:14-17*

*FotW(alt)*

*By the grace of God and the witness of our ancestors,  
the good news of Jesus' resurrection  
is our rock and our salvation.*

*You shall not die but live.*

*The rejected cornerstone has become  
your strength and your song.*

*As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ,  
I declare to you the forgiveness of all your sins,*

**In the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,  
one God, living and reigning now and forever.**

HYMN

*You Alone Are Holy*

**2077**

(“Solo Tu Eres Santo”)

Dean McIntyre / GBoD - 2077.mp3

CRYING IS WELCOME HERE

*A prayer inspired by John 20:1-18*

*by Ashley Johnson, Easter Liturgical Resources from Africana Writers, edited by Safiya Fosua, 2020.*

Mary cried.

She wept.

She had the courage to cry.

So, we can cry like Mary.

Even on this Easter Sunday, we can cry like Mary.

Crying is welcome here.

In fact, we must cry.

We must cry when we're hurting.

We must cry with the missing.

We must cry with the dead.

We must cry with those who suffer.

We must cry with the marginalized,  
the silenced, and the forgotten.

We must cry with those who lack bread.

We must cry.

Crying is welcome here.

If we don't cry, if we don't cry out,

If we try too hard to be strong for too long,

If we don't release the pain,

We will hurt only ourselves.

We must cry.

How else will we be able to see

our need for the Resurrected Savior in our midst?

Crying is welcome here.

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

*FotW (alt)*

*Let us pray for the church, the world, and all in need,  
With joy, we pray for all Christian assemblies  
united this morning at the empty tomb.*

**Help us see you, O God,  
in those we do not expect to encounter  
and remove all fear from our hearts.**

*With gratitude, we give thanks to God  
for our newly baptized sisters and brothers in every land.*

**Guide them and keep them,  
open their eyes again and again to your blessings.**

*With humility, we pray for this planet, our home.*

**Heal what we have scarred and broken;  
renew the face of Earth  
from north to south, from east to west, so that  
your creation may speak to us of your goodness.**

*With hope and love, we pray for the nations of the world,  
especially those places overwhelmed by war and conflict*

**By the light of the resurrection,  
destroy the shroud that is cast over  
all who live under dictatorship,  
in the clutches of propagandists,  
and in ignorance.**

**Bless peacemakers who work to bring justice  
to their country, city, village, and household.**

*With compassion, wipe away the tears of all who weep.*

**Give us the spiritual tools we need  
to feed the hungry, to clothe the naked,  
and to comfort those who are in any trouble.**

**Send your angels to watch over the vulnerable and sick.**

*With fondness, we remember those who saw our risen Lord  
and witnessed to his resurrection so that we might have faith.*

**May their words and deeds inspire us  
to sing our “Alleluia!” again and again.**

*Hear now the prayers of this assembly  
spoken aloud or in silence. . . .*

*[A time of silence is kept.]*

*Passing from darkness to light,  
from bondage to freedom, from death to life,  
we commend to you, gracious and ever-living God, all for whom we pray.*

**God in your mercy, hear our prayer. Amen.**

**ORDER OF WORSHIP      EASTER SUNDAY  
9:30 AM- RESPONDING TO THE WORD**

**INTERLUDE**

***The Strife Is O'er, the Battle Done***

Dean McIntyre / GBoD - 306.mp3

**306**

**WELCOME**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

*(Psalm 118)*

*RG*

*Christ is Risen! Alleluia!*

**Alleluia! Christ is Risen Indeed!**

*This has been accomplished by our God;*

**It is marvelous in our eyes.**

**This day is the Lord's own creation:**

**We will rejoice and be glad in it.**

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

*FotW*

**Holy One, you come to us  
with power beyond all knowing.**

**You lift all things out of the dust,  
you breathe love into every cell,  
you call us into communion with you,  
and you claim victory over death.**

**Blessed be your holy name now and forever. Amen.**

**HYMN**

***Easter People, Raise Your Voices***

Rick-Hymnal 304-no lyrics.mp4

**304**

**PRAYER**

*RG*

**Just as God breathed life into dry bones,  
The Spirit will give the life of the risen Word to us today.  
Help us to hear the good news of Easter  
as we read the words of Scripture. Amen.**

**LESSON FROM THE PROPHETS**

**ISAIAH 25:6–9**

**EPISTLE LESSON**

**1 CORINTHIANS 15:1–11**

**PRAYER**

*FotW*

**Open our eyes and soften our hearts, O God,  
through the work of your Holy Spirit,  
that in the hearing of your Word  
we may receive new life. Amen.**

## SERMON

### AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *(From A Brief Statement of Faith)*

**In life and in death we belong to God.**

**Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,**

**the love of God,**

**and the communion of the Holy Spirit,**

**we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel,**

**whom alone we worship and serve.**

**With believers in every time and place,**

**we rejoice that nothing in life or in death**

**can separate us from the love of God**

**in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen**

### INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

*FotW*

*With compassion for our needs,*

*the Risen One stands beside us, calling our names.*

*Let us, with that same mercy, bring forth tithes and offerings*

*to relieve the suffering of this world*

*and to proclaim far and wide the good news of resurrection life.*

### PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*(John 20:1-18)*

*GBoD (alt)*

**Mighty God of Resurrection power:**

**We so desperately need the “Alleluia!” morning!**

**We have lived with death for so long;**

**we have been trapped in our tombs so long,**

**we could not be more anxious to hear**

**the report from Mary, “I have seen the Lord!”**

**We know in our hearts that you have been with us**

**through all the past year has handed us,**

**and we have seen you in the generosity of heart**

**that has brought us through these days.**

**You shower us with gifts so abundant,**

**we cannot measure them all.**

**Accept the gifts we bring to you, each day,**

**and bless them for the sake of those in need,**

**As we are giving back to you on any day,**

**may we do so as those convinced that**

**light will always wash away darkness,**

**and life will always defeat death!**

**In the name of our risen Savior, we pray. Amen.**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### HYMN

*The Day of Resurrection*  
Dean McIntyre / GBoD - 303.mp3

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### CHARGE

*(Romans 8)*

*FotW and RG  
Christ is risen!*

### Christ is risen indeed!

*The same Spirit that raised Jesus from the dead  
is giving life to your mortal bodies.  
So fear not — for nothing in life or death can separate us  
from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.  
Go from here renewed and strong,  
knowing that the Lord is alive, almighty, and present.  
Look for the blessings that await you this week.  
Weep with those who weep.  
Rejoice with those who celebrate.  
Tell the story of hope.*

### BLESSING

*FotW*

*May the power of God's endless love  
surround you and guide you,  
this day and always.*

**Amen.**

### POSTLUDE

*Come, Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain*  
courtesy Clyde McLennan, and Small Church Music dot com  
MP3-ComeYeFaithful-StKevin-SPiano-128-CAM.mp3

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*Easter Sunday*

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**LECTIONARY FOR EASTER DAY**

Acts 10:34–43

or Isaiah 25:6–9

Psalms 118:1–2, 14–24

or Mark 16:1–8

1 Corinthians 15:1–11

or Acts 10:34–43

John 20:1–18

**QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION**

Paul's claim about Christ Jesus in 1 Corinthians 15 is a creed: Christ died, was buried, was raised, and appeared to many disciples and finally to Paul, who writes, "by the grace of God I am what I am" (v. 10). If you were to say those words of yourself, what would it mean that everything about you—all you are and have done—is "by the grace of God"? Where is God's grace evident in your life today?

**MORNING PRAYER:**

Heavenly God, our Father,

I am full of thanks for a night of rest

and for this new day and all that now awaits me.

I go forward toward encounters with family and friends,  
work and play,

and all that will bring me into contact with strangers,  
certain that you are with me.

Lead and guide me in the way of a resurrected life.

Help me to see the risen Lord today; in Jesus' name. Amen.

**EVENING PRAYER:**

Holy God, our Mother,

you are my comfort at the end as at the beginning of each day.

You pull me toward the goodness you desire for me.

I give you thanks for all that has come my way this day,

and I ask your enveloping power to watch over me this night.

Give rest to all your people.

# **The Ecumenical Prayer Cycle**

**04 - 10 April 2021**

**The Balkans - Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Kosovo,  
Montenegro, North Macedonia, Serbia, Slovenia**

*More may be found here: <https://www.oikoumene.org/resources/prayer-cycle>*

## **Give thanks for:**

- ✓ *the rich legacies that this area has long embodied*
- ✓ *those who kept both the people and their faith alive during years of repression*
- ✓ *those pursuing peace and reconciliation between the different ethnic and religious groups*
- ✓ *the resurgence of the ecumenical witness of churches in recent years.*

## **Pray for:**

- ✓ *a continual healing of historic memories and pains that have been mutually inflicted*
- ✓ *those who continue to experience marginalization and injustice, especially the Roma*
- ✓ *religion to be a means of healing rather than of further separation and exploitation*
- ✓ *the nurturing and sustaining of pluralistic societies in the Balkans.*

## **Prayers**     *Prayer before the proclamation of God's word*

*(Rev. Mihail Cekov)*

Lord God, enlighten us through your word  
so that we can discover the needs of the people around us.  
You are God, the Almighty, and we thank you that like a Father you protect us  
and through your divine mercy and love you create living space for us  
and for every single person.  
We ask you especially to show mercy to our nation.  
Enlighten us through your divine Spirit  
and create in the hearts of the people interest in your word.  
And in this time of crisis and challenges give wisdom from above  
so that we stay true to your word  
so that we can respond to the different needs -  
in both the spiritual and physical aspects.  
God, watch over us, because of the mercy and love of  
your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

### ***Litany of unity***

*(Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 1986, Slovenia)*

Let us ask God for the gift of unity:  
God, our Father, who has created all things,  
we are your children.  
It is your will that we live together in peace  
and stand by one another as sisters and brothers.  
Your will be done.

Jesus Christ, Son of God,  
you have prayed for the unity of all who are baptized in your name,  
who believe in you and confess your name.  
Is it your will, that the Church, your body, be one.  
Your will be done.

Holy Spirit of God,  
you have filled the Apostles with the fire of courage  
to proclaim the Good News.  
It is your will that we proclaim with one voice the great deeds of God  
and the Good News of Jesus Christ.  
Your will be done.