**Worship Plan for Easter Sunday, April 1, 2018**

**GREETING**

Alleluia! Christ is Risen

**He is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

**GATHERING SONG**

Jesus Christ is Risen Today ELW 365

**CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,

the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**And also with you.**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God,

The fountain of living water,

The rock who gave us birth,

Our light and our salvation.

**Amen.**

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Let us come into the light,

The revealing and healing light of God.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

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God of grace and glory,

**you have brought us**

**through the night of sin**

**into the light of Jesus’ resurrection.**

**Yet our lives are still shadowed by sin.**

**Make us alive in Christ, O God.**

**Make us new as you make**

**all things new.**

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**Rescue us from evil**

**and the gloom of sin,**

**renew us in grace, and restore us**

**to living in your holiness,**

**through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord.**

**Amen.**

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Rejoice with all creation around God’s throne!

The light of the risen Christ

puts to flight all evil deeds, washes away sin,

restores innocence to the fallen,

casts out hate, brings peace,

and humbles earthly pride.

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Jesus Christ loves you and + frees you from your sins by his blood.

To him be glory and dominion forever and ever!

**Amen.**

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

O God, you gave your only Son

to suffer death on the cross

for our redemption,

and by his glorious resurrection

you delivered us from the power of death.

Make us die every day to sin,

that we may live with him forever

in the joy of the resurrection,

through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord,

who lives and reigns with you

and the Holy Spirit, one God,

now and forever.

**Amen.**

**CHILDREN’S CHOIR**

THE Lord God Almighty Reigns

*(The first reading is read by the lay assistant)*

**THE FIRST READING**:  1 Corinthians 1:18-31

A reading from First Corinthians.

18For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. 19For it is written,

“I will destroy the wisdom of the wise,

and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.”

20Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? 21For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. 22For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, 23but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, 24but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. 25For God’s foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God’s weakness is stronger than human strength.

26Consider your own call, brothers and sisters:[g](https://biblia.com/books/nrsv/1Co1.19) not many of you were wise by human standards,[h](https://biblia.com/books/nrsv/1Co1.19) not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. 27But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; 28God chose what is low and despised in the world, things that are not, to reduce to nothing things that are, 29so that no one[i](https://biblia.com/books/nrsv/1Co1.19) might boast in the presence of God. 30He is the source of your life in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification and redemption, 31in order that, as it is written, “Let the one who boasts, boast in[j](https://biblia.com/books/nrsv/1Co1.21) the Lord.”

*The reading may be concluded:*

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand to welcome the Gospel.*

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:**

Alleluia.

Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of eternal life.

Alleluia. Alleluia.

*(The gospel is read by the pastor)*

**GOSPEL: Mark 16:1-8**

*The gospel is announced.*

The holy gospel according to Mark.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

When the sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. 2And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. 3They had been saying to one another, “Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?” 4When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. 5As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man, dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. 6But he said to them, “Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him. 7But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you.” 8So they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.[a](https://biblia.com/books/nrsv/Mk16.1)

*The gospel concludes:*

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**CHILDREN’S MESSAGE**

**SERMON**

(assembly is seated)

**HYMN OF THE DAY (ELW 449), Vs. 1, 2, 4**

**NICENE CREED**

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 INTERCESSION**

On this day of rejoicing, we pray for the life of the church, the world, and all people in any need.

You give life to your church by joining the baptized to the body of Christ. Bless the newly baptized as we proclaim the one whose death and resurrection makes us one in you. Lord, in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

You give life to the creation by renewing the earth in every season. Curb our exploitation of natural resources, and cause us to preserve the health of plant and animal habitats. Lord, in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

You give life to the world by laying a cornerstone among the nations. Rebuild the powers and principalities around us in ways that protect the vulnerable and raise up the lowly. Lord, in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

You give life to those in need by the anointi9ng of your Holy Spirit. Comfort those who suffer, encourage those who care for the sick, bind up the brokenhearted, and wipe away the tears of all who mourn. We pray especially for….

Lord, in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

You give life to this community of faith by infusing us with love for one another. Inspire us to reach out to our neighbors in meaningful ways and bring the joys of community to a wider family of people. Lord, in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

You give life to your saints by setting a banquet table of rich food. Feed us with the bread of life, and bring us with all your saints to the feast that has no end. Lord, in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

Into your hands, O God, we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray, trusting in Jesus Christ, the spring of new and everlasting life.

**Amen.**

**PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS & OFFERING**

**OFFERTORY** Praise and Thanksgiving by Adult Choir

**THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE**

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread and gave thanks,   
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying;

“Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying;

“This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

**Amen.**

**LORD’S PRAYER**

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

**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.**

**INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

The table of life is spread before you.

Feast on the goodness and mercy of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

**COMMUNION**

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Life-giving God,   
In the mystery of Christ’s death and resurrection

You send light to conquer darkness, Water to give new life,

And the bread of heaven to nourish your people.

Send us forth as witnesses to Jesus’ resurrection

That we may show your glory to all the world;

Through the same Jesus Christ, our risen Lord.

**Amen**

**Blessing**

May God who has brought us from death to life

Fill you with great joy.

Almighty God, Father, + Son , and Holy Spirit,

Bless you now and forever.  
**Amen.**

**Sending Song**  *Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds* (ELW 367)

Vs. 1, 2, 4

*(The dismissal is given by the lay assistant)***DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Serve the Risen Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia!**

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