



ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING
SPECIAL OFFERINGS
HUNGER • DISASTER • DEVELOPMENT

2022 Worship Resource

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Resurrection of the Lord (Easter Day) Readings:

- **First Reading** Acts 10:34–43 or Isaiah 65:17–25
- **Psalm** 118:1–2, 14–24
- **Second Reading** 1 Corinthians 15:19–26 or Acts 10:34–43
- **Gospel** John 20:1–18

Easter Evening Readings:

- **First Reading** Isaiah 25:6–9
- **Psalm** 114:1–8
- **Second Reading** 1 Corinthians 5:6b–8
- **Gospel** Luke 24:13–49

Hymns from Glory to God: The Presbyterian Hymnal (WJK, 2013)

In the Darkness of the Morning (229)
Jesus Christ Is Risen Today (232)
Thine Is the Glory (238)
Because You Live, O Christ (249)

Call to Worship (from Psalm 118)

O give thanks to the Lord, for God is good.
God's steadfast love endures forever!
We come singing glad songs of victory,
for God's love prevails.
**We come with joy in this day
and hope for all days to come.**
For the Lord is valiant;
let us exalt God's goodness.
Let us come worship God,
for Jesus Christ is risen.
Christ is risen, indeed — alleluia!

Call to Confession

Just as the early risers gathered in darkness
at the tomb where Jesus had been buried,
we trust that we are never alone.
Though we may not recognize it,
the Lord hears the longings of our hearts,
calling us to acknowledge our shortcomings.
In faith and in hope,
let us confess our sin together.

Prayer of Confession

Holy and magnificent God,
we confess that our eyes are too often shut.
We are a people immersed in darkness,
understandably focused on suffering and destruction,
while ignoring how we contribute to these things.
Though you dwell among all people in all conditions,
we confess that we look for you
in comfortable, familiar situations,
neglecting the needs of seemingly far-off neighbors
and strangers at the gate.
We seek to be a new creation in singular, solitary ways,
forgetting how you call all people together,
especially those left out, forgotten and pushed to the margins.

Forgive us, O God.
Help us to see the miracles of your creation all around us.
Grant that we may live fully as people of resurrection
and that our hope will draw us to unexpected places.
Help us to answer your call upon our lives,
to be voices for transformation,
and to use our hands to serve your will.
Grant that we may work to build community
and repair that which is broken.
Help us to amend our own lives
and fully embrace your promise of life everlasting,
Let us walk with one another and lift up one another,
and so be transformed by you. **Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon and Passing of the Peace

Risen from the dead,
Jesus Christ reigns in righteousness, justice and peace,
setting us free from sin and death forever.

By the gift of God's grace,
we are empowered by the Holy Spirit

and called to follow in the way of Christ,
trusting that he forgives us
and calls us to work for the healing and reconciling
of the whole world.

Believe the good news: **In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.**

Call to Offering

God's abundant grace brings us hope,
this and every day.
With gratitude for all of God's gifts,
we are called to share what we have received
with our neighbors near and far.
This morning's One Great Hour of Sharing offering
will help to repair the breach,
bridge the gap and build longer tables,
that all God's people in every place
may receive nourishment, shelter and care.

Prayer of Dedication

We give thanks, O God,
for these gifts we lift up to you.
We pray that these resources will help to alleviate suffering,
offer compassionate care,
and feed those who live with food insecurity.
Grant that all of our gifts —
our time, our talent and our treasure —
may serve to strengthen and restore your creation in all places.
Grant that all we say and do
with all of our gifts — and with our very lives —
may be a form of prayer,
responding to your grace with gratitude. **Amen.**

Invitation to the Lord's Table

This is the table of Jesus Christ,
the same Jesus who broke bread with all people
and sought to feed the hungry.

This is the table of Jesus Christ,
the same Jesus who cared for suffering people
and who embraced those with heavy hearts.

This is the table of Jesus Christ,
the same Jesus who joyfully gathered people from all places
to a dwelling place of reconciliation and restoration.

This is the table of Jesus Christ,
the same Jesus who welcomed all,
and walked with all, and shared with all.

So come, whoever you are,
wherever you are and however you are —
this table is set for you.

Come, taste and see that the Lord is good.
Let God's unending, unconditional love
nourish and transform you as a new creation.

Prayer after Communion

Gracious God, we give you thanks
for your fulfilling and transforming gift of grace.
Just as we have been nourished at this table,
we pray that the world may be nourished by your Holy Spirit,
and that we may be strengthened to participate in your work,
as you call us to care for all the world. **Amen.**

Charge

Now let us go forth from this place
and out into the world,
strengthened by what we have witnessed here this day
and empowered by what has been done for us in Jesus Christ.
Let us go to love God,
serve all people,
and help restore all of creation. **Alleluia! Amen.**