

In Home Worship

Sunday, April 11, 2021-Saturday, April 17, 2021
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50 days of Eastertide—*celebrating Christ's resurrection*

Call to Worship

Come, walk in the light.

We walk together as disciples of light and love.

Come, gather in the love of God.

We gather together as disciples of light and love.

Come, live in the unity of God's Holy Spirit.

We live together as disciples of light and love. Amen.

Opening Prayer

Light of the World, shine upon us with Your Holy Spirit.

Gather in our midst, that we might know You are truly here.

Guide us in unity and love, that we might be a blessing
of city and love for the world. **Amen.**

Meditative Thought

How beautiful an expression of our Christ
when we live together in unity and love.

Old Testament—Psalm 133

How good and pleasant it is
when God's people live together in unity!
It is like precious oil poured on the head,
 running down on the beard,
 running down on Aaron's beard,
 down on the collar of his robe.
It is as if the dew of Hermon
 were falling on Mount Zion.
For there the Lord bestows his blessing,
 even life forevermore.

Prayer Concerns & Praises

Take a moment to consider your own joys and concerns,
those of your loved ones, those of our church
and those of our community...

Imagine our church family—those who worship in the pews, those worshipping from their homes, those worshipping from a hospital room or care facility, those worshipping from very far away and those serving so that we can worship. Everyone of these people are called as disciples in this time and moment to be brother and sister to you. Everyone, even the new visitor or guest—is a part of our fellowship. Everyone here has a gift to give. Everyone here has a need to be met. Imagine them all and their diverse lives and journeys. What might you give? What might you ask for? With whom might you share a bit of light and love? Let us reflect and pray, as we remember one another and as we recognize that we are disciples together with God, one fellowship of love in Christ Jesus. **Amen.**

Hymn

Crown Him with Many Crowns

Crown him with many crowns,
the Lamb upon his throne.
Hark! how the heavenly anthem drowns
all music but its own.
Awake, my soul, and sing
of him who died for thee,
and hail him as thy matchless king
through all eternity.

Crown him the Lord of life,
who triumphed o'er the grave,
and rose victorious in the strife
for those he came to save;
his glories now we sing
who died and rose on high,
who died eternal life to bring,
and lives that death may die.

Crown him the Lord of love;
behold his hands and side,
rich wounds, yet visible above,
in beauty glorified;
no angels in the sky
can fully bear that sight,
but downward bends their burning eye
at mysteries so bright.

Crown him the Lord of years,
the potentate of time,
creator of the rolling spheres,
ineffably sublime.
All hail, Redeemer, hail!
for thou hast died for me;
thy praise shall never, never fail
throughout eternity.

Mathew 28:16-20

Then the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had told them to go. When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

Words of Assurance

God is faithful in love and grace,
making our confession welcome
and cleansing for our soul.

Rejoice! We are children of light.

Even when we falter,

God's love is strong enough to bring us back
to the light of forgiveness and grace.

Amen.

**We continue to proclaim and celebrate
throughout Eastertide:**

Christ is risen! Alleluia!

The tomb is empty. Alleluia!

Go with joy each day to meet the risen Christ! Alleluia!

Amen.

Reflection Questions (Matthew 28:16-20)

1. Of “all the news that’s fit to print,” what section of the paper do you read first? Why?
2. Which do you believe more: (a) What you hear? (b) What you see? (c) What you can touch? (d) What you feel inside?
3. Why did the disciples return to Galilee and what was the significance of Galilee?
4. Upon seeing the resurrected Jesus initially, how do the displaced respond? Explain these responses.
5. What is the central command Jesus gives His disciples? How are they to carry this out?
6. What difference does the resurrection of Christ make in your everyday life?
7. Who are people who have “shared Christ’s love” with you and who are sharing Christ’s love with you, who have taught you and are teaching you to obey Christ’s commands?
8. We receive the Gospel to pass the Gospel to others. What makes it difficult to pass the Gospel to others? What makes it very possible to pass the Gospel on to others?
9. When you hear the words, “Great Commission”—what do you think of and why? What would help you to grow in your courage and commitment to engaging in Christ’s call upon you to be a part of the Great Commission?
10. Along with a call and a commissioning—Jesus gave the disciples a promise. How does this promise help us to fulfill our mission still to this day? Explain.