



# Resurrection Sunday Worship

April 12, 2020

## Opening Scripture Reading & Prayer of Thanksgiving

Read or have someone in your home read 1 Cor. 15:3-4, 16-22 and then have a time of prayer focusing on the Resurrection of the Lord Jesus and what it means for us as His people.

## Riverwood Family Greeting

The Walters Family

## Elder Greeting & Pastoral Prayer

Daniel Scarbrough

## Songs of Praise

Dave & Jolie Herndon, Mollie Gardner, Mark Reed

*"Resurrection Hymn"*

*"Christ the Lord is Risen Today"*

*"Christ Arose!"*

## The Teaching of the Word

Thomas Gardner

## Responsive Reading

Credo – Part II – "Life in His Name"

## Song of Response

*"King of Kings"*

## Benediction

Read or have someone in your home read aloud Jude 24-25

# CREDO

- "I Believe" -

The Christian Faith in a Faithless World

Part 11

"Life in His Name"

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## Responsive Reading

He is Risen

**He is Risen Indeed!**

Blessed is he that comes in the name of the LORD:

**we have blessed you from the house of the LORD.**

He is brought as a lamb to the slaughter,

**As a sheep before her shearers is dumb, so he opened not his mouth.**

All of us like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way;

**and the LORD hath laid on him the iniquity of us all.**

But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities:

the chastisement that brought us peace was upon him;

**And by his stripes we are healed.**

He is Risen

**He is Risen Indeed!**

Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures;

**And he was buried, and he rose again the third day according to the scriptures:**

This Jesus, God has raised up, having loosed the pains of death:

**because it was not possible for him to be held by it.**

The stone which the builders rejected has become the cornerstone.

**This is the LORD'S doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.**

This is the day which the LORD hath made;

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

He is Risen

**He is Risen Indeed!**

THE APOSTLE'S CREED  
I BELIEVE IN GOD THE FATHER ALMIGHTY  
MAKER OF HEAVEN AND EARTH;  
AND IN JESUS CHRIST  
HIS ONLY SON OUR LORD,  
WHO WAS CONCEIVED BY THE HOLY SPIRIT,  
BORN OF THE VIRGIN MARY,  
SUFFERED UNDER PONTIUS PILATE,  
WAS CRUCIFIED, DIED & WAS BURIED,  
HE DESCENDED TO THE DEAD,  
ON THE THIRD DAY HE ROSE AGAIN  
FROM THE DEAD  
HE ASCENDED INTO HEAVEN,  
AND IS SEATED AT THE RIGHT HAND OF GOD THE  
FATHER ALMIGHTY;  
FROM THERE HE SHALL COME TO JUDGE  
THE LIVING AND THE DEAD.  
I BELIEVE IN THE HOLY SPIRIT;  
THE HOLY CATHOLIC CHURCH;  
THE COMMUNION OF SAINTS;  
THE FORGIVENESS OF SINS;  
THE RESURRECTION OF THE BODY,  
AND THE LIFE EVERLASTING.  
AMEN.

## The Work of the Son

### **His Resurrection**

"The Resurrection of Christ is the great support and foundation of our faith...Take away that pillar, and no part of the faith remains secure; all of our hopes of salvation are entirely overthrown." - Herman Witsius, *Sacred Dissertations on the Apostle's Creed* (17th C.)

- We believe that Jesus Christ *rose again* on the third day following His crucifixion, death, & burial.

### Jesus' Resurrection— John 20:1-31

#### **Important Observations:**

1. The account places emphasis on the specific \_\_\_\_\_ of Jesus' resurrection (John 19:42, 20:1)
2. The account focuses on the various followers of Jesus and their \_\_\_\_\_ of the reality of His resurrection.

Mary Magdalene (20:1-2; 11-18)

Peter & John (20:3-10)

The Other Disciples [apart from Thomas] (20:19-23)

Thomas (20:21-29)

"Thomas' faith is not deprecated: rather, it is as if the step of faith Thomas has taken, displayed in his unrestrained confession, triggers in Jesus' mind the next step, the coming-to-faith of those who cannot see but who will believe—and so he pronounces as blessing on them. Within the context of the Fourth Gospel as a whole, however, 'but for the fact that Thomas and the other apostles saw the incarnate Christ, there would be no Christian faith at all'...The witness theme in the book has not been lost to view; later believers come to faith through the word of the earlier believers (17:20). Blessed, then, are those who cannot share Thomas' experience of sight, but who, in part because they read of Thomas' experience, come to share Thomas' faith."

3. The account concludes with a statement of the \_\_\_\_\_ for John's recording of these events in his gospel.

John 20:31— *but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.*

\* John wants us to "see" the things that are true about Jesus and \_\_\_\_\_!

(1) Jesus is \_\_\_\_\_!

(2) Jesus is the \_\_\_\_\_ of God!

\* John wants us to experience new \_\_\_\_\_ in Jesus!

**Key Point:** In order to live as Jesus' witnesses in our own day, we must first \_\_\_\_\_ the testimony of those who have gone before us, believing as they did, that Jesus was who He claimed to be and that He accomplished the work given to Him by the Father.

## Concluding Thoughts

1. The Resurrection of Jesus assures us of His \_\_\_\_\_.

Rom. 1:3-4— <sup>3</sup> concerning his Son, who was descended from David according to the flesh <sup>4</sup> and was declared to be the Son of God in power according to the Spirit of holiness by his resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord

2. The resurrection of Jesus assures us that our sins have been \_\_\_\_\_.

1 Cor. 15:17— *And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins.*

Rom. 4:25— *who was delivered up for our trespasses and raised for our justification.*

3. The resurrection of Jesus assures us that we can \_\_\_\_\_ have the experience of new life in Him.

Rom. 6:4— *We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life.*

4. The resurrection of Jesus assures us that \_\_\_\_\_ has been conquered and that we can anticipate our own future resurrection.

Rev. 1:17-18—<sup>17</sup> When I saw him, I fell at his feet as though dead. But he laid his right hand on me, saying, "Fear not, I am the first and the last, <sup>18</sup> and the living one. I died, and behold I am alive forevermore, and I have the keys of Death and Hades.

1 Cor. 15:54-56—<sup>54</sup> When the perishable puts on the imperishable, and the mortal puts on immortality, then shall come to pass the saying that is written: "Death is swallowed up in victory." <sup>55</sup> "O death, where is your victory? O death, where is your sting?" <sup>56</sup> The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. <sup>57</sup> But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

"By nature, we are all on the way from birth to death. But, by grace we are traveling in the opposite direction. The Christian life is a mystery that moves from death to birth. At the beginning, we are baptized into Christ's death; and at the end, we are born into the life of the resurrection. We are born as though dying; we die as those who are being born." — Ben Myers, *The Apostle's Creed*