

**Home Worship Liturgy**  
**Easter Sunday**  
**April 12, 2020**

We invite you to combine individual or family worship in your home with a video available on the Calvin Church website at about 10:00 a.m. on Sunday, April 12.

<https://www.calvincrc.org/recent-services/>

Italicized parts of the liturgy are included in the video, so you can choose to participate along with the video or on your own.

*Easter Greeting:*

*Christ is risen!*

***He is risen indeed!***

*Easter Reading: Luke 24:1-9*

*Easter Hymn: "Christ the Lord is Risen Today"*

*(see the end of this document for music)*

1. Christ the Lord is risen today! Alleluia!  
All creation, join to say: Alleluia!  
Raise your joys and triumphs high; Alleluia!  
Sing, O heavens, and earth reply: Alleluia!
  
2. Love's redeeming work is done, Alleluia!  
Fought the fight, the battle won; Alleluia!  
Death in vain forbids him rise; Alleluia!  
Christ has opened paradise. Alleluia!
  
3. Lives again our glorious King; Alleluia!  
Where, O death, is now your sting? Alleluia!  
Once he died, our souls to save; Alleluia!  
Where your victory, O grave? Alleluia!
  
4. Soar we now where Christ has led, Alleluia!  
Following our exalted Head; Alleluia!  
Made like him, like him we rise; Alleluia!  
Ours the cross, the grave, the skies. Alleluia!
  
5. Hail the Lord of earth and heaven! Alleluia!  
Praise to you by both be given; Alleluia!  
Risen Christ, triumphant now; Alleluia!  
Every knee to you shall bow. Alleluia!

If those gathered choose to sing more songs together, here are a few options:

- Sing familiar hymns accompanied by a piano or another instrument, if available.
- Sing familiar hymns a cappella.
- Consult hymnary.org for hymn lyrics (and some music sheets) to distribute, if necessary.

Before the video prayer, you may wish to speak or journal your own prayers, and then join your prayers to others as you start the video again.

*Prayer of Thanksgiving and Intercession, concluding with the Lord's Prayer:*

***Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name.  
Your kingdom come. Your will be done on earth, as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.  
Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
For yours is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen***

*Prayer for Illumination:*

*God of life,  
your Spirit raised Jesus from the dead.  
Your Spirit inspired the prophets and writers of Scripture.  
Your Spirit draws us to Christ  
and helps us to acknowledge him as Lord.  
We ask that you will send your Spirit now  
to give us deeper insight, encouragement, faith, and hope  
through the proclamation of the Easter gospel. Amen.*

*Scripture Reading – The Scripture passage scheduled to be preached this week Sunday, April 12:  
John 20:1-18.*

*The Word of the Lord.*

***Thanks be to God!***

Scripture Reflection – Some options here:

- Worshipers can watch the video sermon from Pastor Brad. Find the video on Facebook and the church website on Sunday morning at 10:00 a.m.
- Worshipers can read the week's Scripture text ahead of time and each come with thoughts or reflections.
- Worshipers can practice lectio divina with the week's Scripture reading (see the guide on lectio divina at the end of this document), or another Scripture text.

*Benediction:*

*May the grace of the risen Lord Jesus Christ,  
the love of God,  
and the fellowship and communion of the Holy Spirit  
be with you now and always. Amen.*

*Choral Closing: "Hallelujah," from Messiah, George Frideric Handel  
Calvin Church Festival Choir, Easter 2019*

Postlude: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=E3Ps740VYro>

## Guide for *Lectio Divina*

### **What is *lectio divina*?**

In *lectio divina*, our intent in hearing Scripture is *not* primarily to gain information but to be transformed by an encounter with the God who loves us. This quote from Dietrich Bonhoeffer helps explain the practice:

*The Word of Scripture should never stop sounding in your ears and working in you all day long, just like the words of someone you love. And just as you do not analyze the words of someone you love, but accept them as they are said to you, accept the Word of Scripture and ponder it in your heart, as Mary did. That is all...Do not ask "How shall I pass this on?" but "What does it say to me?" Then ponder this word long in your heart until it has gone right into you and taken possession of you. - Dietrich Bonhoeffer*

### **Scripture Text suggestions:**

Isaiah 43: 1-7

Lamentations 3: 21-26

Psalms 34

Psalms 121

Psalms 139: 1-18

Matthew 19: 13-15

John 10: 7-10

Ephesians 3: 14-21

1 John 4: 7-21

### **Practice of *lectio divina*:**

Read the Scripture text out loud four times, preferably with a different voice reading each time. Allow for a 3-5 minute silence between each reading. Use the following to guide your reading and hearing:

- 1) 1st Reading: **READ.** What word or phrase strikes you? Sit with it trusting God has led you to it.
- 2) 2nd Reading: **REFLECT.** How is your life touched by the word the Lord has given you?
- 3) 3rd Reading: **RESPOND.** What is your response to the promise in this passage? Allow this response to flow freely in this time of silence.
- 4) 4th Reading: **REST.** Simply rest with God now and enjoy God's presence knowing it is God who will enable you to respond to whatever you have heard.

Finally, resolve to carry this word with you and to live it out in your daily life.

## Christ the Lord Is Risen Today

C F C F C/G G7 C  
 1 Christ the Lord is risen to - day! Al - le - lu - ia!  
 2 Love's re - deem - ing work is done, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 3 Lives a - gain our glo - rious King; Al - le - lu - ia!

F Dm7 G C F C/G G7 C  
 All cre - a - tion, join to say: Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Fought the fight, the bat - tle won; Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Where, O death, is now your sting? Al - le - lu - ia!

G C G Am G/D D7 G  
 Raise your joys and tri - umphs high; Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Death in vain for - bids him rise; Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Once he died, our souls to save; Al - le - lu - ia!

C F C F C/G G7 C  
 Sing, O heavens, and earth, re - ply: Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Christ has o - pened par - a - dise. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Where your vic - to - ry, O grave? Al - le - lu - ia!

Chord symbols represent a simplified harmony.

Words: Charles Wesley, 1739, alt., P.D.

Music (EASTER HYMN 7.7.7.7 with alleluias): *Lyra Davidica*, 1708, P.D.

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Following our exalted Head; Alleluia!  
Made like him, like him we rise; Alleluia!  
Ours the cross, the grave, the skies. Alleluia!
- 5 Hail the Lord of earth and heaven! Alleluia!  
Praise to you by both be given; Alleluia!  
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