

Oceanside Community Church | Easter Morning Prayer | Resurrection Sunday, April 12, 2020

*Instructions: This Easter Morning Prayer is designed to be read as a family or individual, ideally at first light in your backyard, on a hill, or on a walk. If you are praying as a group, **bold** font indicates everyone praying together, the *sign indicates a change of reader, and regular font indicates a chosen leader praying. If you are praying as an individual, gently pause at each font change to let the words resonate with you.*

OPENING PRAYER

Christ is risen!

He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

SCRIPTURE: John 20:1-18

CHRIST AS A LIGHT PRAYER

Christ behind us in all of our yesterdays.

Christ with us in our today.

Christ before us in all of our tomorrows,

Alpha and Omega, Christ, Lord of all!

**By the wounds and the blood of the Lamb,
May God guard and keep us. Amen.**

SONG: *Christ the Lord Is Risen Today*

1. Christ the Lord is ris'n today, Alleluia!
All of us and angels say, Alleluia!
Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia!
Sing, ye heav'ns, and earth reply, Alleluia!
2. Love's redeeming work is done, Alleluia!
Fought the fight, the vict'ry won, Alleluia!
Jesus' agony is o'er, Alleluia!
Darkness veils the earth no more, Alleluia!
3. Lives again our glorious King, Alleluia
Where, O death, is now thy sting? Alleluia!
Once he died our souls to save, Alleluia!
Where thy victory, O grave? Alleluia!
Text: Charles Wesley, 1707-1788

EASTER VIGIL PRAYER

*Praise be to the blood of the Lamb
In His forgiving power.

*Praise be to the blood of the Lamb
In His cleansing power.

*Praise be to the blood of the Lamb
In His releasing power.

*Praise be to the blood of the Lamb
In His victorious power.

**By the wounds and the blood of Lamb,
May God guard and keep us. Amen.**

EXULTANT PRAYER

*Christ is risen!

He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

*Leap and spin, you powers of heaven.
Burst into explosive songs of joy,

All you companies of angels.

Let the throne of God be surrounded

With the praises of all that has life.

*The earth glories in her Maker.

New mountain and valley grow in splendour;

The sea on the shore whispers the praises of Jesus.

*Rivers stream through thirsty soil,

Bringing news of gladness—

The Redeemer is risen. His glory fills the earth.

The trees thunder their praises,

And loudly clap their hands.

*Sound a trumpet through all the earth.

Our Morning Star is alive!

Risen in splendour, He is among us;

The darkness is driven back.

We, His people, join in the dance of all creation.

We praise the blood of the Lamb

That has bought our freedom

And reversed the curse of disobedience

And wilfulness.

Jesus is the true Lamb that was slain,

Whose blood is on the door of our hearts,

Whose blood is the protection of the homes

Of all believers.

SONG: *Were You There?*

Were you there when He rose up from the dead?

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Sometimes I feel like shouting 'Glory, glory, glory!'

Were you there when He rose up from the dead?

Written in 1889, attributed to "Old Plantation Hymns"

A PERUVIAN GLORIA

Glory to God, glory to God, glory to the Father,

To him be glory forever. Alleluia, amen.

Glory to God, glory to God, glory to the Son,

To him be glory forever. Alleluia, amen.

Glory to God, glory to God, glory to the Spirit,

To him be glory forever. Alleluia, amen.

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SCRIPTURAL BENEDICTION: Hebrews 13:20-21

