

# EASTER SUNDAY

April 12, 2020

## WHERE YOU THERE WHEN JESUS ROSE?

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Welcome and God's Greeting

Lighting of the Christ Candle

### **Song: *Christ the Lord is Risen Today***

Opening Scriptures

But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. He is not here; He has risen, just as He said! Come, see the place where He lay. (Matthew 28:5-6)

Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. (1 Peter 1:3)

One day "God will wipe every tear from our eyes. There will be no more death' or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things will have passed away.'" (Revelation 21:4)

Opening Prayer

On this Easter Sunday that is different than anything we have experienced before, we give you thanks, great God, for the hope we have in Jesus, who died but is risen and rules over all. We praise you for the Holy Spirit's presence with us which makes us one family, even as we worship separately. Even though the kingdom is not fully here yet, because Jesus lives, we claim victory over sin, death and hell, knowing that nothing past, present, or yet to come can separate us from your great love made known in Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

### **Song: *Low in the Grave***

Heidelberg Catechism LD 1

Q. What is your only comfort in life and in death?

**A. That I am not my own, but belong—body and soul, in life and in death—to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ.**

**He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood, and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil. He also watches over me in such a way that not a hair can fall from my head without the will of my Father in heaven; in fact, all things must work together for my salvation. Because I belong to him, Christ, by his Holy Spirit, assures me of eternal life and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him.**

**Song: See What a Morning (or In Christ Alone?)**

Children's Time

"Hold me Jesus"

Congregational Prayer

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture: Mark 16:1-8

Sermon: Were You There When Jesus Rose From the Dead?

- Why is the ending of verse 8 odd?
  - How is it a challenge to us?
  
- Celebration is one of the spiritual \_\_\_\_\_.
  - Why is that significant? And/or hard?
  
  - What about this world tempts you to despair?
  
- "We \_\_\_\_\_ hoped that he was the one."
  - What kinds of emotions would they have been experiencing?
  
- What kinds of new life do we see that can help us to trust God's faithfulness?
  - What things do you see or can you create to remind you that life comes after death?
  
- "Go tell his \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_?"
  - This shows us that no matter \_\_\_\_\_, I will not \_\_\_\_\_.
  
- How will you receive, celebrate, and share this hope?

**Song: Praise the King**

Closing words and offering

Parting Blessing