

Worship in the time of COVID-19

An order of worship for April 19, 2020

2nd Sunday in the Season of Easter

Welcome by Pastor Kristen

Call to Worship: Psalm 16

1Protect me, O God, for I take refuge in you;

I have said to the Lord, "You are my Lord, my good above all other."

2All my delight is in the godly that are in the land,
upon those who are noble among the people.

3But those who run after other gods
shall have their troubles multiplied.

4I will not pour out drink offerings to such gods,
never take their names upon my lips.

5O Lord, you are my portion and my cup;
it is you who uphold my lot.

6My boundaries enclose a pleasant land;
indeed, I have a rich inheritance.

7I will bless the Lord who gives me counsel;
my heart teaches me night after night.

8I have set the Lord always before me;
because God is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken.

9My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit rejoices;
my body also shall rest in hope.

10For you will not abandon me to the grave,
nor let your holy one see the pit.

11You will show me the path of life;

in your presence there is fullness of joy, and in your right hand are pleasures
forevermore.

Psalm Song: Show Me the Path of Life (Psalm 16)

Chorus: Show me the path of life, and I will walk with you

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1. Look on ahead, the way of fullness, my heart is glad to be in your holy presence

Chorus

2. You are my God, my soul rejoices, we move in awe to be in your holy presence

Chorus

Show us the path of life, and we will walk with you

Prayer of the Day

Almighty and eternal God, the strength of those who believe and the hope of those who doubt, may we, who have not seen, have faith in you and receive the fullness of Christ's blessing, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Children's Sermon

Gospel: John 20:19-31

19 When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." 20 After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. 21 Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." 22 When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. 23 If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

24 But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. 25 So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

26 A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be

with you.” 27 Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.” 28 Thomas answered him, “My Lord and my God!” 29 Jesus said to him, “Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.”

30 Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. 31 But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

Sermon

Hymn: Alleluia! Jesus is Risen!

1 Alleluia! Jesus is risen!
Trumpets resounding in glorious light!
Splendor, the Lamb, heaven forever!
Oh, what a miracle God has in sight!

Refrain

Jesus is risen and we shall arise.
Give God the glory! Alleluia!

2 Walking the way, Christ in the center
telling the story to open our eyes;
breaking our bread, giving us glory:
Jesus our blessing, our constant surprise. *Refrain*

3 Jesus the vine, we are the branches;
life in the Spirit the fruit of the tree;
heaven to earth, Christ to the people,
gift of the future now flowing to me. *Refrain*

4 Weeping, be gone; sorrow, be silent:

death put asunder, and Easter is bright.
Cherubim sing: O grave, be open!
Clothe us in wonder, adorn us in light. *Refrain*

5 City of God, Easter forever,
golden Jerusalem, Jesus the Lamb,
river of life, saints and archangels,
sing with creation to God the I AM! *Refrain*

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Sharing of the Peace

The peace of the Lord be with you always. Let us share Christ's peace with one another.

Prayers of Intercession

Uplifted by the promised hope of healing and resurrection, we join the people of God in all times and places in praying for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

A brief silence.

Open our minds, O God, so that we do not fear those who worship you in different ways. Guide us to unity and harmony so that we may come to respect and cherish our commonalities. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Open our ears, Lord, that we might listen to the groaning of the earth. Inspire all to care for the world you have made so that living things might thrive. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Open safe places, O God, to those who live without a homeland or place of safety. We pray that generous nations offer refuge and peace for all. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Open our eyes, Lord, to the wisdom that you give. Show us your way of love, support, encouragement, and hope in the midst of this anxiety-filled time. Grant wisdom especially to all who make public policies, that they might make decisions that increase the safety and health of all people. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Open our hearts, Lord, to the cries of those in pain. We pray for those isolated physically or emotionally through incarceration, addiction, mental illness, chronic suffering, grief, and all in need, especially those afflicted by COVID-19. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Open our hands, O God, in the pursuit of peace throughout the world, and bless the efforts of missionaries, healthcare professionals, research scientists, activists for women and children, and relief workers, especially those who find themselves in harm's way. We pray especially for all who serve as essential workers in this time, from gas station attendants to emergency room workers. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Open the way to eternal life, O God, as we remember those who have died in faith. Free us from the fear of death, that we embrace the peace you have promised. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

With bold confidence in your love, almighty God, we place all for whom we pray into your eternal care; through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven,

hallowed be thy name,

thy kingdom come,

thy will be done,

on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread;

and forgive us our trespasses,

as we forgive those

who trespass against us;

and lead us not into temptation,

but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom,

and the power, and the glory,

forever and ever. Amen.

Special Music: *Praise to the Lord*, arranged by F. Melius Christiansen, performed by the Wartburg Choir

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

1 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!

O my soul, praise him, for he is your health and salvation!

**Let all who hear now to his temple draw near,
joining in glad adoration!**

**2 Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things is wondrously reigning
and, as on wings of an eagle, uplifting, sustaining.**

**Have you not seen all that is needful has been
sent by his gracious ordaining?**

**3 Praise to the Lord, who will prosper your work and defend you;
surely his goodness and mercy shall daily attend you.**

**Ponder anew what the Almighty can do
if with his love he befriend you.**

4 Praise to the Lord! Oh, let all that is in me adore him!

All that has life and breath, come now with praises before him!

Let the amen sound from his people again.

Gladly forever adore him!

Blessing

May the One who brought forth Jesus from the dead
raise you to new life, fill you with hope,
and turn your mourning into dancing.

Almighty God, Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit,
bless you now and forever.

Amen.

Go in peace and serve the Lord. Thanks be to God!

And have fun doing it! We will! Amen!

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