

Wesley at Frederica

Home Church

Easter Sunday, April 12

Thank you for taking the time to participate in worship this week! Please use this guide along with the videos found on our website (wesleyssi.org). If you are able, we encourage you to share this experience with your family. However, please follow all CDC guidelines for number of people in a group, and if anyone is sick or displaying symptoms of Covid-19 they should refrain from joining the group. We hope and pray to worship together soon!

This week you will find 1 video! We have tried to create the same Wesley Easter experience as much as we can. In a world that is full of change right now, we hope that this Easter worship will provide you with an assuring sense of normality.

The church is empty today... but so is the tomb! He is risen! He is risen indeed!

Also included in this document you will find a lyric guide for worshipping with music, as well as the order of worship, complete with responsive readings and liturgy. Please be sure to print enough copies for all who worship with you.

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Order of Worship

Easter Sunday

PRELUDE

Rigaudon

Andre Campra

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Maryellen Aiken

ANNOUNCEMENT OF EASTER

Here the good news: Christ is Risen! **But we watched Him die.**

Sing the good news: Christ is alive! **But we saw Him buried in the tomb.**

Share the good news: Death has lost its sting! **We will sing with the angels and laugh with the saints of God.**

HYMN NO. 302

Christ the Lord is Risen Today

EASTER HYMN

OPENING PRAYER

Let us pray. **Living God, rejoicing in this day of resurrection, we have come to celebrate the strength of your love – a love that triumphs even over death. As we exult in the miracle of your incarnate love, we thank you for the opportunity to encounter the Rise Christ here in our midst. Amen.**

SERVICE OF THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Let us pray. **Open our ears to your Word – proclaimed here and everywhere. Open our hearts to know your Love – offered freely from your own heart. Open our eyes to see your Presence – blessing us this very moment. Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Isaiah 43:1-3a

EPISTLE LESSON

I Corinthians 15:20-26

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

From I Corinthians 15 & Colossians 1

This is the good news which we have received, in which we stand, and by which we are saved:

Christ died for our sins, was buried, was raised on the third day, and appeared first to the women, then to Peter and the Twelve, and then to many faithful witnesses. We believe Jesus is the Christ, the Anointed One of God, the firstborn of all creation, the firstborn from the dead, in whom all things hold together, in whom the fullness of God was pleased to dwell by the power of the Spirit. Christ is the head of the body, the church, and by the blood of the cross reconciles all things to God. Amen.

SONG OF PRAISE

In Christ Alone

Stuart Townsend

MORNING PRAYER & THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed by 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. Amen.

GOSPEL LESSON

John 20:1-18

SERMON

“He is Risen!”

Rev. Dr. Jerry A Roe, Jr.

RESPONSE TO THE WORD AND SENDING FORTH

SONG OF PRAISE

Jesus Paid It All

Nifong/Hall/Grape

BENEDICTION

Hear the good news, the grave is empty. **Christ is risen!**

The Light shines in the darkness and the darkness can never put it out. **Christ is risen!**

Once we were not a people, now we are the people of God. **Christ is risen!**

Christ is our peace, an indestructible peace. **Christ is risen indeed!**

POSTLUDE

“Hallelujah Chorus” from Messiah

George Frideric Handel

We worship with our tithes and offerings through online giving at Wesleyssi.org

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What does Easter mean to you? Discuss your favorite Easter celebration. What made it your favorite?
2. Examine all of the resurrection stories that are mentioned in all four Gospels. Notice the level of detail in all of them. Why do you think there is so much detail? How are the accounts similar? In what ways are they different?
3. What is the significance of the two angels inside the tomb?
4. There are three "gardens" of importance that are mentioned in the Bible. Describe each one and the significance of each garden.
5. Put yourself in the shoes of Mary of Magdala as she approaches the tomb and her encounter with Jesus. How do you think she felt? What did she see? How did she interact with the two disciples?
6. Finally, how has Easter given you hope?

Home Church Lyric Guide

Christ the Lord is Risen Today

Christ the Lord is risen today, Alleluia! Earth and heaven in chorus say, Alleluia!
Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia! Sing, ye heavens, and earth reply, Alleluia!

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!

Lives again our glorious King, Alleluia! Where, O death, is now thy sting? Alleluia!
Once he died our souls to save, Alleluia! Where's thy victory, boasting grave? Alleluia!

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!

In Christ Alone

In Christ alone my hope is found, He is my light, my strength, my song.
This Cornerstone, this solid Ground, Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace; When fears are stilled, when strivings cease
My Comforter, my All in All; Here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone - who took on flesh, Fullness of God in helpless babe.
This gift of love and righteousness, Scorned by the ones He came to save.
Till on that cross as Jesus died, The wrath of God was satisfied
For every sin on Him was laid; Here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground His body lay, Light of the world by darkness slain:
Then bursting forth in glorious day; Up from the grave He rose again
And as He stands in victory; Sin's curse has lost its grip on me,
For I am His and He is mine; Bought with the precious blood of Christ

No guilt in life, no fear in death, This is the power of Christ in me
From life's first cry to final breath, Jesus commands my destiny
No power of hell, no scheme of man, Can ever pluck me from His hand
Till He returns or calls me home; Here in the power of Christ I'll stand.

Jesus Paid It all

1. I hear the savior say, "Thy strength indeed is small
Child of weakness, watch and pray; Find in me thine all in all."

Jesus paid it all; All to Him I owe

Sin had left a crimson stain; He washed it white as snow

2. Lord, now indeed I find Thy power and thine alone
Can change the leper's spots and melt the heart of stone

3. And when before the throne I stand in Him complete
Jesus died my soul to save; My lips shall still repeat

BR: O Praise the One who paid my debt; and raised this life up from the dead!