



Loving Witnessing Growing

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Easter 4

THE GATHERING

Priest: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

All: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Priest: We come from scattered lives to meet with God.
Let us recognise his presence with us.

Silence is kept

Priest: As God's people we have gathered:

All: let us worship him together.

WELCOME AND INSTRUCTIONS

SUNG WORSHIP: COME AND STAND BEFORE YOUR MAKER

**Come and stand before your maker
full of wonder, full of fear.**

**Come behold His power and glory
yet with confidence draw near.**

**For the one who holds the heavens
and commands the stars above
is the God who bends to bless us
with an unrelenting love.**

*Rejoice, come and lift your hands
and raise your voice,*

He is worthy of our praise

Rejoice, sing of mercies of your King

And with trembling, rejoice.

**We are children of the promise,
the beloved of the Lord,
won with everlasting kindness,
bought with sacrificial blood.**

**Bringing reconciliation
to a world that longs to know
the affections of a Father
who will never let them go.**

Rejoice...

**All our sickness, all our sorrows
Jesus carried up the hill.
He has walked this path before us,
He is walking with us still.**

**Turning tragedy to triumph,
turning agony to praise,
there is blessing in the battle
so take heart and stand amazed.**

**Rejoice, when you cry to Him
He hears your voice,
He will wipe away your tears.
Rejoice, in the midst of suffering
He will help you sing.**

Rejoice...

CONFESSION

Priest: Lord Jesus, our good shepherd.
Please forgive us where we have not listened to your voice
and have thought, said and done things that have been wrong.
Lord have mercy

All: Lord have mercy

Priest: Please forgive us where we have followed the crowd
rather than following you.
Christ have mercy

All: Christ have mercy

Priest: Please forgive us where we have been stubborn,
wanting to go our own way instead of going your way.
Lord have mercy

All: Lord have mercy

ABSOLUTION

LISTENING TO THE WORD

GOSPEL READING: JOHN 10:1-10

SERMON FOR CHILDREN

SUNG WORSHIP: THE LORD'S MY SHEPHERD

The Lord's my shepherd,
I'll not want;
He makes me lie in pastures green.
He leads me by
the still, still waters,
His goodness restores my soul.

*And I will trust in You alone,
And I will trust in You alone,
For Your endless mercy follows me,
Your goodness will lead me home.*

**He guides my ways
in righteousness,
And He anoints my head with oil,
And my cup, it overflows with joy,
I feast on His pure delights.**

And I will trust in You alone...

**And though I walk
the darkest path,
I will not fear the evil one,
For You are with me,
and Your rod and staff
Are the comfort I need to know.**

And I will trust in You alone...

READING: ACTS 19:21-41

SERMON

SUNG WORSHIP: 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.

INTERCESSIONS

THE LORD'S PRAYER

All: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name...

NOTICES

SUNG WORSHIP: HOW GREAT THOU ART

O Lord my God!
When I in awesome wonder
consider all the works
Thy hand hath made,
I see the stars,
I hear the mighty thunder,
Thy power throughout
the universe displayed;

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.

*Then sings my soul,
my Saviour God, to Thee,
how great Thou art,
how great Thou art!
Then sings my soul,
my Saviour God, to Thee,
how great Thou art,
how great Thou art!*

When through the woods
and forest glades I wander
and hear the birds
sing sweetly in the trees;
when I look down
from lofty mountain grandeur,
and hear the brook,
and feel the gentle breeze;
Then sings my soul...

And when I think
that God his Son not sparing,
sent him to die;
I scarce can take it in,
that on the cross
my burden gladly bearing,
He bled and died
to take away my sin:

Then sings my soul...

When Christ shall come
with shout of acclamation
and take me home;
what joy shall fill my heart!
Then I shall bow
in humble adoration
and there proclaim,
my God, how great Thou art!

Then sings my soul...

BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

Priest: Alleluia, Christ is risen!

All: He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

A blessing is said, followed by

Leader: With the risen life of Christ within you,
go in the peace of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.

All: Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.