

## **CHRIST THE LORD IS RISEN TODAY**

- (1) Christ the Lord is risen today, Alleluia!  
Sons of men and angels say: Alleluia!  
Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia!  
Sing, ye heavens and earth rejoice: Alleluia!
- (2) Lives again our glorious King, Alleluia!  
Where, O death, is now thy sting? Alleluia!  
Dying once He all doth save, Alleluia!  
Where thy victory, O grave? Alleluia!
- (3) Love's redeeming work is done, Alleluia!  
Fought the fight, the battle won, Alleluia!  
Death in vain forbids His rise, Alleluia!  
Christ has opened Paradise, Alleluia!
- (4) 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 grace, the skies, Alleluia!

## **ON THIS RESURRECTION MORNING**

- (1) On this resurrection morning  
We come now your praise to sing,  
Celebrate your awesome triumph:  
Death and hell have have lost their sting!  
How we thank and praise You Jesus,  
For the hope and joy You bring.  
We Your people lift our voices,  
Hallelujah to our King!

- (2) Jesus – Alpha & Omega  
God who is & is to come;  
Risen Savior, Lord of Glory;  
First & Last the Living One.  
Great in power, love and honor,  
Now and evermore enthroned.  
You are worthy of our worship;  
You are King and Lord alone.
- (3) All creation stands in wonder  
Of the work that You have done;  
On the cross You won salvation:  
“It is Finished!” Grace has come!  
Now the tomb forever empty;  
By Your life, the victory gained.  
Mighty God and Sovereign Ruler,  
We lift up Your Holy Name.
- (4) You have purchased life eternal,  
And have opened Heaven's door.  
Granted us complete forgiveness,  
We are Yours forevermore.  
By the blood You shed on Calvary,  
All our sins are washed away. Now  
With resurrection promise,  
We await that glorious Day!

## Sermon Outline - "The Proofs of the Resurrection"

### HE LIVES

(1) I serve a risen Savior, He's in the world today;  
I know that He is living, whatever men may say;  
I see His hand of mercy, I hear His voice of cheer,  
And just the time I need Him, He's always near.

(chorus) He lives, He lives, Christ Jesus lives today!  
He walks with me, and talks with me,  
Along life's narrow way.  
He lives, He lives, salvation to impart!  
You ask me how I know He lives?  
He lives within my heart.

(2) In all the world around me, I see His loving care,  
And tho my heart grows weary,  
I never will despair;  
I know that He is leading thru all the stormy blast,  
The day of His appearing, will come at last.

(3) Rejoice, rejoice, O Christian, lift up your voice  
And sing, eternal hallelujahs to Jesus Christ  
The King! The hope of all who seek Him,  
The help of all who find, None other is so loving,  
So good and kind.

### Intro:

#### I. The Empty Tomb

#### II. The Eyewitnesses

#### III. The Assurances of the Resurrection

##### A. Our Faith Is Secure

##### B. Our Sins Are Forgiven

##### C. He Is Coming Again

### Conclusion:

### **Responsive Reading # 1**

LEADER: As the first streaks of dawn stretch across the charcoal sky, the first day of the week makes know its presence.

PEOPLE: Mary Magdalene and the other Mary go wearily to the tomb where Jesus was placed three days earlier

LEADER: For those close to Jesus, it had been a long and exhausting three days.

PEOPLE: The entire country seemed exhausted, worn out, completely beaten down.

LEADER: As they approached the tomb, a great earthquake rumbled through the earth, shaking the very marrow of the bones!

PEOPLE: Then the angel of the Lord came down from heaven

LEADER: He rolled back the huge stone that had been placed in front of the tomb – the same rock that had taken an army of men to set in place!

PEOPLE: The angel sat upon the rock.

LEADER: His face and his features were as lightening - bright and electric! His clothing was pure white - like new-fallen snow in the brightness of high noon

PEOPLE: Then the angel spoke to the frightened women and said:

LEADER: “Please do not be afraid of me. I know that you came here to see Jesus, but He is not here. He has risen from the dead and is alive!”

PEOPLE: Alive! Jesus is alive!

LEADER: Yes, alive! Jesus is alive!

PEOPLE: He is alive and has risen from the dead!

ALL: Jesus is alive!

### **Responsive Reading # 2**

LEADER: A remarkable event had taken place!

PEOPLE: Christ has risen from the dead!

LEADER: An event never before or since matched.

PEOPLE: He has risen from the dead!

LEADER: Jesus, who was once dead, is now alive!

PEOPLE: He has risen from the dead!

LEADER: He has risen that I might one day live again.

PEOPLE: He has risen from the dead!

LEADER: He is alive and present here – today – right now with us. He is with us right now as we celebrate His resurrection.

PEOPLE: He is risen from the dead!

LEADER: He is here in our midst, right now!

PEOPLE: We rejoice that He is risen from the dead!

LEADER: Let us rejoice and sing praises to Him!

PEOPLE: He has risen from the dead!

LEADER: Rejoice! The Lord is our risen King!

### **Responsive Reading # 3**

LEADER: The angel of God told the 2 Mary’s what to do next.

PEOPLE: Now go your way quickly and tell the disciples that Jesus is no longer chained by the irons of death. He is free! He is alive!

LEADER: You will find Jesus in Galilee for He has already gone there ahead of you.

PEOPLE: The angel then vanished – in an instant.

LEADER: Mary Magdalene and the other Mary looked at each other, uncertain, yet certain of what had happened.

PEOPLE: Then they ran from the burial place terribly frightened, but full of excitement. They now knew the new truth!

LEADER: Jesus is alive and risen from the dead!

### **Responsive Reading # 4**

LEADER: And now, it is up to us.

PEOPLE: What do you mean, up to us?

LEADER: We must celebrate His resurrection in our daily living.

PEOPLE: How do we do this?

LEADER: By loving...by sharing...

PEOPLE: By giving...by reaching out...

LEADER: By sharing the good news of salvation through faith in Christ to all who will listen.

PEOPLE: By giving ourselves, our talents, our abilities, our money, our time...

LEADER: To others who hurt and how need help in coming to God through His son, Jesus Christ.

PEOPLE: By celebration...with joy...with gladness...with thanksgiving...with praise...with excitement!

LEADER: Yes, it is up to us to celebrate His presence in our lives every day.

PEOPLE: We will begin today!

LEADER: All of us must begin today to celebrate His resurrection. He is alive! He is risen!

ALL: He is risen! He is alive! He is here! Praise His name!