

In-Home Worship (Personal/Family)

EASTER SUNDAY

Greetings from TLC! Thank you for downloading this resource and making the effort to practice Christian faith in your home. You will never regret it. May God bless you as you grow in your life with Jesus Christ!

All: O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, thank You for this day You have made! As we come to worship, please open our hearts to all Your great mercies that are new with each morning, that we may turn from our sins, trust in Christ our Savior, and grow in grace and holiness. We pray this in Jesus' name. Amen!

***Jesus Christ is risen today, alleluia! Our triumphant holy day, alleluia!
Who did once upon the cross, alleluia! Suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!***

***Hymns of praise then let us sing, alleluia! Unto Christ, our heav'nly King, alleluia!
Who endured the cross and grave, alleluia! Sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia!***

***Sing we to our God above, alleluia! Praise eternal as His love; alleluia!
Praise Him, all ye heav'nly host, alleluia! Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!***

Make a sign of the cross (nose, belly button, nose, left ear, right ear, nose) to remember your baptism. Dip your hand in water if you choose. Your sins are washed away. You have the Holy Spirit. You are a child of God!

Leader: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. **All: Amen.**

Leader: Jesus Christ is risen!

All: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Leader: On this mountain the Lord Almighty will prepare

All: a feast for all peoples.

Leader: On this mountain He will destroy the sheet

All: that enfolds all peoples and covers all nations.

Leader: He will swallow up death forever.

All: He will wipe away the tears from all faces,

Leader: He will remove His people's disgrace

All: from all the earth. The Lord has spoken!

Take a moment in quiet reflection to confess your sins. Remember that silence is a great blessing for time with God.

All: Almighty God, please have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.

Leader: Because of God's great mercy, Jesus Christ was sent in order to die for us, and for His sake God forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in Jesus, He gives the grace to become His own children and grants them the Holy Spirit. May the Lord continue His good work within us! **All: Amen. Thanks be to God!**

Leader: There is one body and one Spirit.

All: God has called us to share in one hope.

Leader: There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism.

All: One God and Father of us all.

Leader: Just as Christ was raised from the dead,

All: we also walk in newness of life!

I know that my Redeemer lives; what comfort this sweet sentence gives!

He lives, He lives, who once was dead; He lives, my ever-living head.

He lives to bless me with His love; He lives to plead for me above;

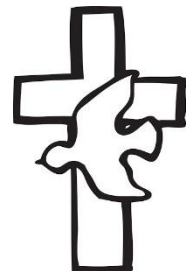
He lives my hungry soul to feed; He lives to help in time of need.

He lives, my kind, wise, heav'nly friend; He lives and loves me to the end;

He lives, and while He lives, I'll sing; He lives, my Prophet, Priest, and King.

He lives, all glory to His name! He lives, my Jesus, still the same;

Oh, the sweet joy this sentence gives: I know that my Redeemer lives!



All: I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From there He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Leader: Let us pray a blessing on God's Holy Word:

All: Lord, thank You for the gift of grace that is Your Word. Help us to listen, learn, and grow. Holy Spirit, You are welcome here! Please accomplish Your work in us today. We pray this in Jesus' name. Amen.

From the Bible, read Matthew 28:1-10. If gathered as a family, consider each person read verse-by-verse.

Think/Talk About It



1. Take a moment to reflect on what the Easter holiday means to you. How has its meaning changed for you over the years? What about this year?
2. What were the very first words the angel said to the women when they saw the empty tomb? How does the truth of Easter take away our fears?
3. When the risen Jesus met the women, they grabbed His feet. Why is this significant and what does it teach us about the "resurrection of the body?" How does our Easter hope affect the way we view our bodies now?
4. A word we speak often on Easter is "alleluia," which means "God be praised!" Take a moment to list reasons to praise God on this special day.

All: Lord, we give You today what is already Yours, because You have given Your all for us. Help us to give our lives in return- our time, talents, and treasures- out of love for You and the sake of Your work in the world. Help us be cheerful givers today. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Take time to pray to God. Remember the "2 Best Prayers We Know: 'Thank You for...'" and 'Please help...'."

All: 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.

Leader: Jesus Christ is risen! **All: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

Leader: God is good! **All: All the time!** Leader: And all the time- **All: God is good!**

Leader: Let us bless the Lord! **All: Thanks be to God!** Leader: Go in peace! **All: Serve the Lord! Amen!**

Now all the vault of heav'n resounds in praise of love that still abounds:

"Christ has triumphed! He is living!" Sing, choirs of angels, loud and clear!

Repeat their song of glory here: "Christ has triumphed! Christ has triumphed!" Alleluia, alleluia, ALLELUIA!

O fill us, Lord, with dauntless love; set heart and will on things above

That we conquer through Your triumph; Grant grace sufficient for life's day

That by our lives we truly say: "Christ has triumphed! He is living!" Alleluia, alleluia, ALLELUIA!

Adoring praises now we bring and with the heav'nly blessed sing:

"Christ has triumphed! Alleluia!" Be to the Father and our Lord,

To Spirit blest, most holy God, all the glory, never ending! Alleluia, alleluia, ALLELUIA!



OPTIONAL FAMILY ACTIVITY: EASTER ART

Many Christians have a cross somewhere in their house, which is great! But not as many have a piece of art/ other decoration that depicts Easter, the single biggest day of the year! Create a piece of "Easter art" to place somewhere in your home to remind you every single day that Christ is risen- He is risen indeed, alleluia!