



Father,
forgive
them, they
don't know
what
they're
doing.
Don't Worry, today
you will join me in Paradise.
Woman, here is your son...
Here
is your
mother.
My God,
my God,
why have
you
abandoned
me
I'm thirsty
It's
done
Father,
I place my
life in
your hands.

Easter Introduction video

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ht5d5fSMiH4>

Call to worship

Leader: Rejoice, rejoice! The tomb is empty, what was dead is alive.

All: You have turned our mourning into dancing! You have taken away our funeral clothes and re-clothed us in joy. O Lord, our Lord, we will give thanks to you forever!

Leader: Alleluia! Christ is Risen!

All: Christ is risen indeed!

Leader: Darkness has been vanquished!

All: The brilliant light of hope has come

Leader: Come, let us worship and celebrate the Good News!

All: Alleluia! Christ is risen, Amen!

Leader: Filled with His praises

All: We give thanks to the Risen Lord.

Leader: He is our Shepherd, and we are His sheep

All: We give thanks to the Risen Lord!

Leader: Stepping out boldly, we claim resurrection

All: We give thanks to the risen Lord.

Because He Lives – I can face tomorrow

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iHXGf7-Ua3I&t=45s>

1. God sent His son,
they called Him Jesus
He came to love, heal and forgive
He lived and died, to buy my pardon
An empty grave is there to prove my saviour lives

Because He lives,
I can face tomorrow
Because He lives, all fear is gone
Because I know
He holds the future
And life is worth the living,
just because He lives

2. How sweet to hold

a new-born baby
And feel the pride and joy He gives
But greater still, the calm assurance
This child can face uncertain day,
because He lives

3. And then one day,
I'll cross the river
I'll fight life's final war with pain
And then, as death
gives way to victory
I'll see the lights of glory
and I'll know He reigns

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Alive, alive alive forevermore

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jG2IHjM0yV0>

Easter Prayers for children and youth

Dear Lord Jesus

You lived as a servant of others.

We thank you that your life shows us the way to live.

We pray that you will help us follow your example.

Dear Lord Jesus

You went to the cross to defeat all that is wrong in our world, all that is dark and hurtful.

We thank you that you took that on yourself.

We pray that we may work with you to bring your light and love to all.

Dear Lord Jesus

Your resurrection shows that you conquered death itself.

We thank you that nothing is too powerful for your love to overcome. We pray that we may come to understand the truth of Easter.

Dear Lord Jesus

We pray for those countries where people are suffering today.

For people in Ukraine, in Yemen, in Afghanistan.

We pray for a change of heart for all those who think violence is a way to win arguments.

We pray for the peace of the world

Richard Steel

Easter Affirmation and Lord's prayer

We believe Easter is more than just a day in history
We believe that day changed the world
We believe Jesus lives today
We believe at Easter God showed that His
love was more powerful than death itself
We believe Jesus lives today
We believe Jesus died and rose because
He loves each one of us
We believe Jesus lives today
We believe at Easter God showed Jesus

was truly His Son
We believe Jesus lives today
We believe Jesus' death cancels out
all the wrong we have ever done
We believe Jesus lives today
We believe God sent the Holy Spirit to
change the disciples
We believe the Holy Spirit changes us and
makes us more like Jesus
We believe Jesus lives today
We believe that Jesus' death and resurrection effects the
whole creation
We believe God wants us to work with Him to make the
world a better place
We believe Jesus lives today
- and this makes all the difference

Richard Steel

The Lord's prayer

Song: He is Lord

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OTbhnTeF4yE>

Bible Reading

John 10:11-18 (NLT)

Jesus Appears to Mary Magdalene

Mary was standing outside the tomb crying, and as she wept, she stooped and looked in. She saw two white-robed angels, one sitting at the head and the other at the foot of the place where the body of Jesus had been lying. "Dear woman, why are you crying?" the angels asked her.

"Because they have taken away my Lord," she replied, "and I don't know where they have put Him." She turned to leave and saw someone standing there. It was Jesus, but she didn't recognize Him. "Dear woman, why are you crying?" Jesus asked her. "Who are you looking for?"

She thought He was the gardener. "Sir," she said, "if you have taken Him away, tell me where you have put him, and I will go and get Him." "Mary!" Jesus said. She turned to Him and cried out, "Rabboni!" (which is Hebrew for "Teacher").

"Don't cling to me," Jesus said, "for I haven't yet ascended to the Father. But go find my brothers and tell them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'" Mary Magdalene found the

disciples and told them, "I have seen the Lord!" Then she gave them His message.

Reflection _ He is risen

Offering/My redeemer lives by Nicole Mullen

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zK4wWbgbWV0>

More Easter Prayers

Christ the Lord is risen to-day," Sons of men and angels say. Raise your joys and triumphs high; Sing, ye heavens, and earth reply. (Charles Wesley)

From the darkness of the grave
Blood poured out, a crown of thorns
Christ the Lord is risen to-day
ALL: Alleluia!

From the triumph that is won
Over the power and fear of death
Christ the Lord is risen to-day
ALL: Alleluia!

Walking from the empty tomb
Opening wide the gates of life
Christ the Lord is risen to-day
ALL: Alleluia!

Lord of life
You defeated death
To show that we can rise
From all that binds us to the world
Pride, envy, anger, fear
The debt of sin that holds us here
Christ the Lord is risen to-day
ALL: Alleluia!

Lord of life
You defeated death
To demonstrate a love that is
Beyond our understanding
That reaches out even to me
Saving Grace to all who hear
Christ the Lord is risen to-day
ALL: Alleluia!

Lord of life
We pray for all who bring your word of life

As a light to those in darkness
For those who bring your word of peace
To those enslaved by fear
For those who bring your word of love
To those in need of comfort
Lord of love and Lord of peace
Lord of resurrection life
Be known
Through our lives
and through your power
Christ the Lord is risen to-day

ALL: Alleluia!

Closing hymn: Crown with many crowns

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YuMh_ept-Js

1. Crown Him with many crowns
The Lamb upon His throne
Hark how the heavenly anthem drowns
All music but its own
Awake my soul and sing
Of Him who died for thee
And hail Him as thy matchless King
Through all eternity

2. Crown Him the Lord of life
Who triumphed o'er the grave
And rose victorious in the strife
For those He came to save
His glories now we sing
Who died and rose on high
Who died eternal life to bring
And lives that death may die

3. Crown Him the Lord of peace
Whose power a sceptre sways
From pole to pole
That wars may cease
And all be prayer and praise
His reign shall know no end
And round His pierced feet
Fair flowers of paradise extend
Their fragrance ever sweet

4. Crown Him the Lord of years
The Potentate of time
Creator of the rolling spheres
Ineffably sublime
All hail Redeemer hail
For Thou hast died for me

Thy praise shall never never fail
Throughout eternity

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Benediction

Resurrection shakes the sleeping into life, brings life from death, gives vision to the visionless.

Resurrection calls us to go and do God's work in the world, to bring light to the darkness, to bring hope to the hopeless, to be the voice of the voiceless.

And may we say "Amen!" And may we shout "Amen!"
May we proclaim the Amen we were not able to say during the Holy Week.

And may the grace...