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PRELUDE

I Know My Redeemer Liveth - G.F. Handel

performed by Kiri Te Kanawa



WELCOME

OPENING PRAYER

Almighty God, thank you for your faithfulness. And for Jesus Christ, whose resurrection we commemorate today. Please accept our offerings of praise and thanksgiving. Let them rise to you as a sweet savor. In Jesus' mighty name, we pray. Amen.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

(OGHS)

UPC Flea
Market

Helping
Homeless
Families
Initiative (HHFI)

The first quarter delivery was made in March. Look for details in the May newsletter. Next week, you will hear more about our second quarter drive.

UPC midweek
service

will continue on Thursdays at noon for the rest of April.

UNISON CALL TO WORSHIP

He has risen.

Hallelujah!

“Death has been swallowed up in victory.”

“Where, O Death, is your victory?

Where, O Death, is your sting?”

The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law.

But thanks be to God, who gives us victory through our Lord Jesus Christ!

**Death is defeated. We are freed by the precious blood of Jesus Christ, the
Lamb of God!**

And whom the Son sets free is free indeed.



Hallelujah!

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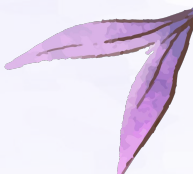

OPENING HYMN

Christ the Lord is Risen Today - Insert







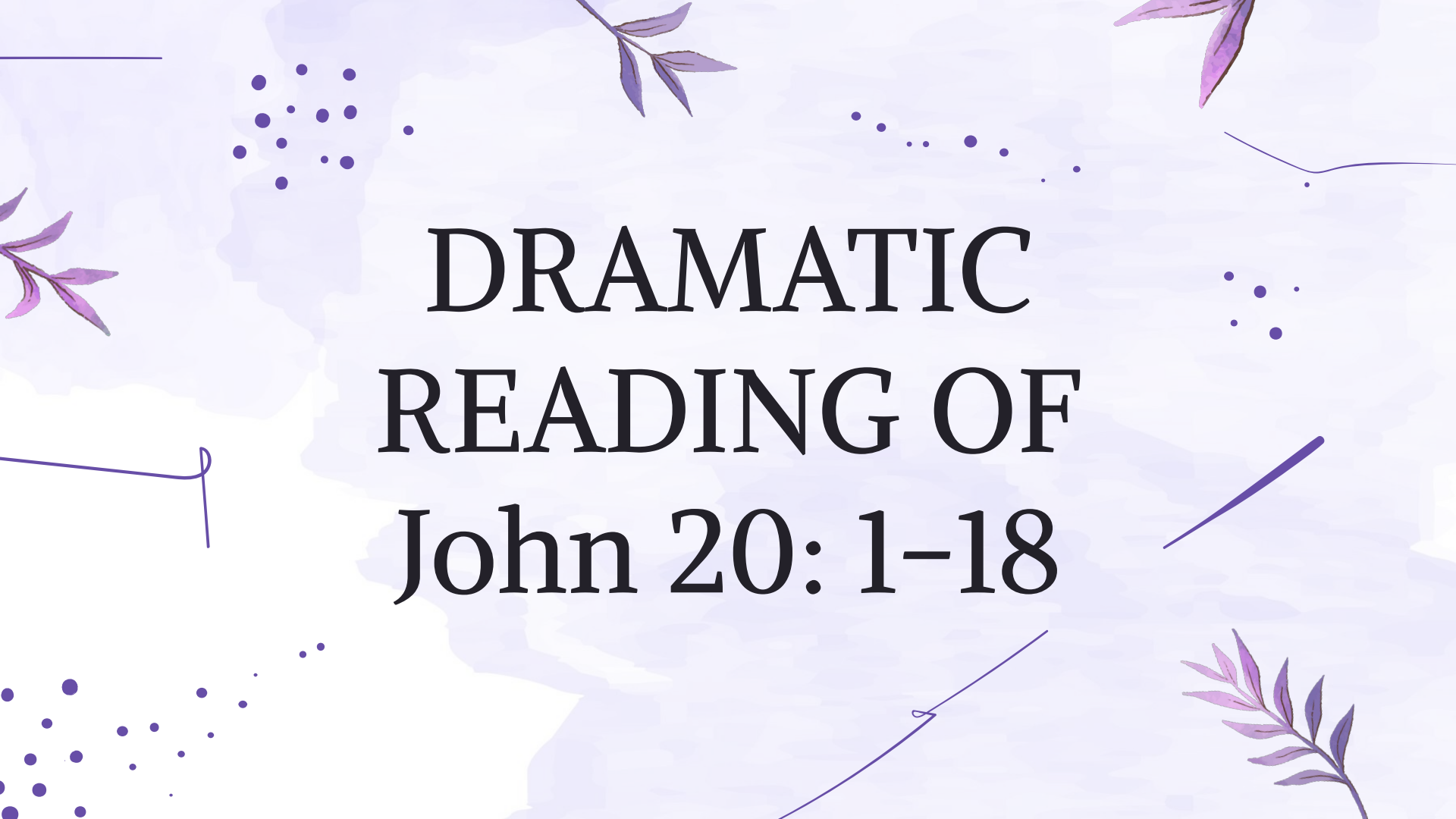
1. Christ the Lord is ris'n today, Alleluia!
Sons of men and angels say, Alleluia!
Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia!
Sing, ye heav'ns, and earth reply, Alleluia!



2. Love's redeeming work is done, Alleluia!
Fought the fight, the vict'ry won, Alleluia!
Jesus' agony is o'er, Alleluia!
Darkness veils the earth no more, Alleluia!

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





DRAMATIC
READING OF
John 20: 1-18

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 118: 1-2, 14-20

O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his steadfast love endures forever!

Believers announce the good news that God's steadfast love endures forever.

Say, the Lord is my strength and my might; he has become my salvation.

There are glad songs of victory in the tents of the righteous: "The right hand of the Lord does valiantly; the right hand of the Lord is exalted; the right hand of the Lord does valiantly.

I shall not be overtaken by evil or snuffed out. Instead, I shall thrive and recount the Lord's deeds.

Open the gates of righteousness to me so that I may enter through them and give thanks to the Lord.

SCRIPTURE READING

Continued.

Lord, there I will tell of your goodness, how you redeemed me and set my feet on solid ground. I will testify to how you brought me out of darkness into your marvelous light. Lord, when I cried to you, you

heard and helped me.

Lord, I thank you for answering me and becoming my salvation. The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.

This is the Lord's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.

This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.



AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

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, dead, and buried; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING

Acts 10: 34-40

Then Peter began to speak to them: “I truly understand that God shows no partiality, **but in every nation, anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him.**

You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ--he is Lord of all. that message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced:

God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him.

We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree, but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear.

[Praise God for Jesus Christ!]



A PRAYER OF THANKS

Almighty God, unto whom all hearts and minds are open and from whom nothing is hidden, we thank you for your loving-kindness, tender mercy, and long suffering towards humankind. Lord, you are greater than great. And we are grateful for your amazing grace. Please accept our praise and thank offering.
In Jesus' mighty name, we pray. Amen.

LITANY OF THANKS

For the comforts and conveniences of modern living, we thank you.

For hearing and answering our prayers, we thank you.

For the marvels of modern medicine and technology, we thank you.

For forgiveness of sin, we thank you.

For a measure of faith, we thank you.

For loving us in spite of our shortcomings, we thank you.

For creating us in your image. Thus giving us inherent value, we thank you.

For the newness of life, we thank you.

For hope and possibilities, we thank you.

For empowering us to face and overcome life's greatest challenges, we
thank you.

For breaking the power and consequences of sin, we thank you.

For the blessed assurance that through Jesus Christ we have everlasting life

– eternal fellowship with
you, we thank you.

Lord, we thank you for all things great and beautiful.

Glory to Your wonderful name. Amen.



ASSURANCE OF PARDON



PASSING THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.



PRAYER FOR
ILLUMINATION



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Festive Alleluia

Sung by Elder Marcia Marsh Hinds





THE MORNING MEDITATION



SILENT MEDITATION



**CALL TO
DISCIPLESHIP**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE




Prayer of
Adoration



Prayer of
Thanksgiving



Intercessory
Prayer



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 debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us away from temptation, and deliver us from evil. For thine art the kingdom, the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

—THE LORD'S PRAYER

WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING







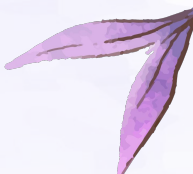

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CLOSING HYMN

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name - GTG 263
verses 1, 3, 4





1 All hail the power of Jesus' name!
Let angels prostrate fall;
bring forth the royal diadem,
and crown him Lord of all!
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and crown him Lord of all!

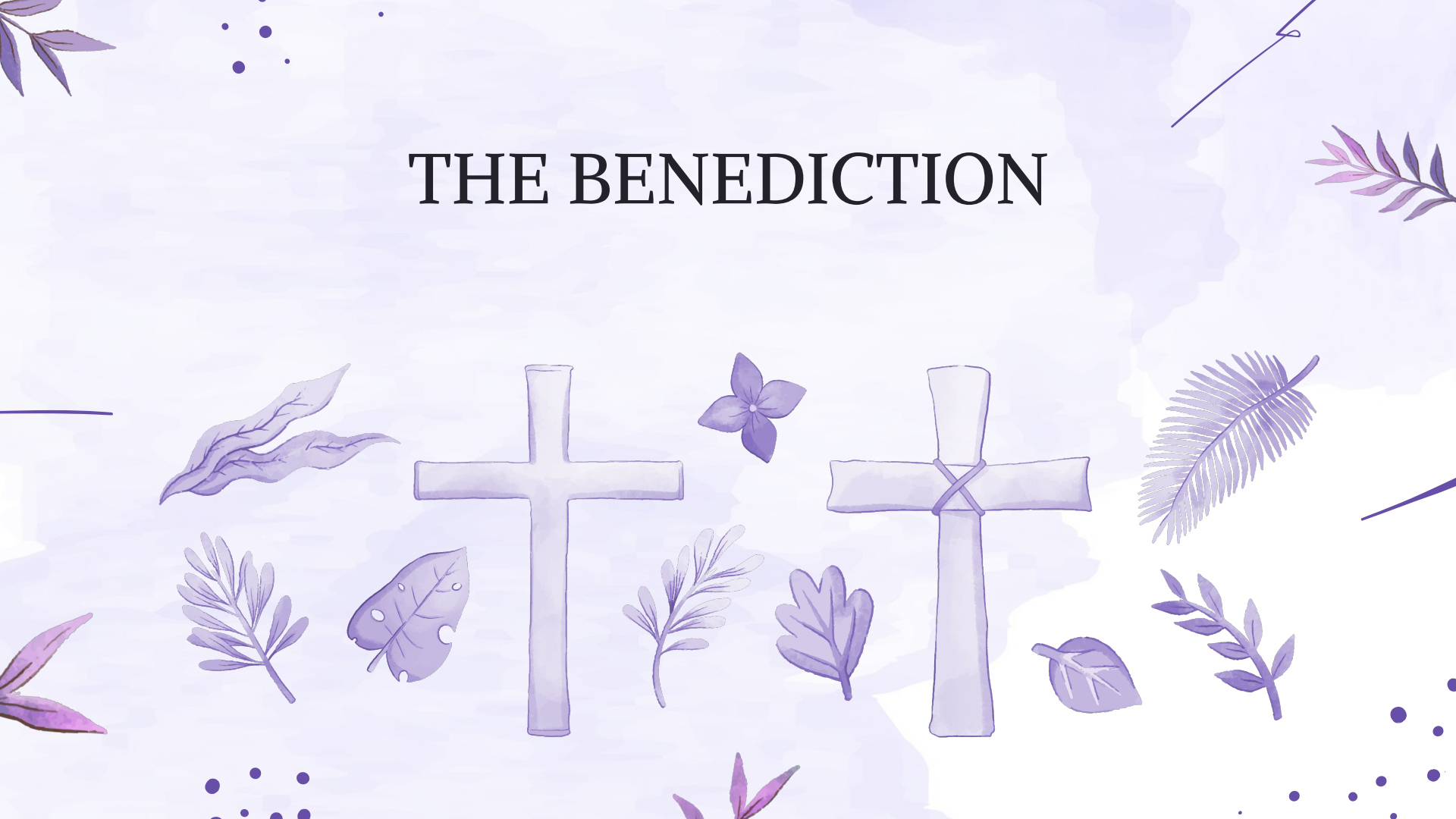


3 Let every kindred, every tribe
on this terrestrial ball
to him all majesty ascribe,
and crown him Lord of all!
To him all majesty ascribe,
and crown him Lord of all!

4 O that with yonder sacred throng
we at his feet may fall!
We'll join the everlasting song,
and crown him Lord of all!
We'll join the everlasting song,
and crown him Lord of all!

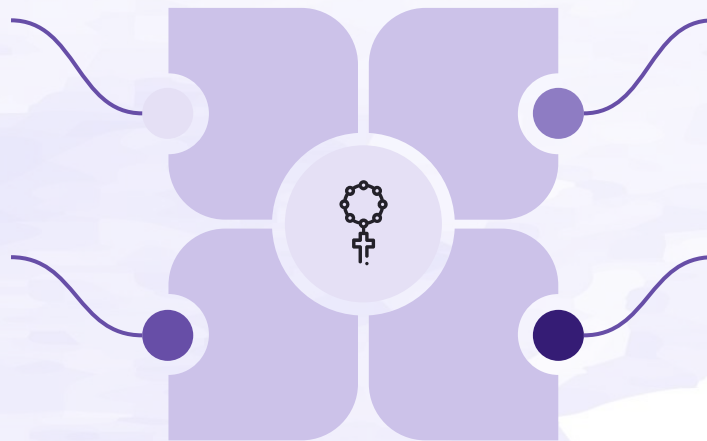


THE BENEDICTION



CONG. RESPONSE

Glory to God Hymnbook
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POSTLUDE

Hallelujah Chorus

Mormon Tabernacle Choir

