

**Family Worship Guide**  
**New Life Presbyterian Church**  
**Resurrection Sunday: April 12, 2020**

*Call to Worship*

based on Mark 16:6, Luke 24:34

(all read together)

**Alleluia! Christ has Risen! The Lord is Risen indeed!**

*Opening Hymn*

“O Worship the King”

(sing or read together)

O worship the King, all glorious above,  
And gratefully sing, His wonderful love;  
Our Shield and Defender, the Ancient of Days,  
Pavilioned in splendor, and girded with praise.

O tell of His might, O sing of His grace,  
Whose robe is the light, whose canopy space!  
His chariots of wrath the deep thunderclouds form,  
And dark is His path on the wings of the storm.

Thy bountiful care, what tongue can recite?  
It breathes in the air, it shines in the light,  
It streams from the hills, it descends to the plain,  
And sweetly distills in the dew and the rain.

Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail,  
In Thee do we trust, nor find Thee to fail;  
Thy mercies how tender, how firm to the end;  
Our Maker, Defender, Redeemer, and Friend.

*Prayer of Invocation*

Adapted from a Puritan Prayer  
(head of household prays)

Lord, We are now entering into Your Presence, to hear You speak from heaven to us, to receive Your rain and Spiritual dew, which never return in vain, but ripen a harvest either of corn or weeds, of grace or judgment.

Prepare our hearts, to learn and to love Your Word. Your Word is our Rule, let us be ruled by it. Your Word is our Physician, let us be a patient under it.

But who are we that our promises should stand before You? Who is a servant to You that can do any good without your grace and heavenly call? Therefore be pleased to reveal your own Spirit to us, and to work in us that which your require. Amen.

*Affirmation of Faith*

1 Corinthians 15:3-6

(all recite together)

**Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, that He was buried, that He was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures, and that He appeared to Peter, then to the twelve. Then He appeared to more than five hundred brothers at one time.**

*The Lord's Prayer*

(all pray together)

**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. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.**

*Open Prayer Time*

Adapted from a Puritan Prayer

(head of household reads)

At this time I invite your prayer requests and thanksgivings.

(allow some time for praying out loud, then read this or pray in your own words to close the time of prayer)

Come Holy Spirit, with all your sweet and precious favor. Come, Lord, to convince and comfort me, to humble and direct me, to chill my affections to the world, and to warm them toward the Lord Jesus.

Come, You Holy Gracious Almighty Reviver and Restorer – and Glorifier of my God and Savior!

Cause the graces You have planted in my soul to go forth in a way of love and desire, faith and expectation. Let me hope in the person and glory of the one my soul loves. Then I will cry out with the church, “Let my Beloved come!” Amen.

*Confession of Sin*

1 John 1:8-10

(all read together)

**“If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.”**

(ESV)

*Meditation*

(Here we pause in silence to meditate upon our sin and need for forgiveness.)

(head of household reads)

“If anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. He is the propitiation for our sins and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.” (ESV)

*Hymn of Grace*

“Nothing But the Blood”

(sing or read together)

What can wash away my sin?

Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

What can make me whole again?

Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

*Refrain: Oh! precious is the flow*

*That makes me white as snow;*

*No other fount I know,*

*Nothing but the blood of Jesus.*

For my pardon this I see,

Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

For my cleansing, this my plea,

Nothing but the blood of Jesus. [Refrain]

Nothing can for sin atone,

Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

Naught of good that I have done,

Nothing but the blood of Jesus. [Refrain]

This is all my hope and peace,

Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

This is all my righteousness:

Nothing but the blood of Jesus. [Refrain]

<sup>19</sup> On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being locked where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, “Peace be with you.”

<sup>20</sup> When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. <sup>21</sup> Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you.” <sup>22</sup> And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. <sup>23</sup> If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you withhold forgiveness from any, it is withheld.”

<sup>24</sup> Now Thomas, one of the twelve, called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came. <sup>25</sup> So the other disciples told him, “We have seen the Lord.” But he said to them, “Unless I see in his hands the mark of the nails, and place my finger into the mark of the nails, and place my hand into his side, I will never believe.”

<sup>26</sup> Eight days later, his disciples were inside again, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” <sup>27</sup> Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here, and see my hands; and put out your hand, and place it in my side. Do not disbelieve, but believe.”

<sup>28</sup> Thomas answered him, “My Lord and my God!” <sup>29</sup> Jesus said to him, “Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.”

<sup>30</sup> Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; <sup>31</sup> but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name. (ESV)

*Sermon*

“Missing Easter”

(Note: now play the CD/DVD of Pastor Jared’s sermon or follow the link below)

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCIHXL9a70hprumUJOMnSmXw>

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*Closing Hymn*

“Christ the Lord is Risen Today”

(sing or read together)

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!

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!

Love's redeeming work is done, Alleluia!  
Fought the fight, the battle won,, Alleluia!  
Death in vain forbids Him rise, Alleluia!  
Christ has opened Paradise, Alleluia!

Soar we now where Christ has led, Alleluia!  
Foll'wing our exalted Head, Alleluia!  
Made like Him, like Him we rise, Alleluia!  
Ours the cross, the grave, the skies, Alleluia!

(head of household reads)

“Now may the God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, equip you with everything good that you may do his will, working in us that which is pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen.” (ESV)

## Table Talk

(These are questions to talk about over the dinner table, or for your own devotions, based on the text and sermon this week)

- 1) Which Disciple “missed” the Resurrection? What was his reaction to those who told him that Jesus rose from the dead?
- 2) What did it take to convince Thomas?
- 3) Why was the Resurrection, and belief in it, necessary to be a true disciple? Couldn't they just follow the moral teachings of Jesus?
- 4) Even in our quarantined lives, how can we spread the news of Christ's Work this week?
- 5) Take some time this week to read through 1 Corinthians 15. How essential is the Resurrection to Paul's faith? What benefits do we receive from Christ's Resurrection?
- 6) Read the Further Study Questions and Answers for further reflection.

Prayer: Take some time to pray together, and if you are looking for topics, use the included Prayer Guide from the Newsletter.

## **Further Study:**

### Larger Catechism Q87

#### ***Q87: What are we to believe concerning the resurrection?***

A87: We are to believe, that at the last day there shall be a general resurrection of the dead, both of the just and unjust:<sup>[1]</sup> when they that are then found alive shall in a moment be changed; and the selfsame bodies of the dead which were laid in the grave, being then again united to their souls forever, shall be raised up by the power of Christ.<sup>[2]</sup> The bodies of the just, by the Spirit of Christ, and by virtue of his resurrection as their head, shall be raised in power, spiritual, incorruptible, and made like to his glorious body;<sup>[3]</sup> and the bodies of the wicked shall be raised up in dishonor by him, as an offended judge.<sup>[4]</sup>

1. [Acts 24:15](#)
2. [I Cor. 15:51-53](#); [I Thess. 4:15-17](#); [John 5:28-29](#)
3. [I Cor. 15:21-23, 42-44](#); [Phil. 3:21](#)
4. [John 5:27-29](#); [Matt. 25:33](#)

### Heidelberg Catechism Q45

#### ***Q45: How does Christ's resurrection benefit us?***

A45: First, by his resurrection he has overcome death, so that he might make us share in the righteousness he obtained for us by his death.<sup>1</sup>

Second, by his power we too are already raised to a new life.<sup>2</sup>

Third, Christ's resurrection is a sure pledge to us of our blessed resurrection.<sup>3</sup>

- <sup>1</sup> [Rom. 4:25](#); [1 Cor. 15:16-20](#); [1 Pet. 1:3-5](#)
- <sup>2</sup> [Rom. 6:5-11](#); [Eph. 2:4-6](#); [Col. 3:1-4](#)
- <sup>3</sup> [Rom. 8:11](#); [1 Cor. 15:12-23](#); [Phil. 3:20-21](#)