



Worship — April 12

Call to Worship

⁸ Awake, my soul! Awake, harp and lyre! I will awaken the dawn.

⁹ I will praise you, Lord, among the nations; I will sing of you among the peoples.

¹⁰ For great is your love, reaching to the heavens; Your faithfulness reaches to the skies.

¹¹ Be exalted, O God, above the heavens; Let your glory be over all the earth.

— Psalm 57:8–11 (NIV)

Praise

Listen (or sing along): click the video link on the Fellowship website for *Christ the Lord Is Risen Today*

Read God's Word Together

¹Now, brothers and sisters, I want to remind you of the gospel I preached to you, which you received and on which you have taken your stand. ²By this gospel you are saved, if you hold firmly to the word I preached to you. Otherwise, you have believed in vain. ³For what I received I passed on to you as of first importance: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, ⁴that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures. ¹⁶For if the dead are not raised, then Christ has not been raised either. ¹⁷And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile; you are still in your sins. ²⁰But Christ has indeed been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. ²¹For since death came through a man, the resurrection of the dead comes also through a man. ²²For as in Adam all die, so in Christ all will be made alive.

— 1 Corinthians 15:1-4, 16-17, 20-22 (NIV)

Pray Together

Risen and reigning Lord, truly you are a high priest who has passed through the heavens.

Truly you were tested as we are, and yet were without sin. With boldness we approach your throne, deeply assured of your mercy and grace in our time of need.

Your rising and your reigning give hope to your people. May all who live without hope today taste and see that you are good.

Your rising and your reigning call us, your people, to testify to your goodness. Equip each of us today to be bold witnesses of Easter news.

Your rising and your reigning call all the nations of the world to seek your peace. May your Spirit convict all people to submit to your rule and to pursue true peace.

Your rising and your reigning call each of us to turn from the path of death to the path of obedience and life. Send your Spirit to strengthen our resolve, and help us to live as people of life and light.

Your rising and your reigning bring life and light and healing. May all who suffer in the valley of the shadow of death and disease know your healing presence.

Your rising and your reigning are firstfruits of all that is to come: justice, joy, and peace in the Holy Spirit. May your kingdom come quickly. May we, your resurrection-people, never fail to bless and thank you for your immeasurable love and sure promises. All praise to you, risen Christ. Amen.

Message

Click the video link on the Fellowship website for *The First Easter*

Praise

Listen (or sing along): click the video link on the Fellowship website for *I Will Rise*



April 12 — Resurrection Sunday

TODAY'S MESSAGE: The out-of-placeness and the feeling that something is not quite right about stay-at-home Easter 2020 might actually give us a closer glimpse of what that very first Easter Sunday was like.

Mark 16:1–8 (NIV)

16 When the Sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices so that they might go to anoint Jesus' body. 2 Very early on the first day of the week, just after sunrise, they were on their way to the tomb 3 and they asked each other, "Who will roll the stone away from the entrance of the tomb?" 4 But when they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had been rolled away. 5 As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man dressed in a white robe sitting on the right side, and they were alarmed.

6 "Don't be alarmed," he said. "You are looking for Jesus the Nazarene, who was crucified. He has risen! He is not here. See the place where they laid him. 7 But go, tell his disciples and Peter, 'He is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see him, just as he told you.' "

8 Trembling and bewildered, the women went out and fled from the tomb. They said nothing to anyone, because they were afraid.

The First Easter

Mark 16:1-8

An Incomplete Ending



Resurrection