



Easter, April 12, 2020

- 1) This whole Liturgy (Service/Order of Worship) is a Prayer, beginning with “Lord God...and Ending with “Amen,” but feel free to add prayer if & wherever you wish.
 - 2) All parts have **2 Readers** and a Response for “**All.**” You can keep the same 2 readers throughout, or assign different ones for each part, depending on how many people you have in your household.
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Sunrise Liturgy

1) Creation

Person 1: Lord God, early in the morning, when the world was young, you made life in all its beauty and wonder; you gave birth to all that we know: sky and seas; plants and trees; bodies of light in the sky; creatures of the land, water, and air; man and woman.

Person 2: *In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. . . And it was so. God saw all that he had made, and it was very good. Thus, the heavens and the earth were completed in all their vast array. By the seventh day God had finished the work he had been doing; so on the seventh day he rested from all his work. (Gen. 1:1, 30-2:2)*

Song of Response Suggestion – “All Creatures of Our God and King” https://youtu.be/hhycl4h64_s

*1 All creatures of our God and King,
lift up your voice and with us sing,
alleluia, alleluia!
Thou burning sun with golden beam,
thou silver moon with softer gleam,
O praise him, O praise him,
alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*

*5 Let all things their Creator bless,
and worship him in humbleness,
O praise him, alleluia!
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son,
and praise the Spirit, three in one,
O praise him, O praise him,
alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*

ALL Together: We stand in awe of your creation and give thanks, O Lord. **[A time of silence]**

2) Incarnation

Person 1: Early in the morning, when the world least expected it, a newborn child crying in a cradle announced that you had come among us, that you were one of us. The angels proclaimed it, the shepherds heard it, and in obedience . . . worshiped.

Person 2: *Joseph went up to Bethlehem . . . with Mary, who was pledged to be married to him and was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for the baby to be born, and she gave birth to her firstborn, a son. And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid. I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord.” So they hurried off and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby, who was lying in the manger. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things they had heard and seen, which were just as they had been told. (excerpts from Luke 2:4-20)*

ALL Together: We stand in awe of your incarnation and give thanks, O Lord. **[A time of silence]**

3) Crucifixion

Person 1: Early in the morning, surrounded by respectable liars, religious leaders, anxious rulers, and silent friends, you accepted the penalty they deserved, the penalty we deserve: You shouldered and suffered the cross, and with the words, “It is finished!” you put an end to our hopeless state of death, giving instead hope in the promise of salvation and life.

Person 3: Consider the heart of Christ Jesus: *“Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be grasped, rather, he made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. And being found in appearance as a human being, he humbled himself and became obedient to death— even death on a cross!”* (Phil. 2:6-8)

ALL Together: We stand in awe of your sacrifice and give thanks, O Lord. **[A time of silence]**

4) Resurrection

Person 1: Early in the morning, a voice in a guarded graveyard, empty cloths and footsteps in the dew proved that you had risen, that you had come back to those and for those who had forgotten, denied, and destroyed you.

Person 2: *God raised [Jesus] from the dead, freeing him from the agony of death, because it was impossible for death to keep its hold on him. God has raised this Jesus to life, and we are all witnesses of the fact. (Acts 2:24, 32) Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. (1 Pet. 1:3)*

All Together: We stand in awe of your resurrection and give thanks, O Lord. **[A time of silence]**

5) Celebration

Person 1: Early in the morning, the body of believers gather together, one in faith and hope, one in purpose: To believe in and worship you, the one Lord, Jesus Christ, to live forgiven and thankful lives, and to celebrate the victory over death and the promise of eternal life.

Person 2: *But thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.”* (1 Cor. 15:57)

Song of Response Suggestion – “Christ the Lord is Risen Today” <https://youtu.be/nzy7jFNUc3w>

1) Christ the Lord is risen today, Alleluia!
Sons of Men and Angels say, Alleluia!
Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia!
Sing, ye heavens, and earth reply, 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's thy victory, boasting grave? Alleluia!

2) 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!

6) Benediction

Person 1: Go, in awe of the creation, incarnation, death, and resurrection of our God... and give thanks. For God has raised Jesus to life, and we are all witnesses to the fact.

Person 2: Christ is Risen!

All Together: He is Risen Indeed! **AMEN.**

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