

# Church at Home

## Easter Sunday April 12, 2020

### For Olivet Congregational Church

*This is service of readings and music that can be used alone, or shared with family and friends if you are together either in your home, or on phone, or in some other form of virtual connectedness.*

**If you are missing our beautiful organ, here's a prelude recommended by our occasional organist, Helen.** Hold down your CTRL key on your computer and click your cursor on this link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rqwgeKOqezq>

### **Christ is Risen! He is Risen indeed! Alleluia!**

OPENING PRAYER: *God of Love and Mercy,  
As we gather in Your name this day in Your name—our God who Creates,  
Redeems, and Empowers. Remind us that we are not alone; that others are with  
us, praying together, considering your promises along with us, and looking toward  
You for hope and healing. Hear now our prayers for one another, for our world,  
our leaders, our church, those who grieve, seek renewal and reconciliation, and  
those in need of healing. Protect all those we love. Strengthen each of us as we  
meet with you on this Easter Sunday, in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit that binds  
us together no matter where we are. AMEN.*

### **Acts 10:34-43**

Then Peter began to speak to them: ". . . You know the message God 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: how 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, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

Entrance Hymn: "Jesus Christ is Risen Today"

You are invited to listen and sing along to the following . . . *Hold down your control button (CTRL in the lower left of your keypad) and click on the following link to sing along* <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rMwPEmUMP7U>

Jesus Christ is risen today, Alleluia!  
Our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!  
Who did once, upon the cross, Alleluia!  
Suffer to redeem our loss, Alleluia!  
Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia!  
Unto Christ, our heavenly King, Alleluia!  
Who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia!  
Sinners to redeem and save, Alleluia!  
But the pain which He endured, Alleluia!  
Our salvation hath procured, Alleluia!  
Now above the sky He's king, Alleluia!  
Where the angels ever sing, Alleluia!

## Children's Time

If you have kids and if they are not with you, call the kids in your family or send them these links.

If you don't have any kids to connect with—find your inner Easter Child today and say Happy Easter!!



sermon:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HL8R158Ujp4>

Children's Easter Activity from Vanessa Bradby, Director of Ministry for Youth, Children, and Family

[https://vimeo.com/406585548?utm\\_source=email&utm\\_medium=vimeo-cliptranscode-201504&utm\\_campaign=28749](https://vimeo.com/406585548?utm_source=email&utm_medium=vimeo-cliptranscode-201504&utm_campaign=28749)



### [Children's Easter Activity](#)

This is "Children's Easter Activity" by Olivet Congregational Church on Vimeo, the home for high quality videos and the people who love them.  
vimeo.com

\*\*\*Please see attached coloring sheets to complete the children's activity. One is a Mosaic: it comes in 4 pieces and each family member can color one and hang them up together in their homes!

This is "RISEN" – An Easter song by Shawna Edwards:

*Hold down your control button (CTRL in the lower left of your keypad) and click on the following link to hear this song*

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xCQsK1t9EKY>

Here are a couple of the lessons assigned in the Universal Common Lectionary for this Easter Sunday.

As you read these verses from scripture be mindful that Christians all over the world will be reading these same passages and seeking the hope of Easter with you.



### Jeremiah 31:1-6

At that time, says the LORD, I will be the God of all the families of Israel, and they shall be my people. Thus says the LORD: The people who survived the sword found grace in the wilderness; when Israel sought for rest, the LORD appeared to him from far away. I have loved you with an everlasting love; therefore, I have continued my faithfulness to you. Again, I will build you, and you shall be built, O virgin Israel! Again, you shall take your tambourines, and go forth in the dance of the merrymakers. Again, you shall plant vineyards on the mountains of Samaria; the planters shall plant, and shall enjoy the fruit. For there shall be a day when sentinels will call in the hill country of Ephraim: "Come, let us go up to Zion, to the LORD our God."

## This is the Gospel Story—the Good News of Christ on Easter Morning Matthew 28:1-10

After the sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. And suddenly there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples, 'He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him.' This is my message for you." So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. Suddenly Jesus met them and said, "Greetings!" And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshiped him. Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me."

Click [HERE](#) to listen to Easter sermon by Pastor Rick

“THE PRAYER/ SAVIOR REDEEMER” by ELENYI - featuring Jaantje, Hallie and Sarah  
*Hold down your control button (CTRL in the lower left of your keypad) and click on the following link to hear this music.*

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PTY6QgyxWkk>



#### CLOSING PRAYER:

*God—hold us in your grace today as we seek life in the face of death. Remind us of the power of Christ’s resurrection. Remind us that death cannot hold us because you have broken free from death itself, for us and for all, to show us the way. Remind us of the hope and light we have in your life after the cross. Raise us up today and let us see your light of this Easter Day. Teach us to feel your power of love that raises even the dead to life, that out of the tomb you bring life. Guide us with your grace in the earthly lives we have here in this time and place.*

*Strengthen us, we pray, to love your word and your world until that time when you will lift us from our own death, out of our own tomb, into a new life—where pain and sorrow will be ended and every broken heart will be mended and we will feel and know with all certainty that we are all your children in your safe presence. AMEN.*

## This Joyful Eastertide

Author: George R. Woodward    Tune: VRUECHTEN

*Hold down your control button (CTRL in the lower left of your keypad) and click on the following link to hear*

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5tipsbcfuB4>

This joyful Eastertide,  
away with sin and sorrow!  
My Love, the Crucified,  
hath sprung to life this morrow.

*Refrain:*

***Had Christ, that once was slain,  
ne'er burst his three-day prison,  
our faith had been in vain;  
but now is Christ arisen,  
arisen, arisen, arisen.***

My flesh in hope shall rest,  
and for a season slumber,  
till trump from east to west  
shall wake the dead in number.     ***Refrain:***

Death's flood hath lost its chill,  
since Jesus crossed the river:  
Lover of souls, from ill  
my passing soul deliver.     ***Refrain:***



And now receive the blessing:

May the hope of Easter—a love that never dies, and a life story that only ever ends in love and light—carry you on this day and into the life that is to come for you in Christ. AMEN.