



The Resurrection of Our Lord

Resurrection Hymn. "He Is Arisen! Glorious Word" LSB #488

by Birgette Katerine Boye, 1724-1824, tr. George A. T. Rygh Tune: "Wie Schön Leuchtet"

1. He is arisen! Glorious Word!
Now reconciled is God, my Lord;
The gates of heav'n are open.
My Jesus did triumphant die,
And Satan's arrows broken lie,
Destroyed hell's fiercest weapon.
O hear what cheer!
Christ victorious, Rising glorious, Life is giving.
He was dead but now is living!

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Text: 1 Cor 15:3-8,12-23

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Tune: Philipp Nicolai, 1556-1608

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Opening Versicles.

Psalm 118:24; Psalm 113:3

Ex 12:6,13, 17-18 with Gloria Patri

Verse: This is the day which the Lord has made;

Response: Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Verse: From the rising of the sun to its setting,

Response: The name of the Lord is to be praised.

Verse: Your right hand, O Lord, glorious in power,

Response: Your right hand, O Lord, shatters the enemy.

Verse: "You have led in Your steadfast love

the people whom You have redeemed;

**Response: You have guided them by Your strength
to Your holy abode.**

Verse: You will bring them in and

plant them on Your own mountain,

**Response: The place, O Lord, which You have made for your abode,
The sanctuary, O Lord,
which your hands have established.
The Lord will reign forever and ever."**

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit
As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

Verse: From the rising of the sun to its setting,

Response: The name of the Lord is to be praised.

Old Testament Canticle.

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"Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain"

by John of Damascus, c. 696- a. 754, tr. John Mason Neale Tune: "Gaudeamus Pariter"

1. Come, ye faithful, raise the strain
Of triumphant gladness;
God has brought his Israel
Into joy from sadness;
Loosed from Pharaoh's bitter yoke
Jacob's sons and daughters;
Led them with unmoistened foot
Through the Red Sea waters.
2. 'Tis the spring of souls today;
Christ has burst his prison,
And from three days' sleep in death,
As a sun has risen;
All the winter of our sins,
Long and dark, is flying
From his light, to whom is giv'n
Laud and praise undying.

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Text: Exodus 15:1-21

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Tune: Johann Hom, 1490-1547

Setting: Theodore A. Beck, 1929-2003

Readings from Holy Scripture.**Jeremiah 31:1-6 (ESV)**

¹ “At that time, declares the LORD, I will be the God of all the clans of Israel, and they shall be my people.”

² Thus says the LORD:

“The people who survived the sword
found grace in the wilderness;

when Israel sought for rest,

³ the LORD appeared to him from far away.

I have loved you with an everlasting love;

therefore I have continued my faithfulness to you.

⁴ Again I will build you, and you shall be built,

O virgin Israel!

Again you shall adorn yourself with tambourines

and shall go forth in the dance of the merrymakers.

⁵ Again you shall plant vineyards

on the mountains of Samaria;

the planters shall plant

and shall enjoy the fruit.

⁶ For there shall be a day when watchmen will call

in the hill country of Ephraim:

‘Arise, and let us go up to Zion,

to the LORD our God.’”

Verse: This is the Word of the Lord.

Response: Thanks be to God.

Colossians 3:1-4 (ESV)

¹ If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. ² Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. ³ For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. ⁴ When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

Verse: This is the Word of the Lord.

Response: Thanks be to God.

Matthew 28:1-10 (ESV)

¹ Now after the Sabbath, toward the dawn of the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. ² And behold, there was a great earthquake, for an angel of the Lord descended from heaven and came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. ³ His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. ⁴ And for fear of him the guards trembled and became like dead men. ⁵ But the angel said to the women, “Do not be afraid, for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified. ⁶ He is not here, for he has risen, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. ⁷ Then go quickly and tell his disciples that he has risen from the dead, and behold, he is going before you to Galilee; there you will see him. See, I have told you.” ⁸ So they departed quickly from the tomb with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. ⁹ And behold, Jesus met them and said, “Greetings!” And they came up and took hold of his feet and worshiped him. ¹⁰ Then Jesus said to them, “Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee, and there they will see me.”

Verse: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Response: Praise to You, Risen Lord.

Responsory for Easter.

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Antiphon: Sing to the Lord and bless His name;

Proclaim His salvation from day to day.

Response: Give to the Lord all glory and strength;

Give Him the honor due His name. Alleluia, Alleluia.

Antiphon: Now is Christ risen from the dead

and become the first fruits of them that sleep.

Response: Give to the Lord all glory and strength;

Give Him the honor due His name. Alleluia, Alleluia.

Antiphon: Glory be to the Father and to the Son;

And to the Holy Spirit.

Response: Give to the Lord all glory and strength;

Give Him the honor due His name. Alleluia, Alleluia.

Catechetical Instruction

This is the First Commandment that Jesus kept because we could not.

“You shall have no other gods.”

What does this mean?

We should fear, love, and trust in God above all things.

This is the Second Commandment that Jesus kept because we could not.

“You shall not misuse the name of the LORD your God.”

What does this mean?

We should fear and love God so that we do not curse, swear, use satanic arts, lie, or deceive by His name, but call upon it in every trouble, pray, praise, and give thanks.

This is the Third Commandment that Jesus kept because we could not.

“Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy.”

What does this mean?

We should fear and love God so that we do not despise preaching and His Word, but hold it sacred and gladly hear & learn it.

This is the Fourth Commandment that Jesus kept because we could not.

“Honor your father and your mother.”

What does this mean?

We should fear and love God so that we do not despise or anger our parents and other authorities, but honor them, serve and obey them, love and cherish them.

This is the Fifth Commandment that Jesus kept because we could not.

“You shall not murder.”

What does this mean?

We should fear and love God so that we do not hurt or harm our neighbor in his body, but help and support him in every physical need.

This is the Sixth Commandment that Jesus kept because we could not.

“You shall not commit adultery.”

What does this mean?

We should fear and love God so that we lead a sexually pure and decent life in what we say and do, and husband and wife love and honor each other.

This is the Seventh Commandment that Jesus kept because we could not.

“You shall not steal.”

What does this mean?

We should fear and love God so that we do not take our neighbor's money or possessions, or get them in any dishonest way, but help him to improve and protect his possessions and income.

This is the Eighth Commandment that Jesus kept because we could not.

“You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor.”

What does this mean?

We should fear and love God so that we do not tell lies about our neighbor, betray him, slander him, or hurt his reputation, but defend him, speak well of him, and explain everything in the kindest way.

This is the Ninth Commandment that Jesus kept because we could not.

“You shall not covet your neighbor's house.”

What does this mean?

We should fear and love God so that we do not scheme to get our neighbor's inheritance or house, or get it in a way which only appears right, but help and be of service to him in keeping it.

This is the Tenth Commandment that Jesus kept because we could not.

“You shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his manservant or maidservant, his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.”

What does this mean?

We should fear and love God so that we do not entice or force away our

neighbor's wife, workers, or animals, or turn them against him, but urge them to stay and do their duty.

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

What does this mean?

I believe that God has made me and all creatures; that He has given me my body and soul, eyes, ears, and all my members, my reason and all my senses, and still takes care of them. He also gives me clothing and shoes, food and drink, house and home, wife and children, land, animals, and all I have. He richly and daily provides me with all that I need to support this body and life.

He defends me against all danger and guards and protects me from all evil. All this He does only out of fatherly, divine goodness and mercy, without any merit or worthiness in me. For all this it is my duty to thank and praise, serve and obey Him.

This is most certainly true.

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, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God, the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

What does this mean?

I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from eternity, and also true man, born of the Virgin Mary, is my Lord, who has redeemed me, a lost and condemned person, purchased and won me from all sins, from death, and from the power of the devil; not with gold or silver, but with His holy, precious blood and with His innocent suffering and death, that I may be His own and live under Him in His kingdom and serve Him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and

blessedness, just as He is risen from the dead, lives and reigns to all eternity.

This is most certainly true.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

What does this mean?

I believe that I cannot by my own reason or strength believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to Him; but the Holy Spirit has called me by the Gospel, enlightened me with His gifts, sanctified and kept me in the true faith. In the same way He calls, gathers, enlightens, and sanctifies the whole Christian church on earth, and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one true faith. In this Christian church He daily and richly forgives all my sins and the sins of all believers. On the Last Day He will raise me and all the dead, and give eternal life to me and all believers in Christ.

This is most certainly true.

Psalm 16 (ESV) *You Will Not Abandon My Soul*

A Miktam of David.

1. ¹ Preserve me, O God, for in you I take refuge.

**2 I say to the LORD, "You are my Lord;
I have no good apart from you."**

**3 As for the saints in the land, they are the excellent ones,
in whom is all my delight.**

**4 The sorrows of those who run after another god shall multiply;
their drink offerings of blood I will not pour out
or take their names on my lips.**

**5 The LORD is my chosen portion and my cup;
you hold my lot.**

**6 The lines have fallen for me in pleasant places;
indeed, I have a beautiful inheritance.**

- ⁷ I bless the LORD who gives me counsel;
in the night also my heart instructs me.
- ⁸ I have set the LORD always before me;
because he is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken.
- ⁹ Therefore my heart is glad, and my whole being rejoices;
my flesh also dwells secure.
- ¹⁰ For you will not abandon my soul to Sheol,
or let your holy one see corruption.
- ¹¹ You make known to me the path of life;
in your presence there is fullness of joy;
at your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

Sermon.

Acts 10:34-43 (ESV)

³⁴ So Peter opened his mouth and said: “Truly I understand that God shows no partiality, ³⁵ but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. ³⁶ As for the word that he sent to Israel, preaching good news of peace through Jesus Christ (he is Lord of all), ³⁷ you yourselves know what happened throughout all Judea, beginning from Galilee after the baptism that John proclaimed: ³⁸ how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power. He went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. ³⁹ And we are witnesses of all that he did both in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree, ⁴⁰ but God raised him on the third day and made him to appear, ⁴¹ not to all the people but to us who had been chosen by God as witnesses, who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. ⁴² And he commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one appointed by God to be judge of the living and the dead. ⁴³ To him all the prophets bear witness that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

God has opened a whole new day, the first day of new creation. On this day, Jesus rose from the dead. On the third day after the cross, Jesus rose from the dead. On the first day of the week, Jesus rose from the dead. On the eighth day of Passover Sabbath rest, Jesus rose from the dead. With Life after death, nothing is the same.

He is the Alpha and the Omega! He is the Beginning and the End! He is the First and the Last! He is the Son of God and the Son of Man.

Our world view will never be the same. In the words of the Angel sitting on the Rock, “Do not be afraid, for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified. ⁶ He is not here, for he has risen, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay.”

He is Risen! **He is Risen Indeed. Alleluia!**

The Word of God to John reveals the reality (Revelation 1:16-17 ESV):

¹⁶ In his right hand he held seven stars, from his mouth came a sharp two-edged sword, and his face was like the sun shining in full strength.

¹⁷ When I saw him, I fell at his feet as though dead. But he laid his right hand on me, saying, “Fear not, I am the first and the last, ¹⁸ and the living one. I died, and behold I am alive forevermore, and I have the keys of Death and Hades.

This Jesus, on the road, met the women who ran from the empty tomb to give witness of the Word of the angel to the brothers in Galilee. To them He said, “Greetings!” And they came up and took hold of his feet and worshiped him. ¹⁰ Then Jesus said to them, “Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee, and there they will see me.”

On they went. But Jesus, the First and the Last, went on before them.

Every time a person is raised from the dead, it is an astounding miracle, showing that God is Himself the Source of Life and God has the ability to give life to whom He will—even after death.

(1 Kings 17:17–24). Elijah the prophet by the power of God, raised the widow of Zarephath’s son from the dead.

(2 Kings 4:18–37). The prophet Elisha by the power of God raised the Shunammite woman’s son from the dead.

(2 Kings 13:20–21). Sometime after Elisha had died and was buried, some men were burying another body in the same area. The grave diggers saw a band of Moabite raiders approaching, and, rather than risk an encounter with the Moabites, they threw the man's body into Elisha's grave. Scripture records that, by the power of God, "when the body touched Elisha's bones, the man came to life and stood up on his feet" (verse 21).

(Luke 7:11–17). Jesus saw the funeral procession of a young man and "his heart went out to [the woman, the mother] and he said, 'Don't cry'" (verse 13). Jesus came close and touched the coffin and spoke to the dead man: "Young man, I say to you, get up!" (verse 14). By the power of God, "the dead man sat up and began to talk" (verse 15).

(Luke 8:52–56). Jesus also showed His power over death by raising the young daughter of Jairus, a synagogue leader. He said, "Talitha cumi," and the little girl got up.

(John 11). The third person that Jesus raised from the dead was His friend Lazarus. Four days Lazarus lay in the tomb. Roll the stone away. Jesus cried out, "Lazarus come forth!" And they loosed Him and let him go.

(Matthew 27:50–53). When Jesus died, "the earth shook, the rocks split and the tombs broke open" (verses 51–52). Those open tombs remained open until the third day. At that time, "the bodies of many holy people . . . were raised to life. They came out of the tombs after Jesus' resurrection and went into the holy city and appeared to many people" (verses 52–53). On the day of the first resurrection, these saints became witnesses in Jerusalem of the life that only Jesus can give.

(Acts 9:36–43). After our Lord ascended, Tabitha, whose Greek name was Dorcas, was a believer who lived in the coastal city of Joppa. Her resurrection from the dead was performed by the power of God through the Word spoken by the apostle Peter.

(Acts 20:7–12). Eutychus was a young man who lived (and died and lived again) in Troas. He was raised from the dead by the apostle Paul.

From the resurrection of Jesus flows all other resurrections that came before, during and after His rising. Christ is risen from the dead! He is risen indeed! Alleluia! Now what? Do we live again only to die again?

Galatians 2:20 (ESV) enlightens our situation:

20 I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.

Jesus' resurrection is the first "permanent" resurrection; all the other resurrections in the Bible were "temporary" in that those raised to life died again. Lazarus died twice; but, Jesus rose, nevermore to die. In this way, He is "the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep" (1 Corinthians 15:20). Jesus' resurrection justifies us (Romans 4:25) and ensures our eternal life: "Because I live, you also will live" (John 14:19).

"Do not be afraid, for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified. ⁶ He is not here, for he has risen, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay."

He is Risen! **He is Risen Indeed! Alleluia!**

Hymn.

"Jesus Christ Is Risen Today"

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Latin, 14th cent., 1-3. Charles Wesley 1707-88, 4, Tr. Lyra Davidica

Tune: "Easter Hymn"

1. Jesus Christ is ris'n today, Alleluia!
Our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!
Who did once upon the cross, Alleluia!
Suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!
2. Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia!
Unto Christ our heav'nly King, Alleluia!
Who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia!
Sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia!
3. But the pains which he endured, Alleluia!
Our salvation have procured; Alleluia!

Now above the sky he's King, Alleluia!
Where the angels ever sing. Alleluia!

4. Sing we to our God above Alleluia!
Praise eternal as his love; Alleluia!
Praise him, all ye heav'nly host, Alleluia!
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!

The Lutheran Hymnal 1941

Text: Luke 24:6-7; 1 Cor. 15:20; Rev. 1:18; Psalm 98
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Tune: Lyra Davidica, London 1708

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Prayer.

Almighty God the Father, through Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, You have overcome death and opened the gate of everlasting life to us. Grant that we, who celebrate with joy the day of our Lord's resurrection, may be raised from the death of sin by Your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Collect for the Word.

Blessed Lord, You have caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning. Grant that we may so hear them, read, mark, learn, and take them to heart that, by the patience and comfort of Your Holy Word, we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of eternal life; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Lord's 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 trespasses
as we forgive those who trespass against us;**

**And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil;
For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory;
Forever and ever. Amen.**

Morning Prayer.

I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that You would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please You. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.

New Testament Canticle.

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“Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain”

by John of Damascus, c. 696- a. 754, tr. John Mason Neale Tune: “Gaudeamus Pariter”

3. Now the queen of seasons, bright
With the day of splendor,
With the royal feast of feasts
Comes its joy to render;
Comes to gladden faithful hearts
Which with true affection
Welcome in unwearied strain
Jesus' resurrection!
4. For today among His own
Christ appeared, bestowing
His deep peace, which evermore
Passes human knowing.
Neither could the gates of death
Nor the tomb's dark portal
Nor the watchers nor the seal
Hold Him as a mortal.

5. Alleluia! Now we cry
 To our King immortal,
 Who, triumphant, burst the bars
 Of the tomb's dark portal.
 Come, you faithful, raise the strain
 Of triumphant gladness!
 God has brought His Israel
 Into joy from sadness!

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Blessing.

Verse: Let us bless the Lord

Response: Thanks be to God.

The Almighty and Merciful Lord
 The Father, the ✝ Son, and the Holy Spirit
 Bless and preserve us.

Amen.

Sending Hymn.

"I Know That My Redeemer Lives"

by Samuel Medley, 1738-99

1. I know that my Redeemer lives;
 What comfort this sweet sentence gives!
 He lives, He lives, who once was dead;
 He lives, my ever-living head.
2. He lives triumphant from the grave;
 He lives eternally to save;
 He lives all-glorious in the sky;
 He lives exalted there on high.

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Tune: "Duke Street"

3. He lives to bless me with his love;
 He lives to plead for me above;
 He lives my hungry soul to feed;
 He lives to bless in time of need.
4. He lives to grant me rich supply;
 He lives to guide me with his eye;
 He lives to comfort me went faint;
 He lives to hear my soul's complaint.
5. He lives to silence all my fears;
 He lives to wipe away my tears;
 He lives to calm my troubled heart;
 He lives with blessings to impart.
6. He lives, my kind, wise heav'nly friend;
 He lives and loves me to the end;
 He lives, and while he lives, I'll sing;
 He lives, my Prophet, Priest, and King.
7. He lives and grants me daily breath;
 He lives, and I shall conquer death;
 He lives my mansion to prepare;
 He lives to bring me safely there.
8. He lives, all glory to His name!
 He lives, my Jesus, still the same;
 Oh, sweet the joy this sentence gives:
 I know that my Redeemer lives!

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Text: Job 19:25-27; Col 1:18; Heb 7:25; John 14:2-3

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