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“I Have Seen the Lord”

RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD IN SONG

“The Day of Resurrection!” #118

**The day of resurrection! Earth, tell it out abroad;
The Passover of gladness, The Passover of God.
From death to life eternal, From this world unto the sky,
Our Christ hath brought us over With hymns of victory.**

**Our hearts be pure from evil, That we may see aright
The Lord in rays eternal Of resurrection light;
And listening to His accents, May hear, so calm and plain,
His own “All hail!” and, hearing, May raise the victor strain.**

**Now let the heavens be joyful, Let earth the song begin,
Let the round world keep triumph, And all that is therein;
Let all things seen and unseen Their notes of gladness blend,
For Christ the Lord is risen, Our joy that hath no end.**

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COMMISSION AND BLESSING

SUNG RESPONSE

“Christ Is Alive” #108 (vs. 2)

**Christ is alive! No longer bound To distant years in Palestine,
But saving, healing, here and now, And touching every place and time.**

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POSTLUDE: *“Toccata from Organ Symphony No. 5 - Charles-Marie Widor*

APRIL 20TH 2025 –10:15AM WORSHIP-- EASTER SUNDAY

PRELUDE: *“Fantasia on 'Thine is the Glory' - Michael Burkhardt*

GREETINGS/ANNOUNCEMENTS/OPENING PRAYER

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“Surprise!”

PRAISING OUR GOD IN SONG

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today! #113

**"Christ the Lord is risen today!" Alleluia!
All creation, join to say: Alleluia!
Raise your joys and triumphs high; Alleluia!
Sing, O heavens, and earth reply, 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!**

**Lives again our glorious King; Alleluia!
Where, O death, is now your sting? Alleluia!
Jesus died, our souls to save; Alleluia!
Where your victory, O grave? Alleluia!**

**Hail the Lord of earth and heaven! Alleluia!
Praise to You by both be given; Alleluia!
Every knee to You shall bow, Alleluia!
Risen Christ, triumphant now. Alleluia!**

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PASSING OF THE PEACE

(L) The Peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all
(R) **And also with you.**

PROFESSING OUR FAITH (*Apostles' Creed*)

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, one holy universal Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

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(L) The word of the Lord. (R) **Thanks be to God.**

"What Did They Believe?"

A FURTHER THOUGHT John 20:10-17a p. 1,686

"Letting Go"

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD IN SONG

"I Danced in the Morning" #302

**I danced in the morning when the world was begun,
and I danced in the moon and the stars and the sun,
and I came down from heaven and I danced on the earth.**

At Bethlehem I had my birth.

(Refrain) **Dance, then, wherever you may be;**

**I am the Lord of the Dance, said he,
and I'll lead you all, wherever you may be,
and I'll lead you all in the dance, said he.**

**I danced for the scribe and the Pharisee,
but they would not dance and they would not follow me.**

**I danced for the fishermen, for James and John.
They came with me and the dance went on. (Refrain)**

**I danced on the Sabbath and I cured the lame.
The holy people said it was a shame.
They whipped and they stripped and they hung me high,
and left me there on a cross to die. (Refrain)**

**I danced on a Friday when the sky turned black.
It's hard to dance with the devil on your back.
They buried my body and they thought I'd gone,
but I am the dance and I still go on. (Refrain)**

They cut me down and I leapt up high.

I am the life that will never, never die.

**I'll live in you if you'll live in me,
I am the Lord of the Dance, said he. (Refrain)**

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PRAYER OF REPENTANCE

God of grace and glory, we thank you that through the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ we have been forgiven our sins; past, present, and future. We rejoice in knowing that through the gift of faith we are a new creation in Christ! We admit however, that we have not lived fully into who you have created and redeemed us to be. We do not always love you with our whole heart, mind, and strength. We can find it difficult to treat our neighbors and ourselves with the same forgiveness, mercy, and grace which you shower upon us. We ask that by the power of your Spirit, we would be transformed, so we may fully delight in your will and walk in your light, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

SUNG RESPONSE

"Thine Is the Glory" #122 (vs. 2 & Refrain)

**Lo! Jesus meets us, Risen from the tomb;
Lovingly He greets us, Scatters fear and gloom.
Let the church with gladness Hymns of triumph sing,
For the Lord now liveth; Death hath lost its sting.
Thine is the glory, Risen, conquering Son;
Endless is the victory Thou o'er death hast won.**

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OFFERING OUR LIVES TO GOD-THE 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 debts as we forgive our debtors, and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For yours is the kingdom, and the power and the glory forever. Amen.