



New Utrecht Reformed Church at home
Easter Sunday, April 12, 2020

We shout aloud: He is risen! He is risen indeed!!

We sing:

Hear the bells ringing, they're singing that we can be born again!
Hear the bells ringing, they're singing "Christ is risen from the dead!"
The angel upon the tombstone said, "He is risen, just as he said."
Go quickly now, go tell his disciples that Jesus Christ is no longer dead!
Joy to the world, he is risen, alleluia, he's risen, alleluia,
He's risen, alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

We pray:

On this most sacred and precious of all days, Lord,
we thank you, we worship you, we praise you!
You are our strength and our salvation.
We glorify you, O risen Savior, and we will continue to tell our world
by all means available why we rejoice today and every day as your church.

We sing:

Christ the Lord is risen today, Alleluia!
Sons of men and angels say, Alleluia!
Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia!
Sing, ye heav'ns, and earth reply: Alleluia!

Our prayer of confession:

Dear Lord, our sins put you on the cross.
Our sins put you to death.
Our sins sent you to hell.
Forgive us, precious Jesus, Lamb of God—but today you are risen!
Today you have been raised from the dead, rescued from hell,
and we know that by faith in you, we too will be raised, free of sin,
bathed in your righteousness. We will join you in heaven.
Hallelujah! All praise to Father, Son and Holy Spirit, Amen.

Words of Assurance:

There is now no condemnation for those of us who belong to Jesus Christ!

We no longer have to live under the threat of God's judgment.
For through Jesus, we have been freed from the tyranny of sin and death.
For Jesus did what the law could never do.
He personally took on the human condition,
in order to set it right once and for all.
Through him we have been set free!
Thanks be to God!

Our Scripture Readings (please consult your own Bible):

- Psalm 118:1-2 & 14-24
- John 20:1-18

Our sermon: Why Are You Weeping?

*In thanks for God's Word and God's great work among us,
we will send our offering to Rita.*

We sing:

A serve a risen Savior, He's in the world today;
I know that He is living, whatever men may say;
I see His hand of mercy, I hear His voice of cheer,
And just the time I need Him, He's always near.
He lives, He lives, Christ Jesus lives today!
We walks with me and talks with me along life's narrow way.
He lives, He lives, salvation to impart!
You ask me how I know He lives? He lives within my heart.

We pray:

On this great day of rejoicing, dear Lord, our hearts are divided
because there is also much to lament, around us and around the world.
Help us today and everyday hereafter to focus on the faith and hope
we have in resurrection.
Help us talk to you about providing healing and protection.
Help us remember every day that you are the *only* God,
the Almighty, all-seeing and all-loving.
Bless, we pray, our sisters and brothers at work in hospitals and
hospital-related locations,
and bless all patients through this terrifying time of trial.
We rely on you and you alone to answer our prayers and
to continue to bless us and the world.
You alone are the resurrection and the life. Amen.

We pray this Benediction:

May we be held in the hand of God the Father Almighty
May we be filled to overflowing with the Light of the world, His Son, our Savior Jesus
And may we always be safely protected at home, and if we need to go out,
by the shalom-making Holy Spirit.
Amen.