

GOING TO THE TOMB

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AT THE TOMB

L: Whom do you seek?

P: We are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified on Friday. They have taken away our Lord, and we do not know where they have laid him.

L: Do not be afraid. I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. He is not here, for he has risen. Go and tell his disciples.

P: He is risen!

*SUNG: Were you there when he rose up from the dead?
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THE LIGHT OF THE RESURRECTION

L: Sisters and brothers in Christ, on this most holy morning, we gather with the whole company of God's people in heaven and on earth to share in Christ's victory over death. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it. Christ is risen!

P: Christ is risen, indeed!

HYMN Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

Jesus Christ is risen today, Alleluia!
Our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!
Who did once, upon the cross, Alleluia!
Suffer to redeem our loss, Alleluia!

LESSON Psalm 98

HYMN Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia!
Unto Christ, our heavenly King, Alleluia!
Who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia!
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LESSON Romans 6:3-11

HYMN 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!

LESSON Luke 24:1-12

HYMN Sing we to our God above, Alleluia!
Praise eternal as His love, Alleluia!
Praise Him, all you heavenly host, Alleluia!
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, Alleluia!

MESSAGE "The Twilight of Our Hope" Rev. Patrick Cherry

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH Heidelberg Catechism

L: What benefit do we receive from "the resurrection" of Christ?

P: First, by his resurrection he has overcome death that he might make us share in the righteousness which he has obtained for us through his death. Second, we too are now raised by his power to a new life. Third, the resurrection of Christ is a sure pledge to us of our blessed resurrection.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

OFFERTORY HYMN Because He Lives

God sent His Son, they called Him Jesus;
He came to love, heal and forgive.
He lived and died to buy my pardon;
An empty grave is there to prove my Savior lives.

**(Chorus) Because He lives I can face tomorrow;
Because He lives, all fear is gone.
Because I know He holds the future,
And life is worth the living just because He lives.**

And then one day, I'll cross the river;
I'll fight life's final war with pain.
And then, as death gives way to vict'ry,
I'll see the lights of Glory and I'll know he reigns. **(Chorus)**

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