

CALL TO WORSHIP

Resurrection Sunday

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Leader: I approached the tomb where they laid my Savior's body and the stone was rolled away! His body was gone, and two angels sat in its place to announce, "Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here, he has Risen!"

Congregation: Glory be to God in the highest! Our Savior has risen to take his rightful place at the right hand of the throne. He has been appointed by God as the judge of the living and the dead.

Leader: He has begun a new work by creating new heavens and a new earth! Let us testify about his miraculous life, death, and resurrection through the praises from our lips and the doings of our hands.

Congregation: This is the day that the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad in it! We are washed anew by the blood shed by Jesus on the cross, so that our sins are forgiven and forgotten through his name.

Leader: No longer shall we suffer and toil, never to see the fruits of our labor! No longer shall we weep or languish in vain. The former things have given way to the glory of the Savior, Jesus Christ!

Congregation: With the power of the Holy Spirit within us, we shall walk with conviction through the valleys of the shadow of death. We will wait upon the Lord and draw near to His Word, doing what is right and acceptable unto Him.

Leader: Jesus Christ is Lord of all! He brings forth peace, love, and justice to those who believe in Him. He came to fulfill the law and commanded us to love God and our neighbors unconditionally.

Congregation: We shall follow in Jesus' example and practice forgiveness and mercy. We shall shine our light in the dark places and be as beacons to those in search of Him. We will declare to all the world that, "He is risen!"

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