

Lighthouse Worship

Easter Sunday– Pastor Jon Donohue
Sunday, April 12, 2020



Christ is Risen! He is Risen Indeed!

Dear Church,

On this special Resurrection Sunday, I so long to be with you in person. Even though we cannot worship in body together, I know that we are worshipping in spirit together. In your own little Lighthouse of Worship this morning, celebrate the Risen King! Shout, clap your hands, blow horns, throw confetti, and run in circles if you'd like! Jesus is ALIVE, hope is ALIVE, and that makes ALL the difference. May the joy of the original disciples that first Resurrection Sunday morning be your joy today as we wonder afresh at the risen Lord and all that it means for us!

With joyful heart,
Pastor Jon

- **Opening Prayer**

Welcome the Lord into your presence, celebrating the fact that the tomb is empty and Jesus is alive!

- **Read Together**

Matthew 28:5-6 Then the angel spoke to the women. "Don't be afraid!" he said. "I know you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. He isn't here! He is risen from the dead, just as he said would happen. Come, see where his body was lying."

Psalms 150:1-6 Praise the LORD! Praise God in his sanctuary; praise him in his mighty heaven! Praise him for his mighty works; praise his unequalled greatness! Praise him with a blast of the ram's horn; praise him with the lyre and harp! Praise him with the tambourine and dancing; praise him with strings and flutes! Praise him with a clash of cymbals; praise him with loud clanging cymbals. Let everything that breathes sing praises to the LORD! Praise the LORD!

- **Opening Song** (Recommended: Use computer or cast to a TV with good audio quality):

Christ the Lord is Risen Today! (NCC Worship): <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xNrV2fX5Qb4>

- **Poem**

Jesus Rose to Life

By John R. Cross

If Jesus be dead, in the grip of a tomb,
There'd be nothing for us but fear and doom.
Life would be sad, with no way to cope.

Death would still reign all, without any hope.
If Jesus be dead, in the grip of a tomb,
We'd have no future, only dark and gloom.
No life after death, no eternity in sight,
No hope, no joy, no Savior, no light.

But.... (and aren't we thankful there is a "but")

But thanks be to God, Jesus rose to life.
The debt all paid, though sin was rife.
His body lay in the tomb three days,
Then up from the grave his life was raised.

Yes, thanks be to God, Jesus rose to life.
He conquered death, all sin and strife.
To those who believe, from death set free.
With hope, with joy, their Savior to see!

- **Read Together**

1 Peter 1:3 All praise to God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. It is by his great mercy that we have been born again, because God raised Jesus Christ from the dead.

1 Corinthians 15:55-57 "O death, where is your victory? O death, where is your sting?" For sin is the sting that results in death, and the law gives sin its power. But thank God! He gives us victory over sin and death through our Lord Jesus Christ.

- **Verbal Praise!**

Take some time to speak, sing, or shout words of praise to the Lord! Declare the GREATNESS of who He is and what He has done! Praise Him for his various attributes. Speak praise for the ways He is working in your life. Praise Him for the way(s) He is resurrecting various aspects of your life!

- **Worship Through Song**

Death Was Arrested (Seth Condrey): <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uMsMiluCUUI>

- **Lighthouse Easter Message and Blessings: Approaching the Empty Tomb**

YouTube Channel: Alliance Bible Church, Anchorage (available 8 AM Sunday morning)
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCYnhhwO3DYtDWIcIVtelFrg>

- **Worship Through Song**

King of Kings (Hillsong): <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7OnfQpZr030>

- **Discussion**

1. How have you been approaching this Easter season?
2. Who could you most relate to in the story and what was relatable?
3. How does the fact that Jesus is risen, and that His grace and hope is for YOU, impact your perspective and life today?

- **Communal Prayer**

Share prayer needs and pray for one another. With 2 Chronicles 7:14 in mind, pray also for our community, nation, and world in the midst of the pandemic. May our Lord bring REVIVAL!

- **Benediction**

Hebrews 13:20-21 Now may the God of peace – who brought up from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great Shepherd of the sheep, and ratified an eternal covenant with his blood – may he equip you with all you need for doing his will. May he produce in you, through the power of Jesus Christ, every good thing that is pleasing to him. All glory to him forever and ever! Amen

IMPORTANT:

- **Virtual Foyer**

Celebrate Resurrection Sunday with church family via Zoom TODAY between 11:30 AM – 12:30 PM
<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/114344692?pwd=VXJubnNra3UybGNWaWcud0FiWmg3Zz09>

- **Be Light**

Check out the “**Be Light**” tab on our website for ideas about how we can serve and bless others around us during this difficult season: <https://www.abcanchorage.org/be-light>

- **Giving**

Thank you for faithfully, sacrificially, and joyfully giving to the ministry of ABC. Your giving allows our church to continue to live the mission. **Text-to-Give** your offering amount to the number **84321**, or visit the website for a complete list of ways to give to Alliance: <https://www.abcanchorage.org/giving>

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