

Waupun United Methodist Church, Waupun, WI
Worship Supplement – Easter, 2024

Christ Is Alive

**1 Christ is alive! Let Christians sing. His cross stands empty to the sky.
Let streets and homes with praises ring. His love in death shall never die.**

**2 Christ is alive! No longer bound to distant years in Palestine,
he comes to claim the here and now and dwell in every place and time.**

**3 Not throned afar, remotely high, untouched, unmoved by human pains,
but daily, in the midst of life, our Savior in the Godhead reigns.**

**4 In every insult, rift, and war where color, scorn, or wealth divide,
he suffers still, yet loves the more, and lives though ever crucified.**

**5 Christ is alive! And come to bring good news to this and every age,
'till earth and all creation ring, with joy, with justice, love, and praise.**

Bible Reading

Isaiah 35:1-8

35 The wilderness and the dry land will be glad;
the desert will rejoice and blossom like a wildflower.

2 It will blossom abundantly
and will also rejoice with joy and singing.

The glory of Lebanon will be given to it,
the splendor of Carmel and Sharon.

They will see the glory of the Lord,
the splendor of our God.

3 Strengthen the weak hands,
steady the shaking knees!

4 Say to the cowardly:

“Be strong; do not fear!

Here is your God; vengeance is coming.

God’s retribution is coming; he will save you.”

5 Then the eyes of the blind will be opened,
and the ears of the deaf unstopped.

6 Then the lame will leap like a deer,
and the tongue of the mute will sing for joy,
for water will gush in the wilderness,

and streams in the desert;
 7 the parched ground will become a pool,
 and the thirsty land, springs.
 In the haunt of jackals, in their lairs,
 there will be grass, reeds, and papyrus.
 8 A road will be there and a way;
 it will be called the Holy Way.
 The unclean will not travel on it,
 but it will be for the one who walks the path.
 Fools will not wander on it.

Christian Standard Bible (CSB)

Hymn of Promise

**In the bulb there is a flower; in the seed, an apple tree;
 in cocoons, a hidden promise: butterflies will soon be free!
 In the cold and snow of winter there's a spring that waits to be,
 unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.**

**There's a song in every silence, seeking word and melody,
 there's a dawn in every darkness, bringing hope to you and me.
 From the past will come the future; what it holds, a mystery,
 unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.**

**In our end is our beginning; in our time, infinity,
 in our doubt there is believing; in our life, eternity.
 In our death, a resurrection; at the last, a victory,
 unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.**

Bible Reading

Romans 6:1-4

6 What should we say then? Should we continue in sin so that grace may multiply?
2 Absolutely not! How can we who died to sin still live in it? **3** Or are you unaware that
 all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death?
4 Therefore we were buried with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as
 Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too may walk in
 newness of life.

(CSB)

Alleluia, Alleluia

Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord.

Alleluia, alleluia! Give praise to his name.

Jesus is Lord of all the earth. He is the King of creation.

Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord.

Alleluia, alleluia! Give praise to his name.

Spread the good news o'er all the earth: Jesus has died and has risen.

Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord.

Alleluia, alleluia! Give praise to his name.

We have been crucified with Christ. Now we shall live forever.

Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord.

Alleluia, alleluia! Give praise to his name.

Come, let us praise the living God, joyfully sing to our Savior.

Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord.

Alleluia, alleluia! Give praise to his name.

Bible Reading

Matthew 28:1-10

28 After the Sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to view the tomb. ² There was a violent earthquake, because an angel of the Lord descended from heaven and approached the tomb. He rolled back the stone and was sitting on it. ³ His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing was as white as snow. ⁴ The guards were so shaken by fear of him that they became like dead men.

⁵ The angel told the women, "Don't be afraid, because I know you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. ⁶ He is not here. For he has risen, just as he said. Come and see the place where he lay. ⁷ Then go quickly and tell his disciples, 'He has risen from the dead and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; you will see him there.' Listen, I have told you."

⁸ So, departing quickly from the tomb with fear and great joy, they ran to tell his disciples the news. ⁹ Just then Jesus met them and said, "Greetings!" They came up, took hold of his feet, and worshiped him. ¹⁰ Then Jesus told them, "Do not be afraid. Go and tell my brothers to leave for Galilee, and they will see me there." (CSB)

Song of Thanksgiving Black #2195 "In the LORD I'll Be Ever Thankful"

In the LORD I'll be ever thankful, in the LORD I will rejoice!

Look to God, do not be afraid.

Lift up your voices, the LORD is near,

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Christ the Lord is Risen Today

**1 Christ the Lord is risen today, Alleluia!
Earth and heaven in chorus say, Alleluia!
Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia!
Sing, ye heavens, and earth reply, Alleluia!**

**2 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!**

**3 Lives again our glorious King, Alleluia!
Where, O death, is now thy sting? Alleluia!
Once he died our souls to save, Alleluia!
Where's thy victory, boasting grave? Alleluia!**

**4 Soar we now where Christ has led, Alleluia!
Following our exalted Head, Alleluia!
Made like him, like him we rise, Alleluia!
Ours the cross, the grave, the skies, Alleluia!**