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CALL TO WORSHIP THE APOSTLES' CREED PRAYER

Select from one of the following two options:

CALL TO WORSHIP #1

Leader:

Rejoice o heavens! Sing, choirs of angels! Exalt all creation around God's throne!
Jesus Christ our King is risen! Sound the trumpet of salvation!

Response:

**Rejoice, o heavens! Sing choirs of angels! Jesus Christ, our King, is risen! Rejoice,
O earth, in shining splendor, radiant in the brightness of our King!**

Leader:

Christ has conquered! Glory fills you! Darkness vanishes forever! Rejoice, O
Church, The risen Savior shines upon you!

Response:

**Let this place resound with joy, echoing the mighty song of all God's people!
Rejoice, sing, Jesus Christ our Lord is risen and lives!**

(<http://www.peachblowumc.org/1/post/2015/04/easter-sunday-april-5-2015.html>)

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CALL TO WORSHIP #2

All:

He is risen!

Leader:

In the glory of the Resurrection we shall find joy for our sorrows,

Response:

Healing for our heart wounds

Leader:

And comfort for all life's trials.

All:

He reigns!

Leader:

Like Mary, hearing the voice of the Gardener who called her by name

Response:

We too will hear him speak our name. We shall look into the face of our risen Lord and cry, "Rabboni!" "My Master!"

All:

He is returning!

Leader:

Mary looked for Him in the tomb, but He was not there.

Response:

He had freed Himself from the bondage of the tomb; angels had rolled back the stone.



Leader:

He had escaped the damp, dark shadows of the tomb, freeing himself from the shackles of death.

Response:

He arose in victory declaring, "Behold, I am alive forevermore!"

All: We celebrate the victory of our Coming King!

-Adapted from *Toward A Better World*, by Commander Evangeline Booth, 1928.

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CALL TO WORSHIP #3

Leader:

Living, He loved me.

Response:

I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I now live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God who loved me and gave himself for me. (Galatians 2:20)

Leader:

Dying, He saved me.

Response:

But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us. (Romans 5:8)

Leader:

Buried, He carried my sins far away.

Response:

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness. (1 John 1:9)

Leader:

Rising from the dead, he justified me, freely - forever!

Response:

And all are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus. (Romans 3:24)

Leader:

One day He's returning, o glorious day!



Response:

He who testifies to these things says, "Yes, I am coming soon." Come, Lord Jesus. Amen. (Revelation 22:20)

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THE APOSTLES' CREED

(Easter is an opportunity to affirm the classical creeds of the Church that bind us together as one people in the Body of Christ.)

I believe in God the Father almighty, Maker of Heaven and earth: and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried; he descended into Hell; the third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into Heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father almighty, from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life ever lasting.

(The Salvation Army Handbook of Doctrine, Appendix One)

PRAYER

God of grace and glory,
by the death and resurrection of your Beloved Son
your reign of wholeness has been unleashed
within our bent and broken world.
Open to us your empowering grace
that we may be bearers of your world-redeeming love;
through the resurrected Christ,
our dignity, our power, and our peace. Amen.

Paul Fayter, 1991.