

## Songs for April 26, 2020

Gathering      ELW #384      That Easter Day With Joy Was Bright

That Easter day with joy was bright;  
The sun shone out with fairer light  
When to their longing eyes restored,  
The apostles saw their risen Lord!

O Jesus, king of gentleness,  
With constant love our hearts possess;  
To you our lips will ever raise  
The tribute of our grateful praise.

O Christ, you are the Lord of all  
In this, our Easter festival,  
For you will be our strength and shield  
From every weapon death can wield.

Hymn of the Day      ELW# 389      Christ Is Alive! Let Christians Sing

1. Christ is alive! Let Christians sing.  
The cross stands empty to the sky.  
Let streets and homes with praises ring.  
Love, drowned in death, shall never die.

2. Christ is alive! No longer bound  
To distant years in Palestine,  
But saving, healing, here and now  
And touching every place and time.

3. In every insult, rift, and war  
Where color, scorn, or wealth divide,  
Christ suffers still, yet loves the more,  
And lives, where even hope has died.

5. Christ is alive and comes to bring  
Good news to this and every age,  
Till earth and sky and ocean ring  
With joy, with justice, love, and praise.

### Offertory Song

This Easter Celebration by Carolyn Winfrey Gillette

tune: Aurelia

(The Church's One Foundation)

This Easter celebration is not like one's we've known  
We pray in isolation, we sing the hymns alone  
We're distant from our neighbors – from worship leaders too  
No flowers grace the chancel to set a festive mood.

No gathered choirs are singing, no banners lead the way.  
O God of love and promise, where's joy this Easter Day?  
With sanctuaries empty, may homes become the place  
We ponder resurrection and celebrate your grace.

Our joy won't come from worship that's in a crowded room  
But from the news of women who saw the empty tomb.  
Our joy comes from disciples who ran with haste to see-  
Who heard that Christ is risen, and then, by grace, believed.

In all the grief and suffering, may we remember well:  
Christ suffered crucifixion and faced the powers of hell.  
Each Easter bears the promise: Christ rose that glorious day!  
Now nothing in creation can keep your love away.

We thank you that on Easter, your church is blessed to be  
A scattered, faithful body that's doing ministry,  
In homes and in the places of help and healing, too  
We live the Easter message by gladly serving you.

Tune: Samuel Sebastian Wesley, 1864

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[Sending Song: ELW #377](#)      [Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen](#)

1. Alleluia! Jesus is risen!

Trumpets, resounding the glorious light!

Splendor, the Lamb, heaven forever!

Oh, what a miracle God has in sight!

Jesus is risen and we shall arise.

Give God the glory, Alleluia!

2. Walking the way, Christ in the center

Telling the story to open our eyes;

Breaking our bread, giving us glory:

Jesus, our blessing, our constant surprise.

Jesus is risen and we shall arise.

Give God the glory, Alleluia!

5. City of God, Easter forever

Golden Jerusalem, Jesus the Lamb

River of life, saints and archangels, sing with creation to God, the I Am!

Jesus is risen and we shall arise.

Give God the glory, Alleluia!