

# Order of Worship

**INTROIT: "Christ is Risen! Hallelujah..." [# 115 VIP v. 1]**

1. Christ is risen! Hallelujah!  
Risen our victorious head.  
Sing his praises! Hallelujah!  
Christ is risen from the dead.  
Gratefully our hearts adore  
him,  
As his light once more appears,  
Bowing down in joy before him,  
Rising up from grief and tears.

***Refrain:***  
***Christ is risen! Hallelujah!***  
***Risen our victorious head.***  
***Sing his praises!***  
***Hallelujah!***  
***Christ is risen from the***  
***dead.***

*John S. B. Monsell (1811-75)*

## INVITATION TO WORSHIP

### CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

R: **The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

L: Jesus is the first and the last,

R: **He was dead, and behold, He is alive forever and ever.**

L: Jesus Christ, in your triumph over the grave and your  
resurrection from death, the heavens and earth rejoice!

R: **We praise you, O God! For you have made us victorious over  
sin!**

L: The Lord has swallowed up death forever; the Lord has wiped  
away the tears from all faces!

R: **We praise you, O God! For you have brought us from death to  
life!**

**ALL: We have come in one accord, to participate in His sufferings  
and to experience the power of His resurrection as we await His  
coming glory!**

### OPENING HYMN: "Christ the Lord is Risen Today!" [# 116 VIP]

1. Christ the Lord is risen today; <i>Hallelujah!</i> Sons of men and angels say: <i>Hallelujah!</i> Raise your joys and triumphs high; <i>Hallelujah!</i> Sing, ye heavens; thou earth, reply: <i>Hallelujah!</i>	Christ hath burst the gates of hell: <i>Hallelujah!</i> Lives again our glorious King; <i>Hallelujah!</i> Where, O death, is now thy sting? <i>Hallelujah!</i>
2. Love's redeeming work is done; <i>Hallelujah!</i> Fought the fight, the battle won: <i>Hallelujah!</i> Vain the stone, the watch, the seal; <i>Hallelujah!</i>	3. Once he died our souls to save: <i>Hallelujah!</i> Where's thy victory, boasting grave? <i>Hallelujah!</i> Once he died our souls to save: <i>Hallelujah!</i> Where's thy victory, boasting grave? <i>Hallelujah!</i>

4. Soar we now where Christ  
hath led, *Hallelujah!*  
Following our exalted Head:  
*Hallelujah!*  
Made like him, like him we  
rise; *Hallelujah!*  
Ours the cross, the grave, the  
skies: *Hallelujah!*

5. King of Glory! Soul of bliss!  
*Hallelujah!*  
Everlasting life is this,  
*Hallelujah!*  
Thee to know, thy power to  
prove, *Hallelujah!*  
Thus to sing, and thus to love:  
*Hallelujah!*

*Charles Wesley (1707-88)*

### PRAYER OF ADORATION: (Adapted)

L: God of Promise and God of Hope, who through your great mercy  
have granted us new life through the death and resurrection of  
Jesus Christ, we praise your wonderful name! Lord of life, you  
defeated death to demonstrate a love that is beyond our  
understanding that pursues us and a saving grace for all who hear.  
God of Glory and God of Might who through your great power  
have granted us new strength to endure all things through faith in  
Christ our risen King, we praise your wonderful name! **Amen.**

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Adapted)

L: Let us call to mind the ways in which we have failed to live out  
the resurrected life.

*Silent Confession*

L: Living God, we confess the weakness of our faith. While we have  
heard the news that, "He is risen," we have kept it to ourselves. In  
church, in the presence of the Believing, we have professed  
Christ's victory over the grave three-fold, but in our daily lives, we  
have lived as if it had no real effect. We have stared into the face  
of our own mortality and that of others as if we were people with  
no hope. Forgive us for living a life of futility. For, as Paul  
proclaimed to those not unlike us, "If Christ has not been raised,  
your faith is futile, and you are still in your sins." Raise in our hearts  
and minds this day the knowledge of the crucified, dead, and  
buried One who overcame sin and its sting so that we might live  
today, tomorrow, and forever with him. **Amen.**

### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

L: Christ is Risen! The stone is rolled away, the tomb found empty.  
Mary calls out, "I have seen the Lord!" We have seen Christ, too,  
in every helping hand, in every heartfelt gift, in every choice to  
restore life in this world. We are called to this new life, a life of  
forgiveness and reconciliation. You are forgiven; accept your  
forgiveness and know that God loves you and desires great joy for  
your life. Walk forward on this journey of faith, knowing your  
brothers and sisters are with you.

R: **Amen. Thanks be to God.**

### PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING (Adapted)

L: Sovereign God, we give you thanks for your love, your grace, and  
your power on this blessed Resurrection morning! We thank you  
for the brilliance of the world around us that remind us of new  
life! Today, blessed God, we gather to remember and celebrate:

L: We remember Jesus, who healed the sick and raised the dead.  
We remember Jesus, who gathered children to himself and dealt  
kindly with women centuries before our efforts at women's  
liberation. We remember Jesus, who always kept the mission in  
the forefront, and the minutia in the lowest seat. We remember  
Jesus, Son of God, Song of God, who sang God's melody to us.  
We remember Jesus, who consented to suffer and die at our  
hand.

L: Today, Almighty God, we celebrate the fact that death could not  
hold Jesus in the grave! We celebrate that not even death is able  
to separate us from the love of God! We celebrate the new life  
that we have in Christ! We celebrate the assurance that we have  
of eternal life! Today we celebrate and give thanks that in life, in  
death, in life after death we belong to God! **Amen.**

### CHILDREN AND YOUTH FOCUS

– Bro. Victor McSweeney

### MINISTRY OF THE WORD

#### THE COLLECT

L: God of Life, who for our redemption gave your only-begotten  
Son to the death of the cross, and by his glorious resurrection  
have delivered us from the power of our enemy, grant us so  
to die daily to sin, that we may evermore live with him in the  
joy of his risen life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT: **Isaiah 65:17-25**

– Sis. Yvonne Brown

**Te Deum [VIP # 556] – (To be sung)**

– Saxthorpe Choristers

EPISTLE: **1 Corinthians 15:19-26**

– Sis. Lucette Cargill

### HYMN: "Low in the Grave He Lay..." (#127 VIP)

1. Low in the grave he lay,  
Jesus my Saviour,  
Waiting the coming day,  
Jesus my Lord.

***He arose! He arose!***  
***Alleluia! Christ arose!***

#### ***Refrain:***

***Up from the grave he arose,***  
***With a mighty triumph o'er***  
***his foes,***  
***He arose a Victor from the***  
***dark domain,***  
***And he lives forever,***  
***with his saints to reign:***

2. Vainly they watch his bed,  
Jesus, my Saviour;  
Vainly they seal the dead,  
Jesus, my Lord:

3. Death cannot keep his prey,  
Jesus, my Saviour;  
He tore the bars away,  
Jesus, my Lord:

*Robert Lowry (1826—1899)*

**GOSPEL: Luke 24:1-12** - Rev'd Dr. Karen Durant-McSweeney  
(Ministerial Tutor, UTCWI)

**SERMON** - Rev'd Dr. Karen Durant-McSweeney  
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**HYMN OF RESPONSE: "Because He lives..." [# 118 VIP vs. 1 and 2]**

1. God sent his son, they called him, Jesus;  
He came to love, heal and forgive;  
He lived and died to buy my pardon,  
An empty grave is there to prove my Saviour lives.

**Refrain:**  
*Because he lives, I can face tomorrow,  
Because he lives, all fear is gone;*

*Because I know he holds the future,  
And life is worth the living,  
Just because he lives.*

2. How sweet to hold a newborn baby,  
And feel the pride and joy he gives;  
But greater still the calm assurance,  
This child can face uncertain days because he lives.

*Gloria Gaither (1942-)  
and William Gaither (1936-)*

**ANNOUNCEMENTS, TITHES & OFFERING**

**BLESSING OF TITHES & OFFERING**

**INTERCESSORY PRAYERS** - Rev'd Jerand Phillips (M.I.T, UTCWI)

L: The Lord be with you

**R: And also with you.**

L: Let us pray.

L: For the World. Resurrected Lord, roll away the stone of war, the thirst for material possession, poverty, and injustice. Through Your resurrected power, transform the lives of world leaders, giving them hearts of flesh realizing peace and unity. Transform mind-sets and expand vision so that the world may know that there is more to life than food and clothing. Break down the barriers and prejudices that create inequalities and let justice roll down like a river, and righteousness like a never-failing stream. Lord hear us.

**R: Lord graciously hear us.**

L: For the Church. Resurrected Lord, roll away the stone of division, unbelief, apathy, dead religion and oppression so that through the power of the Spirit we may experience new life – reconciliation between denominations, families, transformational ministries, and being salt and light to the nations. Lord hear us.

**R: Lord graciously hear us.**

L: For the Caribbean. Resurrected Lord, roll away the stone of pride, political corruption and neo-colonialism. grant our leaders

renewed hearts to genuinely and selflessly serve our people. Grant us renewed minds to know that in Christ there is neither first world nor third world, big island nor small island, rich nor poor, brown nor black but all are one in Christ. Lord hear us.

**R: Lord graciously hear us.**

L: For Jamaica. Resurrected Lord, roll away the stone of despair and hopelessness, pain and anger. Bring restoration to family conflicts and bring peace and reconciliation in our schools. Lord hear us.

**R: Lord graciously hear us.**

L: United as the Body of Christ we lift these prayers to you, Saviour God. Hear us now we pray in the name of our risen Lord and Saviour and soon coming King, Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

**THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**CLOSING HYMN: "Thine Be the Glory" [# 129 VIP]**

1. Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son,  
Endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won;  
Angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away,  
Kept the folded grave-clothes where thy body lay:

**Refrain:**

*Thine be the glory, risen,  
conquering Son,  
Endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won.*

2. Lo! Jesus meets us, risen from the tomb;

Lovingly he greets us,  
scatters fear and gloom;  
Let the church with gladness hymns of triumph sing,  
For her Lord now liveth, death has lost its sting:

3. No more we doubt thee,  
glorious Prince of life;  
Life is nought without thee: aid us in our strife;  
Make us more than conquerors, through thy deathless love;  
Bring us safe through Jordan to thy home above:

**Edmond L. Budry (1854-1932)**

**BENEDICTION**



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**FESTIVAL OF THE RESURRECTION**

Sunday, April 17, 2022

*He is Risen!*

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Ministerial Tutor, United Theological College  
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**Liturgist:** Rev'd Jerand Phillips (Minister-in-Training)  
United Theological College of the West Indies  
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- Sis. Marie Miller
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- Sis. Yvonne Patterson
- Sis. Valerie Hinds
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*A warm welcome to all worshippers!*