#### THIRD CHURCH, EAST END FELLOWSHIP, AND THE CHRISTIAN ARABIC CHURCH

# HOME WORSHIP GUIDE

EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 12, 2020

Today, three churches gather as one to celebrate our risen Savior. We will be led by Erin Rose, Worship and Teaching Pastor at East End Fellowship and pastoral resident at Third Church, as well as Fakhri Yacoub, lead pastor of the Christian Arabic Church, and Corey Widmer, lead pastor of Third Church.

# PRELUDE | "INTRODUCTION AND FUGUE ON A THEME BY HANDEL" (ALEXANDRE GUILMANT)

#### **CALL TO WORSHIP**

- > Hear the good news: the grave is empty!
- » Hallelujah!
- > Hear the good news: Christ is risen!
- » Hallelujah! He is risen indeed!
- > Where, O Death, is your victory? Where, O Death, is your sting?
- » Death has been swallowed up in victory!
- Jesus said: I am the resurrection and the life.
  The one who believes in me will live, even though they die.
- » Thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ!
- Christ is risen!
- » He is risen indeed! Hallelujah!

Christ the Lord is risen today! Alleluia!

All creation, join to say: Alleluia!

#### PRAYER OF ADORATION

# SONG OF PRAISE | "CHRIST THE LORD IS RISEN TODAY"

المسيح اليوم قام، هللويا

فائزا بالظفر، هللويا بعد حرب وصدام، هللويا مع عدو البشر هللويا

MUSIC ON PAGE 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!

Raise your joys and triumphs high; Alleluia!

Sing, O heavens, and earth, reply: Alleluia!

شوكة الموت مضت، هللويا وانتهى هول الجحيم، هللويا مدة الحرب انقضت، هللويا ، مخلاص للاثمم، هللويا

Lives again our glorious King; Alleluia! Where, O death, is now your sting? Alleluia! Once he died, our souls to save; Alleluia! Where your victory, O grave? Alleluia! ايها الفادي الحبيب، هللويا انت احييت القلوب، هللويا ذقت الام الصليب، هللويا لفدى اسرى الذنوب، هللويا

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!

فلنرنم بانتصار، هللویا وهتاف وسرور ،هللویا ولنعش بالانتظار، هللویا لرجا یوم النشور، هللویا

# CHRIST THE LORD IS RISEN TODAY



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Chord symbols represent a simplified harmony.

Words: Charles Wesley, 1739, alt., P.D.

Music (EASTER HYMN 7.7.7.7 with alleluias): Lyra Davidica, 1708, P.D.

#### SONG OF PRAISE | "YOU ARE GOOD"

Lord, you are good, and your mercy endureth forever! Lord, you are good, and your mercy endureth forever!

People from every nation and tongue, From generation to generation—

We worship you; hallelujah, hallelujah! We worship you for who you are. You are good!

You are good all the time, All the time, you are good!

## SCRIPTURE READING | MARK 16:1-8

<sup>1</sup> When the Sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices so that they might go to anoint Jesus' body. <sup>2</sup> Very early on the first day of the week, just after sunrise, they were on their way to the tomb <sup>3</sup> and they asked each other, "Who will roll the stone away from the entrance of the tomb?"

<sup>4</sup> But when they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had been rolled away. <sup>5</sup> As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man dressed in a white robe sitting on the right side, and they were alarmed.

<sup>6</sup> "Don't be alarmed," he said. "You are looking for Jesus the Nazarene, who was crucified. He has risen! He is not here. See the place where they laid him. <sup>7</sup> But go, tell his disciples and Peter, 'He is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see him, just as he told you.'"

<sup>8</sup> Trembling and bewildered, the women went out and fled from the tomb. They said nothing to anyone, because they were afraid.

- > This is the word of the Lord.
- » Thanks be to God!

REFLECTION | COREY WIDMER

### THE APOSTLES' CREED | IN YOUR OWN LANGUAGE

- > Christians, what do you believe?
- » 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 Spirit, 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 sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from there he shall come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

#### **GREETING OF PEACE**

As a new spiritual family reconciled to one another through Christ, take a few moments to pass the peace of Christ to one another as you're able, either with those in your home, or by sending a text to other friends and family watching.

# OUR OFFERINGS | FROM 1 CHRONICLES 29:14

- > Lord, who are we that we are able to give so generously?
- » For all things come from you and what we now offer is already yours.

### OFFERTORY | "REVELATION SONG" IN ARABIC

Worthy is the Lamb who was slain; holy, holy is he. Sing a new song to him who sits on heaven's mercy seat.

Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty, Who was and is and is to come. With all creation I sing praise to the King of kings. You are my everything, and I will adore you.

Clothed in rainbows of living color, flashes of lightning, rolls of thunder. Blessing and honor, strength and glory and power be to you, the only wise King.

Filled with wonder, awestruck wonder, at the mention of your name.

Jesus, your name is power, breath and living water, such a marvelous mystery.

# DOXOLOGY

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; Praise him above, ye heavenly host: praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

#### SCRIPTURE READING | 1 PETER 1:3-8

<sup>3</sup> Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, <sup>4</sup> and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade. This inheritance is kept in heaven for you, <sup>5</sup> who through faith are shielded by God's power until the coming of the salvation that is ready to be revealed in the last time. <sup>6</sup> In all this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while you may have had to suffer grief in all kinds of trials. <sup>7</sup> These have come so that the proven genuineness of your faith—of greater worth than gold, which perishes even though refined by fire—may result in praise, glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed. <sup>8</sup> Though you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and are filled with an inexpressible and glorious joy, <sup>9</sup> for you are receiving the end result of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

- > This is the word of the Lord.
- » Thanks be to God!

#### REFLECTION | FAKHRI YACOUB

#### PRAYERS FOR THE COMMUNITY AND WORLD

Spend some time praying aloud for the concerns in your life, family and community. You might include:

- Healing and hope for those who are sick
- Endurance and protection for those laboring to heal and save the sick
- Guidance for those striving to find a cure for the coronavirus
- Discernment for those in leadership positions making decisions on behalf of others
- Support and provision for those facing unemployment and financial instability
- Protection for those for whom school or work was a refuge from poverty or violence
- Faith and power to experience God's love and mercy

After some time of prayer, the leader will conclude:

- > Thank you, Father, Son and Spirit, that Jesus has risen from the dead, and that death and tears and sorrow never have the final word over our world! We put our hope in you, the one who has conquered sin, death and hell forever.
- » Hallelujah! Christ is risen!
- Now gathering our prayers into one, let us boldly pray as our Savior has taught us, each of us praying in our own language and tongue:
- » Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come; thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory for ever. Amen.

### SONG OF RESPONSE | "IN CHRIST ALONE"

In Christ alone my hope is found; he is my light, my strength, my song—
This cornerstone, this solid ground, firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace, when fears are stilled, when strivings cease.
My comforter, my all in all, here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone, who took on flesh—fullness of God in helpless babe!— This gift of love and righteousness, scorned by the ones he came to save. 'Til on the cross as Jesus died, the wrath of God was satisfied. For every sin on him was laid; here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground his body lay, light of the world by darkness slain; Then, bursting forth in glorious day, up from the grave he rose again! And as he stands in victory, sin's curse has lost its grip on me; For I am his and he is mine, bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death, this is the power of Christ in me; From life's first cry to final breath, Jesus commands my destiny. No power of hell, no human plan, can ever pluck me from his hand; 'Til he returns or calls me home, here in the power of Christ I'll stand!

## SCRIPTURE READING | JOHN 11:25-26

<sup>25</sup>Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die; <sup>26</sup> and whoever lives by believing in me will never die. Do you believe this?"

- > This is the word of the Lord.
- » Thanks be to God!

**REFLECTION: ERIN ROSE** 

### SONG OF COMMISSION | "I'M GONNA LIVE SO GOD CAN USE ME"

I'm gonna live so God can use me! Anywhere, Lord, any time. I'm gonna live so God can use me! Anywhere, Lord, any time.

I'm gonna work so God can use me! Anywhere, Lord, any time. I'm gonna work so God can use me! Anywhere, Lord, any time.

I'm gonna pray so God can use me! Anywhere, Lord, any time. I'm gonna pray so God can use me! Anywhere, Lord, any time.

I'm gonna sing so God can use me! Anywhere, Lord, any time. I'm gonna sing so God can use me! Anywhere, Lord, any time.

# COMMISSION AND BENEDICTION | FROM HEBREWS 13:20-21

May the God of peace, who brought back from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the eternal covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well pleasing in his sight; and the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always.

#### » Amen.

- Let us go forth to serve the world as those who love our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.
- » Thanks be to God. Christ is risen! Hallelujah!

POSTLUDE | "HALLELUJAH" CHORUS FROM MESSIAH (G. F. HANDEL)