

## Family Worship on Sundays

### EASTER SUNDAY

*(Gather at the family table)*

*The one presiding may say:* The first followers of Jesus gathered for a meal on Sunday or the night before, just like we are gathered here today (tonight). At their meals they remembered Jesus' life and service to others, his death and new life. So today (tonight) we do the same, remembering that Jesus is here with us, for he said, "Whenever two or three are gathered in my name, I am there with them."

*(If evening, candles may be lit)*

*Presider takes a loaf of bread and breaks it*

*As the food is served, the presider says*

*Presider:* We give you thanks God our Father (Source) for the life and knowledge you have given us in Jesus your Servant.

**ALL:** **Glory to you now and forever.**

*Presider:* As the grains of this broken bread were once scattered upon the hills and became one loaf, so gather your people together from all over the world into your Kingdom (Reign) of justice, peace and love with Jesus your Servant.

**ALL:** **Glory to you now and forever.**

*Presider pours wine into one or several cups.*

*Presider:* We thank you, Holy God, for the holy vine of David your servant, which you made known to us through Jesus your servant.

**ALL:** **Glory to you now and forever.**

*The broken bread and the cup(s) are shared.*

*During the meal, a short passage from the gospel appointed may be read, or retold, and discussed.*

## **Matthew 28:1-10**

After the sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. And suddenly there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. But the angel said to the women, “Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples, ‘He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him.’ This is my message for you.” So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. Suddenly Jesus met them and said, “Greetings!” And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshiped him. Then Jesus said to them, “Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me.”

### **PRAYER AT THE END**

*Presider:* We thank you, holy God, for your holy name which you placed in our hearts, and for the knowledge and trust that you made known to us through Jesus your servant.

**ALL:** **Glory to you now and forever.**

*Presider:* You, Holy God, made everything for your name’s sake. You gave food and drink to all people to enjoy, that we may give you thanks. And to us you freely give spiritual food and drink and life eternal through Jesus, your servant.

*Presider:* **Glory to you now and forever.**

*Presider:* Remember your church. Free and protect us from evil and make us perfect in your love; make us holy and gather us in your Kingdom (Realm) prepared for us. For Yours is the power and the glory forever.

**ALL:** **Amen**

*Presider:* May your healing come, and this crisis pass away! Jesus is coming!

**ALL:** **Amen.**

*A song or psalm with refrain may be sung as the table is cleared and dishes washed.*

## THE HYMN

*Jesus Christ is Risen Today*

1 Je - sus Christ is risen to - day, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 2 Hymns of praise then let us sing, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 3 But the pains which he en-dured, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 4 Sing we to our God a - bove Al - le - lu - ia!

our tri - um - phant ho - ly day, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 un - to Christ, our heaven - ly King, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 our sal - va - tion have pro - cured; Al - le - lu - ia!  
 praise e - ter - nal as his love; Al - le - lu - ia!

who did once up - on the cross, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 who en - dured the cross and grave, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 now a - bove the sky he's King, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 praise him, all ye heaven - ly host, Al - le - lu - ia!

suf - fer to re - deem our loss. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 sin - ners to re - deem and save. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 where the an - gels ev - er sing. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. Al - le - lu - ia!