

Sunday, April 11<sup>th</sup>

## Prelude

### Welcome and Announcements



### Call to Worship

Leader: We worship in the Easter light,

**People: for the shadow of death is no match for God's love.**

Leader: Let us join our voices with the disciple Thomas:

**People: "My Lord and my God!"**

Leader: Easter people, Christ is risen!

**People: Christ is risen indeed!**

### Hymn # 245 – Christ the Lord is Risen Today!

*"Christ the Lord is risen today!" Alleluia! All creation, join to say: Alleluia! Raise your joys and triumphs high,  
Alleluia! Sing, O heavens, and earth reply, Alleluia!*

*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!*

*Lives again our glorious King, Alleluia! Where, O death, is now your sting? Alleluia! Jesus died, our souls to  
save, Alleluia! Where your victory, O grave? Alleluia!*

*Hail the Lord of earth and heaven! Alleluia! Praise to you by both be given, Alleluia! Every knee to you shall  
bow, Alleluia! Risen Christ, triumphant now. Alleluia!*

### Call to Confession

#### Prayer of Confession

**O Christ, you rose from the depths of suffering, from death itself, to breathe peace upon your disciples. Still, O Lord, we cannot trust your promise of peace. Still, O Lord, we do not follow in the way of your love. Forgive us when we fail to be people of resurrection. Forgive us when we fail to recognize your grace. Show us your hands and your feet once more, and teach us to be your body in the world. Amen.**

#### Assurance of Pardon

#### Passing of the Peace

Leader: The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

#### Special Music

#### Prayer of Illumination

**Scripture:** Psalm 133, John 20:19-31

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

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**Sermon:** Our Lord Gives Us What We Need

**Affirmation of Faith:** The Apostles' Creed

**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 everlasting. Amen.**

**Hymn # 547 – Go, My Children, with My Blessing**

*“Go, my children, with my blessing, never alone. Waking, sleeping, I am with you, you are my own. In my love’s  
baptismal river I have made you mine forever. Go, my children, with my blessing, you are my own.”*

*“Go, my children, sins forgiven, at peace and pure. Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure.  
Here you heard my dear Son’s story; here you touched him, saw his glory. Go, my children, sins forgiven, at  
peace and pure.”*

*“Go, my children, fed and nourished, closer to me. Grow in love and love by serving, joyful and free. Here my  
Spirit’s power filled you; here my tender comfort stilled you. Go, my children, fed and nourished, joyful and  
free.”*

**Prayers of the People**

**The Lord’s Prayer**

**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, forever. Amen.**

**Charge and Benediction**

**Congregational Response: Hymn # 243 – Be Not Afraid (x2)**

*Be not afraid; sing out for joy! Christ is risen, alleluia!*

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**Postlude**

JESUS CHRIST: RESURRECTION

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2 Love's re - deem - ing work is done, Al - le - lu - ia!  
3 Lives a - gain our glo - rious King,  
4 Hail the Lord of earth and heaven!

All cre - a - tion, join to say:  
Fought the fight, the bat - tle won,  
Where, O death, is now your sting? Al - le - lu - ia!  
Praise to you by both be given,

Raise your joys and tri - umphs high,  
Death in vain for - bids him rise,  
Je - sus died, our souls to save, Al - le - lu - ia!  
Ev - ery knee to you shall bow,

Sing, O heavens, and earth re - ply,  
Christ has o - pened par - a - dise. Al - le - lu - ia!  
Where your vic - to - ry, O grave?  
Ris - en Christ, tri - um - phant now.

Originally printed as eleven four-line stanzas without alleluias, this Easter text was written during the first year following the author's life-changing conversion experience, yet it already shows his enduring emphasis on the theme of love. This lively Welsh tune sets it well.

# Go, My Children, with My Blessing 547

1 "Go, my chil-dren, with my bless-ing, nev-er a-lone.  
 2 "Go, my chil-dren, sins for-giv-en, at peace and pure.  
 3 "Go, my chil-dren, fed and nour-ished, clos-er to me.

Wak-ing, sleep-ing, I am with you, you are my own.  
 Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure.  
 Grow in love and love by serv-ing, joy-ful and free.

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Because this Welsh melody usually sets evening texts, the author was asked to create one for use in daytime. His recasting of the Aaronic blessing in Numbers 6:22-27 imagines that passage as a benediction that might be spoken by God at the conclusion of a worship service.