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We long to see the grace of God magnified as he transforms us into a community that worships, witnesses, and walks in love.

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## Eastertide

April 19, 2020

### PREPARATION AND PRAISE

#### PRELUDE

*And Can It Be*

#### OUR HISTORIC FAITH: HEIDELBERG CATECHISM, LORD'S DAY 16

The Heidelberg Catechism is a teaching tool written by two pastors: Zacharias Ursinus and Caspar Olevianus in 1563 and is designed to explain the core of Christian faith over the course of a year. The catechism is divided into three sections: our estate of sin and misery, how one is set free from sin and misery, and how one thanks God for that deliverance. In this section, the Catechism directs us to the content of our faith as professed in the Apostle's Creed.

*Q40. Why did Christ have to go all the way to death?*

**A. Because God's justice and truth demand it: only the death of God's Son could pay for our sin.**

Gen. 2:17; Rom. 8:3-4; Phil. 2:8; Heb. 2:9

*Q41. Why was he "buried"?*

**A. His burial testifies that he really died.**

Isa. 53:9; John 19:38-42; Acts 13:29; 1 Cor. 15:3-4

*Q. Since Christ has died for us, why do we still have to die?*

**A. Our death does not pay the debt of our sins. Rather, it puts an end to our sinning and is our entrance into eternal life.**

Ps. 49:7; John 5:24; Phil. 1:21-23; 1 Thess. 5:9-10

*Q43. What further advantage do we receive from Christ's sacrifice and death on the cross?*

**A. Through Christ's death our old selves are crucified, put to death, and buried with him, so that the evil desires of the flesh may no longer rule us, but that instead we may dedicate ourselves as an offering of gratitude to him.**

Rom. 6:5-11; Col. 2:11-12; Rom. 6:12-14; Rom. 12:1; Eph. 5:1-2

*Q44. Why does the creed add, "He descended to hell"?*

**A. To assure me in times of personal crisis and temptation that Christ my Lord, by suffering unspeakable anguish, pain, and terror of soul, especially on the cross but also earlier, has delivered me from the anguish and torment of hell.**

Isa. 53; Matt. 26:36-46; 27:45-46; Luke 22:44; Heb. 5:7-10

#### CALL TO WORSHIP Philippians 2:8-11

And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.<sup>9</sup> Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name,<sup>10</sup> so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth,<sup>11</sup> and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

## **GLORIFYING GOD**

*Revelation Song*

## **CONFESSION OF SIN**

### **WORDS OF ENCOURAGEMENT**

Psalm 31:21-23

Praise be to the LORD, for he showed his wonderful love to me when I was in a besieged city.

**In my alarm I said, "I am cut off from your sight!"**

Yet you heard my cry for mercy when I called to you for help. Love the LORD, all his saints!

**The LORD preserves the faithful.**

### **LIFTING UP OUR HEARTS TO THE LORD**

*Be Unto Your Name*

## **RENEWAL**

### **PRAYER FOR GUIDANCE**

#### **SCRIPTURE READING**

Galatians 1:6-10

I am astonished that you are so quickly deserting him who called you in the grace of Christ and are turning to a different gospel—<sup>7</sup> not that there is another one, but there are some who trouble you and want to distort the gospel of Christ.<sup>8</sup> But even if we or an angel from heaven should preach to you a gospel contrary to the one we preached to you, let him be accursed.<sup>9</sup> As we have said before, so now I say again: If anyone is preaching to you a gospel contrary to the one you received, let him be accursed.

<sup>10</sup> For am I now seeking the approval of man, or of God? Or am I trying to please man? If I were still trying to please man, I would not be a servant of Christ.

#### **SERMON**

The Free Life: Free from the Curse

Pastor Randy Edwards

## **RESPONSE**

### **RESPONDING IN SONG**

*Jesus, I Am Resting, Resting*

#### **PASTORAL PRAYER and 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 and ever. Amen.

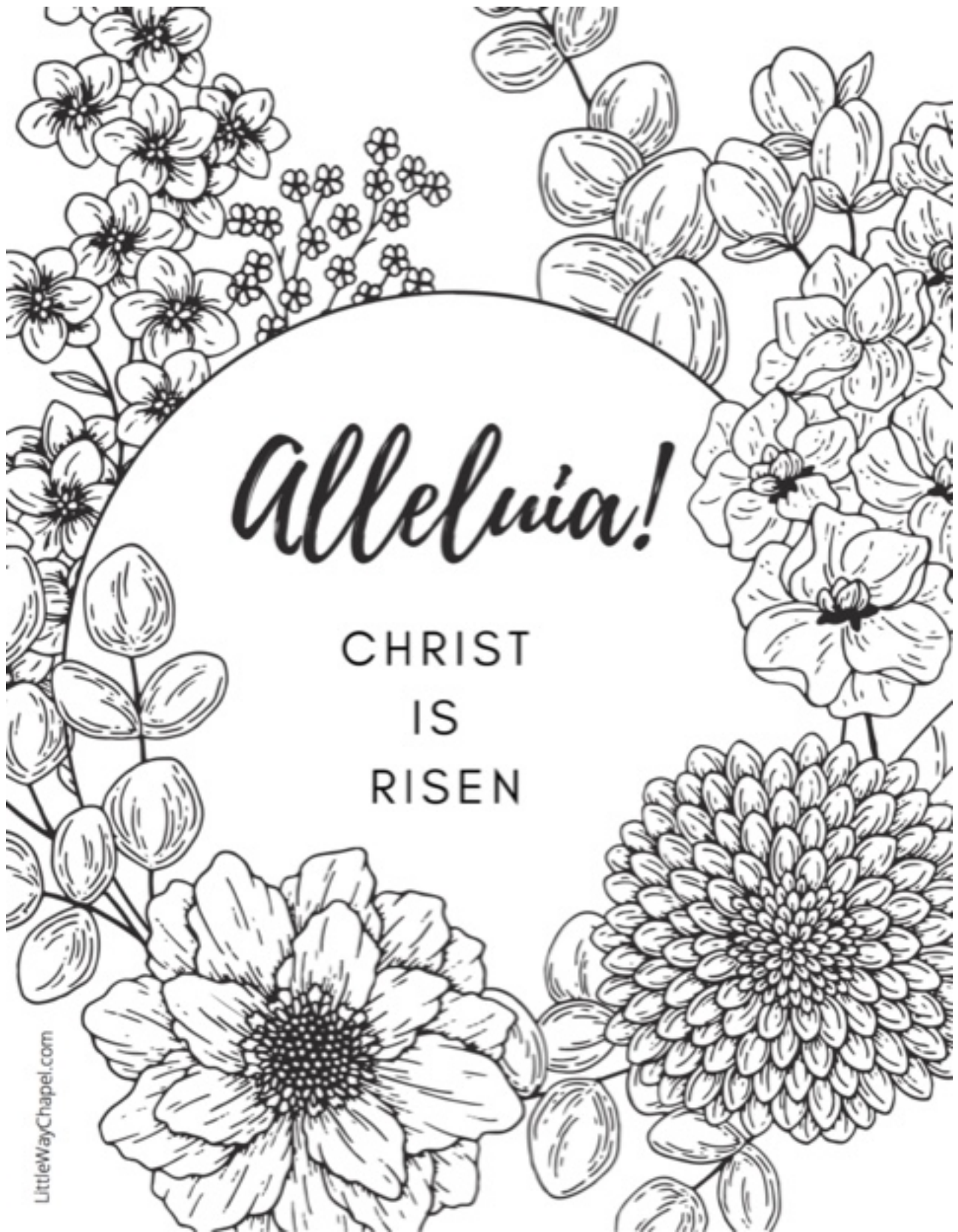
#### **OFFERING**

*Arise, My Soul Arise*

#### **BENEDICTION**

Numbers 6:24-26, 1 John 3:1a

The Lord bless you and keep you;  
The Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you;  
The Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.  
How great is the love that the Father has lavished on us that we should be called his children.  
**And that is what we are!**



*Alleluia!*

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