



ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING  
SPECIAL OFFERINGS  
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## Worship Resource 2020

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*“You shall be called repairers of the breach.” –Isaiah 58:12b*

First Reading: Jeremiah 31:1-6

Psalter: Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24

Second Reading: Colossians 3:1-4

Gospel Reading: Matthew 28:1-10

**Opening Hymn**      GtG 232      *Jesus Christ Is Risen Today*

### Call to Worship

This is the day the LORD has made.

**Let us rejoice and be glad in it!**

Do not be afraid; Jesus was crucified but he is now risen.

**He is risen indeed!**

In Jesus Christ God has loved us with an everlasting love.

**God has continued to be faithful to us. Christ is risen!**

Christ is risen indeed!

**Let us worship our risen Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ!**

**Response to the Call to Worship**      GtG 391      *This is the Day (Este es el día)*

### Opening Prayer (adapted from Jeremiah 31:1-4)

O Lord, you are God of all Israel, and God over all the earth. You have shown us grace in the hope of our risen Savior. You appeared to us when we were yet far away, and you have loved us with an everlasting love. We will dance and sing because of our love for you—the One who repairs the breach, and who calls us to serve at the side of your risen Son our Lord, Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. **Amen.**

### Response to Prayer      GtG 79      *Light Dawns on a Weary World*

### Call to Confession (adapted from Psalm 118:19)

With the psalmist, we pray that God would open the gates of righteousness to us—gates that we cannot open ourselves. We can only enter through them with Christ's forgiveness. Let us confess our sins now, with confidence in the grace of our Triune God.

### Confession of Sin

**Lord Jesus Christ, you have risen from the dead and given us the gift of new life. Forgive us for living as if we had no hope. We struggle to leave behind our limited perspectives and our dogged despair. Slow us down today, that we would be resurrection people who know and share your Easter joy throughout the world. Once again, send us your forgiving Spirit, who brought you back from the dead and who strengthens us to serve you in the world you love so much. Wipe away our sin, risen Lord, out of your great love for us. Amen.**

### Declaration of Forgiveness (adapted from Psalm 118)

The Lord is our strength and our might; God has become our salvation.

**You have answered us and have become our Savior.**

The great good news of the gospel is that our sin is forgiven!

**This is the Lord's doing: it is marvelous in our eyes.**

**Celebration of Forgiveness**      GtG 491      *You Have Put On Christ*

### **Call to Offering**

In Christ, God has showered us with grace upon grace. In gratitude, we now give back to God through our tithes and offerings, remembering especially to lift up what we are giving to the One Great Hour of Sharing offering.

**Offertory Hymn**      GtG 76      *Do Not Be Afraid*

### **Prayer of Dedication** (adapted from Isaiah 58:11-12)

You are the source of every good and perfect gift, O God. Use these tithes and offerings for your glory. Let your church be a spring whose waters never fail; and let your people be repairers of the breach and restorers of streets to live in. We pray in Christ's name. **Amen.**

### **Invitation to the Lord's Table** (based on Colossians 3:1-4)

Paul challenges us to set our minds on things that are above, rather than things that are on earth. At this table we see and share Jesus' eternal perspective, and we give thanks. We give thanks for the empty tomb, radiating out his glory. We give thanks that this glory was made known in his broken body and his shed blood. We give thanks that he invites us to join him at this table, that our life would also be revealed with him in glory. We give thanks as we turn to him in prayer.

**Hymn during Communion**      GtG 505 *The Trumpets Sound, the Angels Sing*

### **Prayer after Communion** (based on Matthew 28)

**Lord Jesus Christ, you are present in this bread and cup. Thank you for strengthening us to go and tell others of the glory of your resurrection. We are not afraid. Amen.**

**Closing Hymn**      GtG 253      *Alleluia! Christ is Arisen (¡Aleluya! Cristo resucitó)*

### **Charge and Blessing**

Christ is risen!

**He is risen indeed!**

Christ is risen!

**He is risen indeed!**

Chris is risen!

**He is risen indeed!**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you now and always. **Amen.**