

## HYMNS FOR EASTER DAY

Jesus Christ is risen today, Alleluia,  
our triumphant holy day; alleluia,  
who did once upon the cross; alleluia,  
suffer to redeem our loss; alleluia!

Hymns of praise then let us sing; Alleluia,  
unto Christ our heavenly king; alleluia,  
who endured the cross and grave; alleluia,  
sinners to redeem and save: alleluia!

But the pains which he endured; Alleluia,  
our salvation have procured; alleluia,  
now above the sky he's King; alleluia,  
where the angels ever sing: alleluia!

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This Easter celebration is not like ones we've known.  
We pray in isolation, we sing the hymns alone.  
We're distant from our neighbours — from parish and priest, too.  
No flowers grace the chancel as in times past we knew.

No gathered choirs are singing; no banners lead the way.  
O God of love and promise, where's joy this Easter Day?  
With sanctuaries empty, may homes become the place  
we ponder resurrection and celebrate your grace.

Our joy won't come from worship that's in a crowded room  
but from the news of women who saw the empty tomb.  
Our joy comes from disciples who ran with haste to see —  
who heard that Christ is risen, and then, by grace, set free.

In all the grief and suffering, may we remember well:  
Christ suffered crucifixion and faced the powers of hell.  
Each Easter bears the promise: Christ rose that glorious day!  
Now nothing in creation can keep your love away.

We thank you that on Easter, your church is blessed to be  
a scattered, faithful body that's doing ministry.  
In homes and in the places of help and healing, too,  
we live the Easter message by gladly serving you.

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*Alleluia, Alleluia, give thanks to the risen Lord,  
Alleluia, alleluia, give praise to His name.*

Jesus is Lord of all the earth.  
He is the King of creation. *Refrain.*

Spread the good news o'er all the earth.  
Jesus has died and has risen. *Refrain.*

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*Regina caeli, laetare, alleluia;  
Quia quem meruisti portare, alleluia,  
Resurrexit, sicut dixit, alleluia:  
Ora pro nobis Deum, alleluia.*

Queen of heaven, rejoice, alleluia.  
The Son you merited to bear, alleluia,  
Has risen as he said, alleluia.  
Pray to God for us, alleluia.<sup>[4]</sup>

∇. Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary,  
alleluia.  
℞. For the Lord has truly risen, alleluia.

Let us pray.

O God, who have been pleased to gladden  
the world by the Resurrection of your Son  
our Lord Jesus Christ, grant, we pray, that  
through his Mother, the Virgin Mary, we may  
receive the joys of everlasting life. Through  
Christ our Lord. ℞. Amen

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The day of resurrection!  
Earth, tell it out abroad;  
the passover of gladness,  
the passover of God.  
From death to life eternal,  
from earth unto the sky,  
our Christ hath brought us over,  
with hymns of victory.

Now let the heavens be joyful!  
Let earth the song begin!  
Let the round world keep triumph,  
and all that is therein!  
Let all things seen and unseen  
their notes in gladness blend,  
for Christ the Lord hath risen,  
our joy that hath no end.