

## **GABC Service Readings for Resurrection Sunday, April 12, 2020**

### **CALL TO WORSHIP** (Eph 2, Heb 12)

MEN: He is risen!

ALL: **He is risen indeed!**

WOMEN: He is risen!

ALL: **He is risen indeed!**

(optional)

KIDS: He is risen!

ALL: **He is risen indeed!**

ALL: **Christ the Lord is risen today! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!**

God the Father, Creator of All, has worked His mighty power in Christ,  
raising Him from the dead and  
seating Him at the right hand of His Throne in the heavenly places;  
**far above all principalities and powers and might  
and dominion and every name that is named,  
not only in this age, but also in that which is to come.**

And He has put all things under His feet  
and has given Him to be head over all things to the church,  
which is His body, the fullness of Him who fills all in all.

**We, Your church, Your body, Your bride,  
celebrate Christ's resurrection today; separately in our homes,  
but collectively with all Your called out one throughout the whole earth!  
Together, surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses,  
let our praises be a sweet-smelling aroma to You, our Redeemer and King.**

**Christ the Lord is risen today! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!**

### **CONFESSION** (adapted from William Sprague, "Lectures on Revivals of Religion")

**We confess that we do not live in light of Your resurrection.  
We choose to be friends with the world and become Your enemies.**

**The worries and cares of this world fill us with fear and dread.  
We forget that You have promised to bear them for us.**

**The pleasures of this world delight, seduce, and ensnare us.  
We forget that You are sweeter than anything the world offers.**

**The honors of this world fill us with longing and pride.  
We forget that our best efforts are filthy rags.**

**The riches of this world seize hold of our hearts and we lust for more.  
We forget they are a gift to be thankful for and used for Your kingdom.**

**We forget that the same power that raised Christ from the dead is available to us today,  
setting us free from the tyranny of the devil and our rebel hearts.**

**Forgive us, Oh Lord, we pray.**

**REMEMBER THE GOSPEL** (adapted from William Sprague, "Lectures on Revivals of Religion")

**Glorious Redeemer, You truly are worthy of all blessings and honor and glory!**

Cause us to remember that Jesus rose from the dead,  
setting us free from the cravings of sinful man, the lust of our eyes,  
and the boasting in what we have.

Thank you, that He lived in this world understanding our condition  
and rose from the dead to set us free from it!

**Thank you that we will share in the glory of Christ;  
in His resurrected body bearing His image.  
This in turn glorifies You, Father,  
for we are saved and glorified only  
because You have chosen us and atoned for our sin in Christ.**

**Hallelujah! What a Savior!**

## **BENEDICTION**

**God of peace,  
who brought Jesus back from the dead,  
Equip us with all we need for doing Your will.  
Produce in us,  
through the power of Jesus Christ,  
all that is pleasing to You  
To whom belongs the glory forever and ever.  
Amen**

(based on Hebrews 13)