



AN "AT HOME WORSHIP EXPERIENCE"
of First Baptist Church of Buda, Texas
EASTER SUNDAY - Sunday, April 12, 2020

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Happy Easter Everyone, I know this is very strange, unusual, and even somewhat sad to not get to be together on one of the greatest celebration days the Christian Church experiences every year – Easter Sunday. But what a great opportunity to be reminded of the hope that is ours in Christ Jesus our risen and living Lord, even in times like these. More than ever we need to be reminded that we serve and worship a Lord and Saviour that is alive and able to enter right into our struggles and hard times with us. He is our hope, our peace, our joy, our very life. Because He is alive He can help us in this time. So as Christians have greeted one another for generations I say to you, "He is risen!" And your response, "He is risen indeed!" Following is a special "At Home Worship Experience" for you and your family to share together as an Easter celebration worship right in your home. I hope this worship experience will be a rich and rewarding tool for your family on this, most important celebration day, as we worship our risen Lord. -Bro. Buddy

*This "At Home Worship Experience" is provided by First Baptist Church of Buda, Texas to be used in the home during this unprecedented time of home confinement due to the threat imposed by the Coronavirus. During this time when we are unable to meet together we can still do church in our homes and worship our God who is still on the throne, and is worthy of all worship, honour, and praise. This worship experience tool can be used any time you want, but we are encouraging you to go through the worship experience on **Sunday morning, April 12 at 10:45 a.m.** (our regular worship time). This way we can all be worshipping together, at the same time. Although we aren't worshipping in one place, we are worshipping together all over the Buda and Kyle area, and our hearts can be united in our worship. Follow the provided order of service as closely as possible, but please feel free to adapt the service to what best fits your family and guests that may be worshipping with you. Again, some suggestions would be to assign different parts of the service to each family member. Please don't forget to include any children or young people who may be in your home. Children and young people can pray, read Scripture and sing, and may offer much insight in the discussion portion of the guide.*

At Home Worship Experience Outline

Opening Prayer – Have someone lead in an opening prayer!

Call to Worship – Scripture Reading: Luke 24:1-11

As a call to worship have someone read the Easter Story in Luke 24:1-11.

Sing this Hymn – "He Lives" *please feel free to sing this hymn, but another suggestion might be to have someone read the words.

*I serve a risen Savior, He's in the world today; I know that He is living, whatever men may say;
I see His hand of mercy, I hear His voice of cheer, and just the time I need Him He's always near*

*He lives (He lives), He lives (He lives), Christ Jesus lives today
He walks with me and talks with me along life's narrow way
He lives (He lives), He lives (He lives), Salvation to impart
You ask me how I know He lives? He lives within my heart.*

*In all the world around me I see His loving care, and though my heart grows weary I never will despair
I know that He is leading, through all the stormy blast, the day of His appearing will come at last*

*He lives (He lives), He lives (He lives), Christ Jesus lives today
He walks with me and talks with me along life's narrow way
He lives (He lives), He lives (He lives), Salvation to impart
You ask me how I know He lives? He lives within my heart.*

*Rejoice, rejoice, O Christian Lift up your voice and sing eternal hallelujahs to Jesus Christ, the King
The Hope of all who seek Him, the Help of all who find, none other is so loving, so good and kind*

*He lives (He lives), He lives (He lives), Christ Jesus lives today
He walks with me and talks with me along life's narrow way
He lives (He lives), He lives (He lives), Salvation to impart
You ask me how I know He lives? He lives within my heart.*

Discuss – *Maybe you've heard this song many times and never thought about what the hymn is actually saying.*

- (1) According to this song what evidence is there in our personal lives that Jesus arose from the dead and is alive today?*
- (2) According to this song what hope does the resurrection offer to us today? Discuss*
- (3) According to this song what should be our response to the resurrection of Jesus Christ? How can this be shown?*

Sing this Hymn - "Because He Lives"

*God sent His son, they called Him Jesus; He came to love, heal, and forgive;
He lived and died to buy my pardon, an empty grave is there to prove my Savior lives.*

*How sweet to hold a newborn baby, and feel the pride, and the joy that he gives;
But greater still the calm assurance, this child can face uncertain days because He lives.*

*And then one day I'll cross the river; I'll fight life's final war with pain;
And then as death gives way to victory, I'll see the lights of glory and I'll know He lives.*

*Because He lives, I can face tomorrow; because He lives, all fear is gone;
Because I know He holds the future, and life is worth a living just because He lives.*

Scripture Reading – 1 Corinthians 15:12-19

This is a powerful passage concerning the resurrection of Jesus. Have someone read it aloud and then answer/discuss the following.

- (1) Go through this passage and name all the reasons that Paul give for the importance of the resurrection.*
- (2) What does Paul mean by the statement in verse 12, "But if it is preached that Christ has been raised from the dead, how can some of you say there is no resurrection of the dead?" Discuss this... could Paul be saying, "Why would I lie about this?" What do you think? Discuss this.*

- (3) The word “preached” or “preaching” is used several times in this passage. Discuss the different ways the word is used in the context and what I Paul saying about preaching. Discuss ways we may “preach” the resurrection in our own lives as believers today.
- (4) Why is faith “futile” if there is not resurrection? Name specific ways today that our faith may be considered “futile” if Jesus isn’t alive?
- (5) Paul make a strong statement in verse 19, have someone re-read verse 19 and discuss how and why this verse may apply today, even given our current situation. What difference does the resurrection really make today, and why would we be most pitied as Christians if there is no resurrection?

STOP: Consider stopping here and watching together the Easter message YouTube video on the front page of the website: www.firstbaptistbuda.com Note: if you don’t have access to a computer or device to watch the video you may want to complete your service here with the closing song & prayer.

Closing Prayer & Song - “Family of God”

“I’m so glad I’m a part of the family of God. I’ve been washed in the fountain, cleansed by His blood! Joint heirs with Jesus as we travel this sod, for I’m part of the family, the family of God.”

Happy Easter!



SPECIAL NOTE: This “At Home Worship Experience” Easter Special is just for week three (4/12/20). As we continue to be unable to meet we will provide further “At Home Worship Experience” material for you and your family to use at home to worship together. These will be available on our website www.firstbaptistbuda.com Locate the green house “At Home Worship Experience” icon on the front page of our website and simply click there. You may download and print the material for the appropriate date or use it directly from the site. For more information or if you have questions contact our church office.