

Mealtime Questions

What is something that you hope
God will make new?

What does it mean to you that new
life begins in the dark?

When have love and connection
brought you light and joy?



A Blessing

(after the meal)

ALL:

We shall celebrate Easter! Alleluia!

**We shall bring love to those who are
sad and share joy with those who are
happy.**

**We will live our lives to the glory of
God. We will live in Easter joy and
Easter hope. And bring new life to
those we meet. Alleluia!**

**May the blessing of God the Creator
be upon this place,
The blessing of Christ our Redeemer
be upon us,
The blessing of the Spirit, hallowed
and healing, be on our lives,
The blessing of the Triune God be on
all who seek an encounter with the
loving and divine.**

Amen.



"Christ the Lord is Risen Today" Charles Wesley //
Gathering Prayer & Prayer for Our World,
Christian Aid // Blessing, Third Space //



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A short liturgy for families and friends to
create space for joy, prayer, and true
connection with God and one another.



Gathering Prayer

LEADER:

We gather to celebrate that no darkness can extinguish light, to remember that love will always be more powerful than death, and to trust that peace will always be stronger than violence.

*No wonder my heart is glad,
and my tongue shouts his praises!
My body rests in hope.*

*For you will not leave my soul among
the dead or allow your Holy One to rot
in the grave.*

*You have shown me the way of life,
and you will fill me with the joy of your
presence. (Acts 2:26-28 NLT)*

Before we begin our Easter meal together, let's pray. Please join me by reading the bold text.

ALL:

You are making all things new.

LEADER:

A new heaven
A new earth
A new way of thinking
A new way of being.

ALL:

You are making all things new.

LEADER:

No more Death
No more mourning
No more crying
No more pain.

ALL:

You are making all things new.

LEADER:

Renew our minds
to renew the world
by living out your
commandment of love.

ALL:

You are making all things new.



Easter Hymn

**Christ the Lord is risen today,
Alleluia!
Earth and heaven in chorus say,
Alleluia!
Raise your joys and triumphs high,
Alleluia!
Sing, ye heavens, and earth reply,
Alleluia!**



A Prayer for Our World

LEADER:

Risen Lord Jesus, as the rising sun scatters the darkness, let fear and the memory of failure be scattered from our souls that we may live in the glorious freedom of the children of God.

We raise up into your resurrection light all who are excluded from fullness of life by poverty, unemployment or stigma, by injustice, criminality or neglect, by homelessness, landlessness or war, remembering in particular ... [names may be added here]

ALL:

**Risen Lord Jesus, may your
resurrection light shine over all the
earth.**

LEADER:

May we trust in you above all else, hope in you above all else, seek you in all things, find you in every place, meet you among all people, know you through everything, and love you beyond, beyond, beyond all telling.

ALL:

**We pray in your name, living Lord.
Amen.**

