

# 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.**

