

New Creation Reading

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Theme and Purpose

It is not a coincidence that Jesus rose from the dead on the first day of the week. Just as in Genesis when God brought light out of darkness in creation, Jesus' resurrection brought light to our spiritual darkness and began a new creation. As the firstborn of that creation, Christ rolled back the sin of Eden. The tree of life, from which we were once cut off, has been replanted in our future home.

Cast list	3 readers congregation choir
Approximate Running Time	2 minutes
Scene Description	None
Prop List	None
Other Production Notes	None
Related Scriptures	Gen 1:1-5, John 12:46, John 20:1, Col 2:12, Gen 2:7, 1 Cor. 15:45, Gen 3:24, Rev 22:2
Song Suggestions	Hallelujah! What A Savior (Tommy Walker), Above All, Easter Song, Christ the Lord Is Ris'n Today

Congregation:

In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.

Reader 1:

And the earth was formless and empty. Darkness was over the surface of the deep.

Reader 2:

I have come into the world as a light, so that no one who believes in me should stay in darkness.

Choir:

And God said, "Let there be light," and there was light. God saw that the light was good.

Congregation:

And there was evening, and there was morning - the first day.

Reader 2:

On the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary went to the tomb.

Reader 3:

The angel said, "Do not be afraid. He is not here; he has risen from the dead."

Choir:

We have been buried with him by baptism into death. Just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father,

Congregation:

So we too might walk in newness of life.

Reader 1:

The Lord God formed man from the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life.

Congregation:

And the man became a living being.

Reader 3:

The first man, Adam, became a living being; the last Adam became a life-giving spirit. And as in Adam all die, so in Christ all will be made alive.

Congregation:

Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation.

Reader 1:

God drove out the man and woman; and at the east of the garden of Eden he placed the cherubim, and a sword flaming and turning to guard the way to the tree of life.

Reader 3:

Then the angel showed me the river of life, as clear as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb. On each side of the river stood the tree of life. And the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations.

Everyone:

There will be no more night. We will not need the light of a lamp or the light of the sun, for the Lord God will give us light.

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