

**THE ORDER OF WORSHIP
EASTER SUNDAY SUNRISE
THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD**

March 27, 2016

6:30 a.m.

Greeting:

The Lord is risen!

The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus
who was crucified.

He is not here; for he has been raised as he said.

The Lord is risen!

The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Unison Prayer:

**Almighty God, through Jesus Christ you overcame
death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life.
Grant that we who celebrate this day of our Lord's
resurrection, may by the renewing of your Spirit arise
from the death of sin to the life of righteousness;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Hymn: "Jesus Christ Is Risen Today"

**Jesus Christ is risen today, Alleluia!
our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!
who did once upon the cross, Alleluia!
suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!**

**Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia!
unto Christ, our heavenly King, Alleluia!
who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia!
sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia!**

**But the pains which he endured, Alleluia!
our salvation have procured. Alleluia!
Now above the sky he's King, Alleluia!
where the angels ever sing. Alleluia!**

**Sing we to our God above, Alleluia!
praise eternal as God's love. Alleluia!
Praise our God, ye heavenly host, Alleluia!
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!**

Psalm 118

O give thanks to the LORD, for God is good;

God's steadfast love endures forever!

The LORD is my strength and my might;

God has become my salvation.

There are glad songs of victory in the tents of the righteous:

The right hand of the LORD is exalted!

I shall not die, but I shall live,
and recount the deeds of the LORD.

**I thank you that you have answered me
and have become my salvation.**

The stone that the builders rejected
has become the chief cornerstone.

This is the Lord's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.

This is the day that the LORD has made;

Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

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God's steadfast love endures forever!

The Resurrection Story: John 20:1-10

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. ²So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him." ³Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. ⁴The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. ⁵He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. ⁶Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, ⁷and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. ⁸Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; ⁹for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. ¹⁰Then the disciples returned to their homes.

Hymn: "Morning Has Broken"

**Morning has broken like the first morning;
blackbird has spoken like the first bird.
Praise for the singing! Praise for the morning!
Praise for them, springing fresh from the Word!**

**Sweet the rain's new fall sunlit from heaven,
like the first dewfall on the first grass.
Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden,
sprung in completeness where God's feet pass.**

**Mine is the sunlight! Mine is the morning,
born of the one light Eden saw play!
Praise with elation; praise every morning,
God's re-creation of the new day!**

The Resurrection Story: John 20:11-18

¹¹But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; ¹²and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. ¹³They said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping?” She said to them,

“They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him.”

¹⁴When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. ¹⁵Jesus said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?” Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him,

“Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away.”

¹⁶Jesus said to her, “Mary!” She turned and said to him in Hebrew,

“Rabbouni!”

(which means Teacher). ¹⁷Jesus said to her, “Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, ‘I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.’”

¹⁸Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples,

“I have seen the Lord!”;

and she told them all that he had said these things to her.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

Sermon: *“Tears Not Yet Dry”*

Easter Litany:

O Christ, in your resurrection,
the heavens and the earth rejoice.

Alleluia!

By your resurrection you broke open the gates of hell,
and destroyed sin and death.

Keep us victorious over sin.

By your resurrection you raised the dead,
and brought us from death to life.

Guide us in the way of eternal life.

By your resurrection you confounded your guards and
executioners, and filled the disciples with you.

Give us joy in your service.

By your resurrection you proclaimed good news to the
women and apostles, and brought salvation to the
whole world.

Direct our lives as your new creation.

Closing Prayer

Hymn: “The Day of Resurrection”

**The day of resurrection!
Earth, tell it out abroad,
the Passover of gladness,
the Passover of God.
From death to life eternal,
from sin’s dominion free,
our Christ has brought us over
with hymns of victory.**

**Let hearts be purged of evil
that we may see aright
the Lord in rays eternal
of resurrection light,
and listening to his accents,
may hear, so calm and plain,
his own “All hail!” and hearing,
may raise the victor strain.**

**Now let the heavens be joyful;
let earth its song begin;
the round world keep high triumph
and all that is therein.
Let all things seen and unseen
their notes of gladness blend,
for Christ the Lord has risen,
our joy that has no end.**

Charge and Benediction

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