



Easter Sunrise Worship
2017

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

April 16, 2017

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 Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

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!

(Sing): Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

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.

(Sing): Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

This is the day that the LORD has made;

Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

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

God's steadfast love endures forever!

(Sing): Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

The Resurrection Story: Matthew 28:1-10

¹After the sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. ²And suddenly there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. ³His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. ⁴For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. ⁵But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. ⁶He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. ⁷Then go quickly and tell his disciples, 'He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him.' This is my message for you." ⁸So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. ⁹Suddenly Jesus met them and said, "Greetings!" And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshiped him. ¹⁰Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me."

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

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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