



Easter Sunrise Worship

Sunday
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7 a.m.

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Telemann

*** CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, they came to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared. They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they went in, they did not find the body. While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them. The women were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, “Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen!”

People: Christ is risen indeed! - Luke 24:1-5

*** HYMN** *Jesus Christ Is Risen Today* (verses 1 and 4)

Jesus Christ is risen today, Alleluia!
Our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!
Who did once upon the cross, Alleluia!
Suffer to redeem our loss. 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!

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Eternal God, in Jesus Christ you have reconciled the world to yourself. The empty tomb proclaims your redemption of all that you have made and loved. In Christ's resurrection lies the hope of our own. Hallelujah! And yet, it is so easy to roll the stone back over the tomb and live as though Easter has not happened. It is easy to retreat to fear. It is easy to continue as though the resurrection were not true. Forgive our fears, enliven our hearts, and call us to proclaim the good news that Christ is risen, he is risen indeed! Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON AND THE PEACE

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Psalm 118:14-24

POEM

Easter (Poet-George Herbert)
Glenn Small, reader

SOLO

How Can I Keep from Singing? Lowry
Tami Giusto, soloist

GOSPEL LESSON

John 20:1-18

MEDITATION

Baron Mullis

*** HYMN**

The Strife is O'er (verses 1 – 3)

The strife is o'er, the battle done,
The victory of life is won;
The song of triumph has begun. Alleluia!

The powers of death have done their worst,
But Christ their legions hath dispersed:
The shouts of holy joy outburst. Alleluia!

The three sad days are quickly sped,
Christ rises glorious from the dead;
All glory to our risen Head! Alleluia!

*** CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

*** RESPONSE**

Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks Fishel

We are delighted that you have come to worship with us and greet the Risen Savior in the light of this Easter dawn. Please join us for a light breakfast in our Welcome Center immediately following this Sunrise Service.

Our Easter Morning Worship Service begins at 11 a.m. in our Sanctuary. Everyone is welcome!