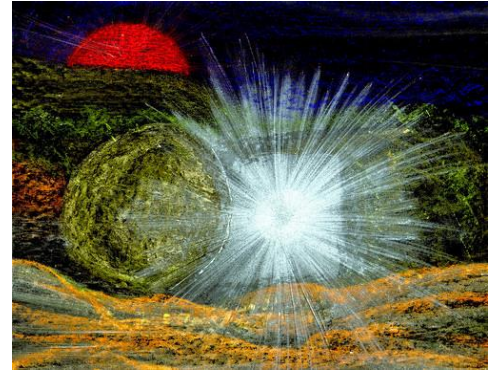


RESURRECTION OF THE LORD/EASTER SUNDAY

SUNRISE SERVICE

APRIL 17, 2021 AT 7:00 AM



WELCOME

RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: Christ is risen!

People: Christ is risen indeed!

Pastor: Hope is dawning!

People: Hope is alive!

Pastor: Joy is alive!

People: Christ is alive!

Pastor: We are alive!

All: Glory to God in the highest!

HYMN: #233

THE DAY OF RESURRECTION

“LANCASHIRE”

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.

UNISON PRAYER OF ADORATION

God of Love, we proclaim this morning that Your power has a purpose.
We see it in the beauty of creation all around us and in our human creativity.
Your design decorates this world and we worship You.
We praise You for the great love revealed in the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ.
Joyfully we welcome this day - celebrating the resurrection and fullness of Your power.
Your great love is revealed - unable to be quenched by the bitter hatred of a cross.
We proclaim that You are stronger than the powers of darkness and sin.
Because of this great love, we honor and adore You. Praising the name of Christ our Lord together. Amen.

CALL TO CONFESSION

CONFESSION OF SIN

Almighty God, in raising Jesus from the grave you shattered the darkest powers of the cosmos. We confess that we remain captive to doubt and fear, bound by the ways that so often lead to sin and death. We overlook the poor and the hungry. We pass by those who mourn. We ignore the cries of the oppressed and are indifferent to calls for peace. We care little for the weak and abuse the earth you made. Forgive us, God of mercy. Help us to trust in your power to change our lives and make us new, that we may know the joy of life abundant given in Jesus Christ our risen Lord. Amen.

(Silence for personal prayer and reflection)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

RESPONSIVE PSALM

PSALM 118:19-24

Pastor: Open to us the gates of righteousness, that we may enter through them and give thanks to the LORD.

People: This is the gate of the LORD; the righteous shall enter through it.

Pastor: We thank You that You have answered us and have become our salvation.

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

Pastor: This is the LORD's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.

All: This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

ANTHEM

HE AROSE

COMPOSER UNKNOWN

CAROLYN MATHEWS, ALTO AND GUITAR

SCRIPTURE READING WITH REFLECTIONS

JOHN 20:1-18

THE WORD OF THE LORD!

THANKS BE TO GOD!

HYMN#240

ALLELUIA, ALLELUIA! GIVE THANKS!

"ALLELUIA NO. 1"

Refrain: Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord.

Alleluia, alleluia! Give praise to his name

1 Jesus is Lord of all the earth. He is the King of creation. (Refrain)

2 Spread the good news o'er all the earth: Jesus has died and has risen. (Refrain)

3 We have been crucified with Christ. Now we shall live forever. (Refrain)

4 Come let us praise the living God, joyfully sing to our Savior. (Refrain)

EASTER PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER (ECUMENICAL VERSION)

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be Your name,

Your kingdom come, Your will be done, on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are Yours now and forever. Amen.

HYMN #246

CHRIST IS ALIVE!

"TRURO"

1 Christ is alive! Let Christians sing. The cross stands empty to the sky.

Let streets and homes with praises ring. Love, drowned in death, shall never die.

2 Christ is alive! No longer bound to distant years in Palestine,

but saving, healing, here and now, and touching every place and time.

5 Christ is alive, and comes to bring good news to this and every age,

till earth and sky and ocean ring with joy, with justice, love, and praise.

Pastor: Christ is risen!

All: He is risen indeed!

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BENEDICTION

Join us for a light breakfast at First Presbyterian Church at 10:00 AM followed by a traditional Easter service at 11:00 AM.

Please join in reading or singing those parts of the service printed in bold.