



Easter Sunrise  
2020

# EASTER SONRISE SERVICE

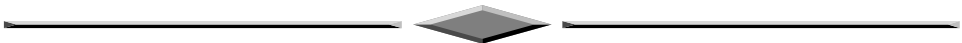
*"We are going up to Jerusalem, and the Son of Man will be betrayed to the chief priests and the teachers of the law. They will condemn him to death and will turn him over to the Gentiles to be mocked and flogged and crucified. On the third day he will be raised to life!" Matthew 20:18-19*

## PRESERVICE MUSIC

**WORSHIP NOTES:** May your heart be filled with hope and joy on this most joyous of Christian celebrations: the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ from the dead! As the Apostle says, we have been buried with Him by our baptism and we are also raised with Him. We no longer live, but Christ lives in us...and His love compels us, because we are convinced that One died for all, and therefore all died. And He died for all, that those who live should no longer live for themselves, but for Him who died for them and was raised again.

**DARKNESS** The service at church typically begins in darkness. Before the women came to the tomb on Easter morning, it was dark. The darkness of Good Friday still envelops the tomb. Darkness in the Bible symbolizes the devil's rule on earth, sin that ravages mankind and death. Today we'll show "sonrise" by opening the triptych.

**ENTRANCE OF LIGHT** The Christ candle which exited at the close of our Good Friday evening service, symbolizing Christ's death and burial, now enters. It represents Jesus, the light of the world, who is alive! It represents the flash of light which blinded the guards at the tomb. It represents the light of faith, which fills our heart and our life. As the Christ candle enters we begin our Easter worship.



## EASTER LITANY - *(please rise)*

- Pastor: He's alive! The Lord has risen from the dead!  
**Cong: He has conquered death! Jesus has destroyed all our enemies. Alleluia!**
- Pastor: Let all doubt be cast aside! His resurrection proves that he is the Son of God. (Romans 1)  
**Cong: By faith we are his forgiven children!**
- Pastor: We follow him into new life!  
**Cong: He is Risen! Together we sing his praises!**

**OPENING HYMN** "Christ is Arisen"

CW, #144 (p.5)

## PRAYER (congregation)

O risen Lord, as the sun rises this joyous morning to bring light to all the world, show us through your resurrection that you are the Sun of Righteousness. Let the LIGHT of Easter shine in our hearts and in all the world to your glory. Grant that we who celebrate the beauty of your holy resurrection may, by the renewing work of your Holy Spirit, rise from the death of the soul and the darkness of sin. We praise you, our Savior and our God! Amen.

## THE PRAYER FOR FORGIVENESS (congregation)

In the Name of Jesus, O Lord God, have mercy on me, a sinner. Forgive my open sins and my secret sins. Forgive the sins I know and the sins I do not know. Forgive the sins I did to please myself and the sins I did to please others. Forgive them all, gracious Lord, for Jesus' sake.

## THE ABSOLUTION FROM SIN (pastor)

The Holy Spirit brings you peace and Easter assures you of victory over sin and death through the atonement of God's own Son. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his command and authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

## GOSPEL READING Mark 16:1-7

## EASTER RESPONSES

*(The responses of this service reflect the joy and triumph which is ours in the resurrection of our Lord. These opening expressions are an ancient greeting Christians used to greet each other on Easter during the first century.)*

Pastor: Christ is Risen!

Cong: **He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

Pastor: Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ!

Cong: **In his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.**

## MEDITATION ON Revelation 5:1-6 "The Warrior is Proven Worthy"

## THE OFFERING

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## THE EASTER PRAYER *(pastor)*

Pastor: Almighty God, through your only Son you overcame death and opened for us the gate of eternal life. Help us to see our sins and repent of them. Plant in us the joy of the Savior's resurrection and raise up our souls to new life. Hallelujah!

**Cong: Amen!** *(spoken)*

**CLOSING HYMN** "Christ the Lord is Risen Today"

CW, #149:1-4 (p.6)

## BENEDICTION

Pastor: God gives us peace!

**Cong: He brought back from the dead our Lord Jesus, who by his blood made an eternal covenant to be the great Shepherd of the sheep.**

Pastor: May God make you complete in everything good so that you may do his will, as he works in us that which is pleasing in his sight through Jesus Christ.

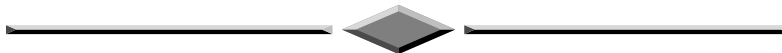
**Cong: To Jesus Christ be the glory forever and ever! Amen.**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

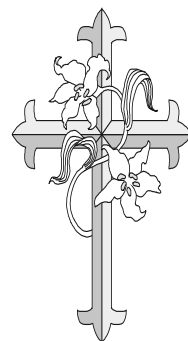
Keyboard: Ann Peterman

Violin: Alyssa Pautz

Vocalist: Katie Koffman & Matt Berger



**WELCOME TO OUR GUESTS** - You are today a guest of God. He is your heavenly Father. Come, then as you worship, into his presence - offering him your love and service. Come, expecting to share in the greatest things that life can offer. Come, to hear of full and free forgiveness. And come to know that you are "more than conquerors" over sin, death and the devil. For God promised to the first sinners that they would be forgiven through One of their own, an offspring...whom we have met again today. His name, the most important name of all, is Jesus, God's Son, our Savior.



**THANK YOU**, to all who helped to beautify our service with music, decorations and a genuine love for Christ. We are so blessed to know him and to have our forever future secure.

**EASTER PLANTS** - Once again this year, we wish to thank Ron Reel and his family for helping to beautify our house of worship by decorating for Easter.



Christ is a - ris - en From the grave's dark pris - on.



We now re-joyce with glad - ness; Christ will end all sad - ness.



Lord, have mer - cy. All our hopes were end - ed



Had Je - sus not as - cend - ed From the grave tri - um-phant-ly.



For this, Lord Christ, our thanks shall be. Lord, have mer - cy.



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!



Al - le - lu - ia! We now re-joyce with glad - ness;



Christ will end all sad - ness. Lord, have mer - cy.

Text: German hymn, c. 1100; tr. W. Gustave Polack, 1890–1950, alt.

Tune: CHRIST IST ERSTANDEN (PM) Latin melody, c. 1100, alt.

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## Christ the Lord Is Risen Today



1 "Christ the Lord is ris'n to - day!" Saints on  
 2 Love's re - deem - ing work is done, Fought the  
 3 Vain the stone, the watch, the seal; Christ has  
 4 Lives a - gain our glo - rious King! Where, O  
 5 Soar we now where Christ has led, Foll'w - ing



earth and an - gels say; Raise your joys and  
 fight, the bat - tle won; Lo, our sun's e -  
 burst the gates of hell. Death in vain for -  
 death, is now your sting? Once he died our  
 our ex - alt - ed head. Made like him, like



tri - umphs high; Sing, O heav'ns, and earth, re - ply.  
 cclipse is o'er; Lo, he sets in blood no more.  
 bids his rise; Christ has o - pened par - a - dise.  
 souls to save; Where your vic - to - ry, O grave?  
 him we rise; Ours the cross, the grave, the skies!

6 Hail the Lord of earth and heav'n!  
 Praise to you by both be giv'n!  
 God has now fulfilled his Word;  
 Praise the resurrected Lord!

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707-88, abr., alt.

Tune: ORIENTIS PARTIBUS (77 77) Pierre de Corbeille, d. 1221, adapt.