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Sunrise Service

Easter Sunday

ORDER OF SERVICE

Service of Light

PRELUDE

GREETING & INTRODUCTION

Grace and peace from Jesus Christ our Lord.

And also with you.

OPENING PRAYER

*HYMN "Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!"

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1. Christ is risen! Shout Hosanna! Celebrate this day of days!
Christ is risen! Hush in wonder: All creation is amazed.
In the desert all surrounding, See, a spreading tree has grown.
Healing leaves of grace abounding bring a taste of love unknown.
2. Christ is risen! Raise your spirits from the caverns of despair.
Walk with gladness in the morning. See what love can do and dare.
Drink the wine of resurrection, Not a servant, but a friend.
Jesus is our strong companion. Joy and peace shall never end.
3. Christ is risen! Earth and heaven nevermore shall be the same.
Break the bread of new creation where the world is still in pain.
Tell its grim, demonic chorus: Christ is risen! Get you gone!
God the First and Last is with us. Sing Hosanna, everyone!

*LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

*EASTER PROCLAMATION

Rejoice, heavenly powers! Sing, choirs of angels! Exult, all creation
around God's throne! Jesus Christ our King is raised! Sound the
trumpet of salvation!

**Rejoice, heavenly powers! Sing, choirs of angels! Jesus Christ
our King is risen!**

Rejoice, O earth, in shining splendor, radiant in the brightness of your
King! Christ has conquered! Glory fills you! Darkness vanishes forever!

**Rejoice, heavenly powers! Sing, choirs of angels! Jesus Christ
our King is risen!**

Rejoice, O mother church! Exult in glory! The risen Savior shines
upon you! Let this place resound with joy, echoing the mighty song of
all God's people!

**Rejoice, heavenly powers! Sing, choirs of angels! Jesus Christ
our King is risen!**

May the Morning Star which never sets find this flame still burning:
Christ, that Morning Star, who came back from the dead, and shed his
peaceful light on all creation, your Son, who lives and reigns forever
and ever. Amen.

**Rejoice, heavenly powers! Sing, choirs of angels! Jesus Christ
our King is risen!**



“The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness
did not overcome it.” - John 1:5 (NRSV)

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*HYMN “Jesus Christ Is Risen Today” Davidica

1. Jesus Christ is risen today, Alleluia!
Our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!
Who did once upon the cross, Alleluia!
Suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!
2. 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!
3. 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!
4. 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!

Proclaiming God's Word

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

GOSPEL LESSON Matthew 28:1-10

EPISTLE LESSON Colossians 3:1-4

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

EASTER REFLECTION “People of the Resurrection” Matt Randolph

Reaffirmation of the Baptismal Covenant

SENTENCES OF SCRIPTURE I Corinthians 12:12-13, 27

*RENUNCIATIONS

Trusting in the gracious mercy of God, do you turn from the ways of sin and renounce evil and its power in the world?

We do.

Who is your Lord and Savior?

Jesus Christ is our Lord and Savior.

Will you be Christ's faithful disciple, obeying His Word and showing His love?

We will, with God's help.

*PROFESSION The Apostles' Creed, circa 8th century A.D.

I BELIEVE in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,

And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell;

the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Let us pray...

*REMEMBERING OUR BAPTISMS

In an act of remembering, you will be invited to come forward to the baptismal font and dip your hand into the water. Grab one of the stones in the font and take it with you as a remembrance that you are a beloved child of God.

Sending in God's Name

*HYMN “Because He Lives” Gaither

- C. Because He lives, I can face tomorrow;
Because He lives, all fear is gone.
Because I know He holds the future
and life is worth the living just because He lives.
1. God send His Son - they called Him Jesus;
He came to love, heal and forgive.
He lived and died to buy my pardon;
An empty grave is there to prove my Savior lives.
- C. Because He lives, I can face tomorrow;
Because He lives, all fear is gone.
Because I know He holds the future
and life is worth the living just because He lives.

*PASTORAL BLESSING

Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed!

Alleluia, alleluia, AMEN!

*POSTLUDE

**All those who are able may stand.*

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