

# THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Easter Sunrise Service

March 31, 2024

Call to Worship (responsive)

Glory to you, O God:

**on this day you won victory over death, raising Jesus from the grave and giving us eternal life.**

Glory to you, O Christ:

**for us and for our salvation you overcame death and opened the gate to everlasting life.**

Glory to you, O Holy Spirit: you lead us into the truth.

**Glory to you, O Blessed Trinity, now and forever. Amen.**

Responsive Prayer for Easter

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 joy.

**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.**

God of mercy, we no longer look for Jesus among the dead, for he is alive and has become the Lord of life. From the waters of death you raise us with him and renew your gift of life within us. Increase in our minds and hearts the risen life we share with Christ, and help us to grow as your people toward the fullness of eternal life with you, through Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

***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!

Prayer of Confession (unison)

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

Assurance of Pardon

***WE ARE FORGIVEN***

We are forgiven, we are forgiven.  
Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.  
We are forgiven, we are forgiven.  
Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.

Prayer for Illumination

Gospel Reading: John 20:1-18

Meditation

Litany for Easter (responsive)

O Christ, after your resurrection you appeared to your disciples; you breathed on them, that they might receive the Holy Spirit. You gave joy and exultation to the whole creation. Through your victory, we pray to you:

**Hear us, Lord of glory.**

O Christ, after your resurrection you sent out your disciples to teach all nations and to baptize them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit; you promised to be with them and us until the end of the world. Through your victory, we pray to you:

**Hear us, Lord of glory.**

O Christ, through your resurrection you lifted us up, and filled us with rejoicing. Through your salvation you enrich us with your gifts. Renew our lives and fill our hearts with joy. Through your victory, we pray to you:

**Hear us, Lord of glory.**

O Christ, you are glorified by angels in heaven, and worshiped on earth. On the glorious feast of your resurrection, we pray to you:

**Hear us, Lord of glory.**

Save us, O Christ our Lord, in your goodness, extend your mercy to your people who await the resurrection, and have mercy on us.

**Hear us, Lord of glory.**

O merciful God, you raised your beloved Son, and in your love you established him as head of your church, and ruler of the universe. By your goodness we pray:

**Hear us, Lord of glory.**

**O God, you gave your only Son to suffer death on the cross for our redemption, and by his glorious resurrection you delivered us from the power of death. Grant us so to die daily to sin, that we may evermore live with him in the joy of his resurrection; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

***THINE IS THE GLORY***

1. Thine is the glory, risen, conquering Son;  
Endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won.  
Angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away,  
Kept the folded grave-clothes where thy body lay.

Refrain: Thine is the glory, risen, conquering Son;  
Endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won.

2. Lo! Jesus meets us, risen from the tomb;  
Lovingly he greets us, scatters fear and gloom.  
Let the church with gladness hymns of triumph sing;  
For the Lord now liveth; death has lost its sting. (Refrain)

3. No more we doubt thee, glorious Prince of life!  
Life is naught without thee; aid us in our strife.  
Make us more than conquerors through thy deathless love;  
Bring us safe through Jordan to thy home above. (Refrain)

Charge and Blessing (responsive)

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord in the power of his resurrection.

**Alleluia!**

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**Amen.**

Christ is risen!

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**Christ is risen, indeed! Alleluia, alleluia!**