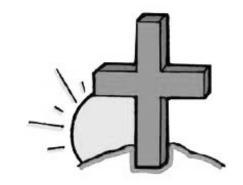


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# **Easter Sunrise**

### Welcome

P Alleluia! Alleluia! Christ is Risen!

**G** The Lord is Risen indeed! Alleluia! Alleluia!

**The Opening Song** 

Morning Has Broken

Morning has broken like the first morning, blackbird has spoken like the first bird. Praise for the singing! Praise for the morning! Praise for them, springing fresh from the Word!

Sweet the rain's new fall sunlit from heaven, like the first dewfall on the first grass. Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden, sprung in completeness where his feet pass.

Mine is the sunlight! Mine is the morning born of the one light Eden saw play! Praise with elation, praise every morning, God's re-creation of the new day!

#### The Lessons

### 1 Corinthians 15:19-26

P If we have a hope in Christ only in this life, then we deserve to be pitied more than anyone else.

But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead. He's the first crop of the harvest of those who have died. Since death came through a human being, the resurrection of the dead came through one too. In the same way that everyone dies in Adam, so also everyone will be given life in Christ. Each event will happen in the right order: Christ, the first crop of the harvest, then those who belong to Christ at his coming, and then the end, when Christ hands over the kingdom to God the Father, when he brings every form of rule, every authority and power to an end. It is necessary for him to rule until he puts all enemies under his feet. Death is the last enemy to be brought to an end.

- P The Holy Spirit still speaks to the Church.
- **Q** Let the Church give thanks to God.

#### John 20:1-18

Early in the morning of the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been taken away from the tomb. She ran to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said, "They have taken the Lord from the tomb, and we don't know where they've put him." Peter and the other disciple left to go to the tomb. They were running together, but the other disciple ran faster than Peter and was the first to arrive at the tomb. Bending down to take a look, he saw the linen cloths lying there, but he didn't go in. Following him, Simon Peter entered the tomb and saw the linen cloths lying there. He also saw the face cloth that had been on Jesus' head. It wasn't with the other clothes but was folded up in its own place. Then the other disciple, the one who arrived at the tomb first, also went inside. He saw and believed. They didn't yet understand the scripture that Jesus must rise from the dead. Then the disciples returned to the place where they were staying.

Mary stood outside near the tomb, crying. As she cried, she bent down to look into the tomb. She saw two angels dressed in white, seated where the body of Jesus had been, one at the head and one at the foot. The angels asked her, "Woman, why are you crying?"

She replied, "They have taken away my Lord, and I don't know where they've put him." As soon as she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she didn't know it was Jesus.

Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you crying? Who are you looking for?"

Thinking he was the gardener, she replied, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have put him and I will get him."

Jesus said to her, "Mary."

She turned and said to him in Aramaic, "Rabbouni" (which means Teacher).

Jesus said to her, "Don't hold on to me, for I haven't yet gone up to my Father. Go to my brothers and sisters and tell them, 'I'm going up to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God."

Mary Magdalene left and announced to the disciples, "I've seen the Lord." Then she told them what he said to her.

- P The Gospel of the Lord
- **Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

#### Sermon

Song of the Day Alleluia, Alleluia, Give Thanks

Refrain

Alleluia, alleluia, give thanks to the risen Lord.

Alleluia, alleluia, give praise to his Name.

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

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

We have been crucified with Christ. Now we shall live for ever. Refrain

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

### **An Easter Creed**

**■** I believe in an Easter God, who transforms darkness into light, hatred into tolerance, and despair into hope. I believe God is always working for good, changing every Good Friday nightmare into an Easter vision of new possibilities.

I believe in the risen Christ, who befriends us on our roads of doubt and hardship and searching; who grasps our hands in joy and touches us in the heart, who gives us his word and calls us by name.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the hidden presence behind every resurrection, who challenges us to leave tomblike safety and to trust the invitation to live boldly in faith and then gives us the strength to do it.

I believe in the people of God, who gather to be renewed by the Spirit and be made into disciples of Jesus who have the courage to do justice, love mercy, and build the kingdom of God together.

I believe we are Easter people, a sign that miracles truly happen, and that with God, all things are possible. Amen.

# The Prayers of the People

[After each petition, please respond...]

- P Risen Lord,
- **G** hear our prayer.

### The Peace

# The Offering

## The Great Thanksgiving

The priest will lead the people in an extemporaneous celebration of Holy Communion.

# The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

### **Communion Distribution Song**

Let Us Break Bread Together

Let us break bread together on our knees; Let us break bread together on our knees. When I fall on my knees, with my face to the rising sun, O, Lord, have mercy on me.

Let us drink wine together on our knees; Let us drink wine together on our knees. When I fall on my knees, with my face to the rising sun, O, Lord, have mercy on me.

Let us praise God together on our knees; Let us praise God together on our knees. When I fall on my knees, with my face to the rising sun, O, Lord, have mercy on me.

### **The Prayer After Communion**

### The Blessing

**The Closing Song** 

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!

#### The Dismissal

- P Alleluia! Alleluia! Go in peace to love and serve our Risen Lord!
- **■** Thanks be to God! Alleluia! Alleluia!

# SERVING US THIS MORNING

Celebrant Guitarist Becky Robbins-Penniman Bruce Fahnstock