

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Easter Sunrise

April 24, 2011 at 8:30 a.m.

EASTER CELEBRATION

Leader: 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.

People: Keep us victorious over sin.

Leader: By your resurrection you raised the dead, and brought us from death to life.

People: Guide us in the way of eternal life.

Leader: By your resurrection you confounded your guards and executioners, and filled the disciples with joy.

People: Give us joy in your service.

Leader: By your resurrection you proclaimed good news to the women and apostles, and brought salvation to the whole world.

People: Direct our lives as your new creation.

HYMN

Christ the Lord is Risen Today!

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Christ the Lord is risen today! Alleluia!
All creation, join to say, Alleluia!
Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia!
Sing, O heavens, and earth reply, Alleluia!

Love's redeeming work is done, Alleluia!
Fought the fight, the battle won, Alleluia!
Death in vain forbids Him rise, Alleluia!
Christ has opened paradise, Alleluia!

Lives again our glorious King, Alleluia!
Where, O death, is now your sting? Alleluia!
Jesus died our souls to save, Alleluia!
Where your victory, O grave? Alleluia!

Hail the Lord of earth and heaven! Alleluia!
Praise to You by both be given, Alleluia!
Every knee to You shall bow, Alleluia!
Risen Christ, triumphant now. Alleluia!

LITANY FOR EASTER

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.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

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. Amen

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

ACTS 10:36-43

LUKE 24:1-12

SOLO *What Wondrous Love* Bobby Horton

PRAYER

RESPONSE

Leader: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

People: The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Leader: Do not be afraid; I know you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said.

People: Alleluia!

Leader: Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People: Therefore let us keep the feast.

All: Alleluia! Alleluia!

He is Risen!



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