

EASTER

Sunrise

Service

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Easter Sunrise Service

April 9, 2023

Call to Worship

L: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

P: Christ is risen, indeed! Alleluia!

L: This is the day that the Lord has made;

Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

P: Christ is risen, indeed! Alleluia!

Prayer of the Day

Holy One, you come to us with power beyond all knowing.

You lift all things out of the dust,

you breathe love into every cell,

you call us into communion with you,

and you claim victory over death.

Blessed be your holy name now and forever. Amen.

Hymn

“Jesus Christ Is Risen Today” (Back page)

(Verses 1 & 2)

Reading from Holy Scripture

Gospel Matthew 28:1-10 (*The Resurrection of Jesus*)

Homily

The Rev. Nancy Coleman

Unison Prayer

God of all ages and of all people, the shadows and gloom of Good Friday have been dispersed by the light and color of Easter Sunday. We rejoice in your power that turns our sorrow into joy, our despair into hope, our defeat into victory and evil into goodness. Help us on this Easter morning, O God, to burst out of the tombs that have trapped us: tombs of selfishness and sinfulness, greed and gluttony, scandal and corruption, pride and prejudice. Let now a new life of divine grace and human love burst forth from each of us this Easter day, through the grace of Jesus Christ, the Risen One. Amen.

Hymn

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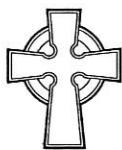
(Verse 4)

Charge

Go from here renewed and strong,
knowing that the Lord is alive, almighty, and present.
Look for the blessings that await you this week.
Weep with those who weep.
Rejoice with those who celebrate.
Tell the story of hope.

Blessing

Now may the truth of the empty tomb –
the astonishing reality of Jesus’ resurrection –
keep you fearless and sure
that you will see the Resurrected One
again and again in this life.
May the power of God’s endless love
surround you and guide you, this day and always.



The Reverend Nancy Coleman
Music Director: Judy Yeaworth

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Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

EASTER HYMN 7.7.7.7. with Alleluias

St. 1, Latin carol, 14th century

Para. in *Lyra Davidica*, 1708; alt.Sts. 2, 3, *The Compleat Psalmist*, ca. 1750; alt.

St. 4, Charles Wesley, 1740; alt., 1972

Lyra Davidica, 1708Alt. in *The Compleat Psalmist*, ca. 1750

1. Je - sus Christ is risen to - day,
 2. Hymns of praise then let us sing, Al - le - lu - ia!
 3. But the pains which he en - dured,
 4. Sing we to our God a - bove,

Our tri - um - phant ho - ly day,
 Un - to Christ, our heav - enly King, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Our sal - va - tion have pro - cured;
 Praise e - ter - nal as his love;

Who did once, up - on the cross,
 Who en - dured the cross and grave, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Now a - bove the sky he's King,
 Praise him, all you heav - enly host,

Suf - fer to re - deem our loss.
 Sin - ners to re - deem and save. Al - le - lu - ia!
 Where the an - gels ev - er sing,
 Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

Alternative Tune: LLANFAIR