

An Outdoor Celebration of Worship

The Resurrection of the Lord

EASTER DAY

April 4, 2021

8:00 a.m.

Bold type spoken by the congregation.



Prayer & Meditation

Call To Worship

Alleluia! Christ is risen!
Christ is risen, indeed! Alleluia!
This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.
Alleluia! Christ is risen!
Christ is risen, indeed! Alleluia!

Prayer of Adoration and Praise

Hymn 245

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today!

*“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!
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!*

Prayer for Illumination

The New Testament Lesson: *Acts 10:34-43*

The Gospel Lesson: *Mark 16:1-8*

Hymn 231

Christ Has Risen While Earth Slumbers

*Christ has risen while earth slumbers; Christ has risen where hope died,
As he said and as he promised, as we doubted and denied.
Let the moon embrace the blessing; let the sun sustain the cheer;
Let the world confirm the rumor: Christ is risen, God is here!
Christ has risen for the people whom he died to love and save;
Christ has risen for the women bringing flowers to grace his grave.
Christ has risen for disciples huddled in an upstairs room.
He whose word inspired creation can't be silenced by the tomb
Christ has risen and forever lives to challenge and to change
all whose lives are messed or mangled, all who find religion strange.
Christ is risen, Christ is present making us what he has been:
evidence of transformation in which God is known and seen.*

Meditation

Affirmation of Faith

(from 1 Cor. 15:1-6; Mark 16:1-9, 16; Rev. 22:13; John 20:28)

**This is the good news which we have received, in which we stand,
and by which we are saved, if we hold it fast: that Christ died for our sins
according to the scriptures, that he was buried,
that he was raised on the third day, and that he appeared first to the women,
then to Peter, and to the Twelve, and then to many faithful witnesses.
We believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God.
Jesus Christ is the first and the last, the beginning and the end;
he is our Lord and our God. Amen.**

The Prayers of Thanksgiving

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 debts,
as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

Hymn 246

Christ Is Alive

*Christ is alive! Let Christians sing. The cross stands empty to the sky.
Let streets and homes with praises ring. Love, drowned in death, shall never die.*

*Christ is alive! No longer bound to distant years in Palestine,
but saving, healing, here and now, and touching every place and time.*

*Women and men, in age and youth, can feel the Spirit, hear the call,
and find the way, the life, the truth, revealed in Jesus, freed for all.*

*Christ is alive, and comes to bring good news to this and every age,
till earth and sky and ocean ring with joy, with justice, love, and praise.*

The Charge and Benediction