

2015  
Easter Sunrise  
Service

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# EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE

6:30 a.m.

April 5, 2015

## **Prelude**

“Oh Glorious Day” by Casting Crowns

## **\*Call to Worship** (Responsive)

One: Jesus, You have overcome death and conquered every fear I could imagine. Help me to live each day remembering that You are alive. That You are bigger than anything or any situation and that Your power is real. Jesus, you're my hero and I'm walking with You. This is the day the Lord has made!

**All: We will rejoice, and be glad in it!**

One: You have turned our mourning into dancing! You have taken away our funeral clothes and re-clothed us in joy

**All: so that our whole being—body, mind and soul—might sing praise to you and not be silent.**

One: The Lord is our strength and our song; he has become our victory!

**All: You are our God, and we will praise you; You are our God, and we will exalt you.**

One: Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good!

**All: His faithful loves endures forever**

## **\*Opening Hymn**

“Christ the Lord is Risen Today”

## **Greetings**

## **Unison Prayer**

**On this day we overflow with thanks and praise, O God, for this is the day You have made, the day that fills us with both fear and great joy. On this day You sent Your angels to roll back the stone and You raised Jesus, who had been crucified, from the dead. Never again need we search for Jesus in the places of dead memories and buried dreams, for now He has been raised and goes forever ahead of us to open the gates of justice, preaching peace and the forgiveness of sins. Indeed though He was the stone rejected by the builders, You have made him the cornerstone, the rock on which is founded the life everlasting, the life that is hidden for us in Christ until it is revealed with Christ in glory. We thank You and we praise You O God, both now, and through your living word, eternally. Amen.**

## **\*Hymn**

“Up From the Grave He Arose”

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

When the Sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of Jesus and James, and Salome bought spices so that they might go to anoint Jesus' body. Very early on the first day of the week, just after sunrise, they were on their way to the tomb and they asked each other, "Who will roll the stone away from the entrance of the tomb?" But when they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had been rolled away. As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man dressed in a white robe sitting on the right side, and they were alarmed. "Don't be alarmed," he said. "You are looking for Jesus the Nazarene, who was crucified. He has risen! He is not here. See the place where they laid him. But go; tell his disciples and Peter, 'He is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see him, just as he told you.'" Trembling and bewildered, the women went out and fled from the tomb. They said nothing to anyone, because they were excitedly afraid.

**Sermon***"The New Birth and Living Hope"* Karen Hruz**Offering****\*Prayer of Confession** (In Unison)

**Gracious God, you have walked patiently with us throughout our Lenten journey. You have celebrated our successes and our growing understanding of your love; and you have mourned our failures and rejections of your healing mercies. This day, as we have gathered to celebrate the joy of Easter, let us remember that we are to become "Easter People", people of the Resurrection; people who know that what was thought to be impossible has been conquered. Forgive our stubbornness and fears. Fill us with your healing love and help us to become the disciples that you need to serve in this world. For we ask this in the name of our Risen Lord, Jesus Christ.**

**\*Words of Assurance****Sacrament of Holy Communion****Prayer After Receiving (In Unison)**

Eternal God of light and life, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world, broken and full of darkness, to share your light! In the name of Jesus the Risen Christ, we pray, Amen.

**\*Hymn***"He Lives"***\*Benediction**

May the loving power of God, which raised Jesus to new life, strengthen you in hope, enrich you with his love, and fill you with joy in the faith. He is has Risen! Amen.

**Postlude****\* Stand as you are able**

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Pastor: The Lord is with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

**People: We lift them up to the Lord.**

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

**Pastor:** It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, Creator of Heaven and Earth. You created light out of darkness and brought forth life on the earth. You formed us in your image and breathed into us the breath of life. When we turned away, and our love failed, your love remained steadfast. You delivered us from captivity, made covenant to be our sovereign God, and spoke to us through your prophets. And so, with all your people on earth and all the company of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**People: Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

**Pastor:** Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ. Your Spirit anointed him to preach good news to the poor, to proclaim release to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed, and to announce that the time had come when you would save your people. He healed the sick, fed the hungry, and ate with sinners. By the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection you gave birth to your Church, delivered us from slavery to sin and death, and made with us a new covenant by water and the spirit.

On the night in which he gave himself up for us, he took bread, gave thanks to you and broke the bread, gave it to his disciples and said, "Take eat, this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." When the supper was over, he took the cup, gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said "Drink from this all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

On the day you raised him from the dead, he was recognized by his disciples in the breaking of the bread, and in the power of our Holy Spirit your church has continued in the breaking of the bread and the sharing of the cup. And so in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

**People : Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

**Pastor:** Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and wine. Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ, redeemed by his blood. By Your Spirit make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world until Christ comes in final victory, and we feast at his heavenly banquet. Though your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church, all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and forever.

**People: Amen.**  
**The Lord's Prayer**