

Order of Worship
March 31, 2013 –Easter Sunrise

Gathering and welcome

Call to Worship

Grace and peace to you from Jesus Christ our Lord.

My brothers and sisters in Christ:

On this most holy morning

in which Jesus Christ passed over from death to life,

We gather as the Church to watch and pray.

This is the Passover of Christ,

in which we share in Christ's victory over death.

Opening Prayer

God of holiness and light, in the mystery of dying and rising with Christ you have established a new covenant of reconciliation.

Cleanse our hearts and give a new spirit to all your people, that your saving grace may be made known to the whole world; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Hymn

Up From the Grave He Arose

Low in the grave he lay, Jesus my Savior!

Waiting the coming day, Jesus my Lord.

[refrain]

Up from the grave he arose,

with a mighty triumph o'er his foes;

he arose a victor from the dark domain,

and he lives forever with his saints to reign!

He arose! He arose! Hallelujah, Christ arose!

Vainly they watched his bed, Jesus my Savior!

Vainly they seal the dead, Jesus my Lord.

[refrain]

Death cannot keep his prey, Jesus my Savior!

He tore the bars away, Jesus my Lord.

[refrain]

Prayer for Illumination

Christ is Risen!

Scripture

John 20:1-18

The Word of God for all God's people.

Thanks be to God.

Reflection

Rev. Brian Siegle

Pastoral Prayer

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.

Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory now and for ever. Amen.

Hymn

The Strife is O'er

Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!

The strife is o'er, the battle done;

The victory of life is won;

The song of triumph has begun:

Al-le-lu-ia!

The powers of death have done their worst,

But Christ their legions hath dispersed;

Let shouts of holy joy outburst:

Al-le-lu-ia!

The three sad days are quickly sped;

He rises glorious from the dead;

All glory to our risen Head!

Al-le-lu-ia!

**Lord, by the stripes which wounded thee,
From death's dread sting thy servants free,
That we may live, and sing to thee:
Al-le-lu-ia!**

Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!

Benediction

*We are sent forth in the power of Christ's resurrection. **Alleluia!**
The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **Amen.***

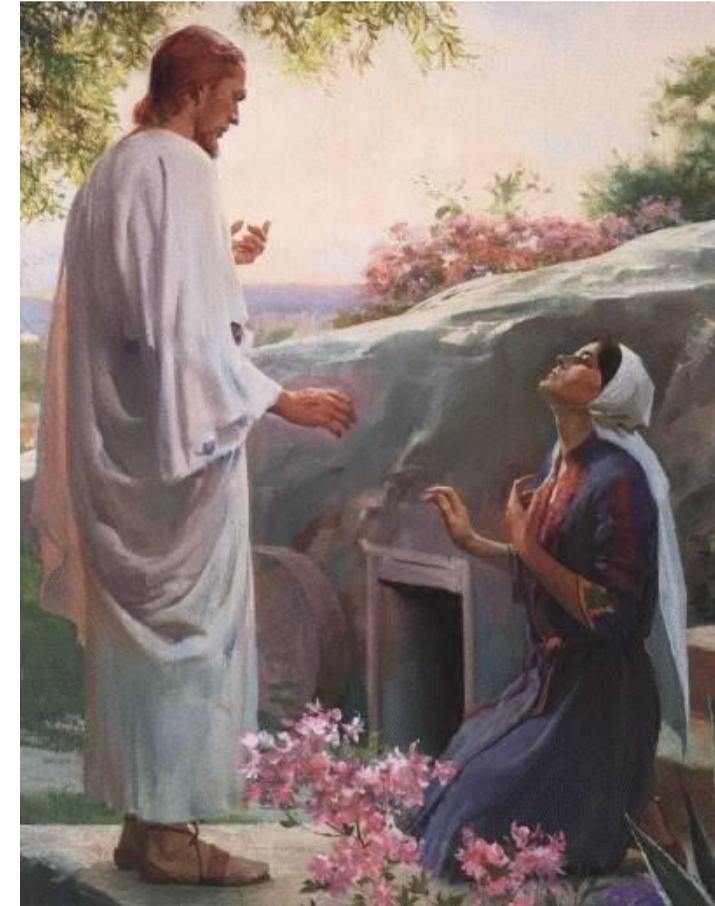
We welcome you in worship this joyous morning
and invite you to a breakfast in the fellowship hall. Consider regularly attending
our church and participating in its activities and outreach.



Christ is Risen!

**Remember that today is *the* reason for our faith.
Be not confused, know the truth, and Celebrate!**

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