

EASTER WORSHIP

Gathering

Welcome

† Call to Worship

Alleluia! Christ is risen!
Christ is risen indeed!
Darkness has been vanquished.
The brilliant Light of Hope has come!
Come let us worship and celebrate the Good News!
Alleluia! Christ is risen! Amen!

† Easter Hymn Medley

“Christ Is Risen”

Christ is risen! Shout Hosanna! Celebrate this day of days.
Christ is risen! Hush in wonder; all creation is amazed.
In the desert all surrounding, see, a spreading tree has grown.
Healing leaves of grace abounding bring a taste of love unknown.

Christ is risen! Raise your spirits from the caverns of despair.
Walk with gladness in the morning. See what love can do or dare.
Drink the wine of resurrection, not a servant, but a friend;
Jesus is our strong companion. Joy and peace shall never end.

Christ is risen! Earth and heaven never more shall be the same.
Break the bread of new creation where the world is still in pain.
Tell its grim, demonic chorus: “Christ is risen! Get you gone!”
God the First and Last is with us. Sing Hosanna everyone!

“Christ Is Alive”

Christ is alive! Let Christians sing.
His cross stands empty to the sky.
Let streets and homes with praises ring.
His love in death shall never die.

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

“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!

Death cannot keep its prey, Jesus my Savior;
he tore the bars away, Jesus my Lord!
(Refrain)

Scripture Lessons

Colossians 3:1-4
Matthew 28:5-7

Homily

“Then It Is Easter!” Rev. Suzanne Dornsmith

† The Sacrament of Holy Communion p. 2257 (The Faith We Sing)

The Great 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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.
Prayer after Communion

† Celebrating the Resurrection - Butterfly Release

Move outside
Words of Instruction
Liturgy of Transformation
As a caterpillar spins into a cocoon
Jesus lay in the tomb for three days.
As the chrysalis is transformed in that time of waiting
So are we transformed when we die with Christ.
The caterpillar that was life-less now is alive as a butterfly!
Jesus is alive! He is risen! Alleluia!

Release the Butterflies

† Closing Hymn

“He Lives!”

I serve a risen Savior, he's in the world today;
I know that he is living, whatever foes may say;
I see his hand of mercy, I hear his voice of cheer,
And just the time I need Him, he's always near.

He lives, He lives, Christ Jesus lives today!
He walks with me and talks with me along life's narrow way.
He lives, He lives, salvation to impart!
You ask me how I know He lives? He lives within my heart.

† Benediction



† Please stand as you are able.

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