

Order of Service
April 9, 2023

Opening Easter hymn: Jesus Christ is risen today
vv. 1&2 VU 155

1

Jesus Christ is risen today, hallelujah!
our triumphant holy day, hallelujah!
who did once, upon the cross, hallelujah!
suffer to redeem our loss. Hallelujah!

2

Hymns of praise then let us sing hallelujah!
unto Christ, our heavenly King, hallelujah!
who endured the cross and grave, hallelujah!
sinners to redeem and save. Hallelujah!

Easter Proclamation

Hallelujah! The Lord is Risen!
He is Risen indeed! Hallelujah

Lord God, early in the morning, when the world was young,
you made life in all its beauty and terror,
you gave birth to all that we know.
Morning has broken!
And the Lord is Risen

Early in the morning, when the world least expected it,
a newborn child crying in a cradle announced
that you had come among us, that you were one of us.
Morning has broken!
And the Lord is Risen

Early in the morning, surrounded by respectable liars,
religious leaders, anxious statesmen and silent friends,
you accepted the penalty for doing good, for being God:
you shouldered and suffered the cross.
Morning has broken!
And the Lord is Risen

Early in the morning a voice in a guarded graveyard
and footsteps in the dew proved that you had risen,
that you came back to those and for those
who had forgotten, denied and destroyed you.

Morning has broken!

And the Lord is Risen

Early in the morning in the rainbow-coloured company of your Church
on earth and in heaven we celebrate your creation, your life,
your death and today, your resurrection,

So Lord, bring your New Life

where we are worn and tired,

Bring Your New Love

where we have turned hard-hearted.

Bring your Forgiveness where we feel hurt

and where we have wounded.

And bring your JOY in the places

we never thought joy could be found

Sisters and brothers of the Risen Christ: He is Risen!
morning has broken and the Lord is risen indeed!

Hymn: Morning has broken, Like the first morning
VU 409

1

Morning has broken like the first morning,
blackbird has spoken like the first bird.

Praise for the singing! Praise for the morning!

Praise for them, springing fresh from the Word!

2

Sweet the rain's new fall sunlit from heaven,
like the first dewfall on the first grass.

Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden,

sprung in completeness where God's feet pass.

3

Ours is the sunlight! Ours is the morning
born of the one light Eden saw play!

Praise with elation, praise every morning,

God's recreation of the new day!

Candle-Lighting & Welcome

- * Land Acknowledgement
- * Celebrations & Concerns
- * Birthdays & Anniversaries

Opening prayer & Lord's prayer (Together)

Lord Jesus, we greet you!

Your hands still have holes in them,

Your feet are wet from the dew;

And with memory of our names undimmed

by three days of death you meet us,

Risen from the grave!

We fail to understand how;

we puzzle at the reason why.

But you have come:

Not to answer our questions, but to show us your face.

You are alive, And the world can rejoice again.

Hallelujah! and Amen!

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, the power and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

Greeting Christ in All of Us - Passing the Peace

The ministry of music

Children's hymn: Amazing grace boogie

A Time for All God's Children

Invitation to the offering

The Offering "We Give Thee But Thine Own"

VU 543

**We give Thee but Thine own, whate'er the gifts may be;
All that we have is Thine alone, a trust, O Lord, from Thee.**

Prayer of thanksgiving

Announcements

Pastoral prayer

Today's scripture reading: Matthew 28: 1-10

When the Sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices so that they could go and anoint Jesus' dead body. Very early on the first day of the week, just after sunrise, they came to the tomb. They were saying to each other, "Who's going to roll the stone away from the entrance for us?" When they looked up, they saw that the stone had been rolled away. (And it was a very large stone!) Going into the tomb, they saw a young man in a white robe seated on the right side; and they were startled. But he said to them, "Don't be alarmed! You are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised. He isn't here. Look, here's the place where they laid him. Go, tell his disciples, especially Peter, that he is going ahead of you into Galilee. You will see him there, just as he told you. Overcome with terror and dread, they fled from the tomb. They said nothing to anyone, because they were afraid.

May God bless to us this reading of Holy Scripture

Amen

Hymn: I danced in the morning (Lord of the Dance)

VU 352

I

I danced in the morning when the world was begun,
and I danced in the moon and the stars and the sun,
and I came from heaven and I danced on the earth;
at Bethlehem I had my birth.

Refrain:

Dance, then, wherever you may be;
I am the Lord of the dance, said he,
and I'll lead you all, wherever you may be,
and I'll lead you all in the dance, said he.

2

I danced for the scribe and the pharisee,
but they would not dance and they would not follow me;
I danced for the fishermen, for James and John;
they came with me and the dance went on. R

3

I danced on the Sabbath and I cured the lame;
the holy people said it was a shame;
they whipped and they stripped and they hung me high,
and left me there on a cross to die. R

4

I danced on a Friday when the sky turned black;
it's hard to dance with the devil on your back;
they buried my body and they thought I'd gone,
but I am the dance and I still go on. R

5

They cut me down and I leap up high;
I am the life that will never, never die;
I'll live in you if you'll live in me;
I am the Lord of the dance, said he. R

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Benediction

Closing hymn: "Because He lives!"

I.

God send His Son, they called Him Jesus
He came to love, heal, and forgive;
He lived and died to buy my pardon,
An empty grave is there to prove my Saviour lives

Refrain:

*Because He lives I can face tomorrow,
Because He lives all fear is gone;*

*Because I know He holds the future.
And life is worth the living just because He lives*

2.

How sweet to hold a new born baby,
And feel the pride, and joy he gives;
But greater still the calm assurance,
This child can face uncertain days because He lives.

3.

And then one day I'll cross the river,
I'll fight life's final war with pain;
And then as death gives way to victory,
I'll see the lights