



# EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE

**Westside Cemetery • 7:30 a.m.**

**Sponsored by The Lutheran Church of our Saviour**

## CALL TO WORSHIP

*Deacon:* Run from fear and darkness!

*All:* **Hope is on the move!**

*Deacon:* Run to tell the world. Christ is risen!

*All:* **Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

*Deacon:* Do not be afraid. Jesus has conquered death! Faith, hope and joy are alive.

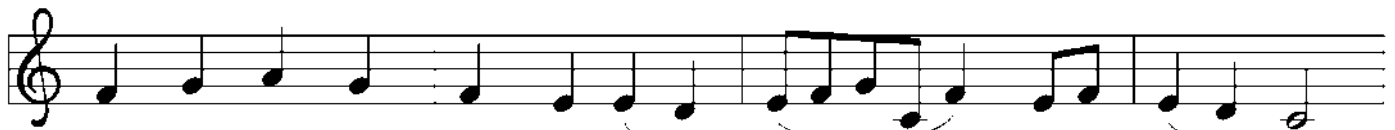
*All:* **A new age is dawning, and death cannot harm us. God of all creation, we praise you . God of resurrection and eternal life, we have gathered in this garden to worship you and celebrate your victory.**

*Deacon:* Christ is risen!

Hymn: *“Jesus Christ is Risen Today*



1 Je - sus Christ is ris'n to - day, Al - le - lu - ia!  
2 Hymns of praise then let us sing, Al - le - lu - ia!



our tri - um - phant ho - ly day, Al - le - lu - ia!  
un - to Christ, our heav'n - ly king, Al - le - lu - ia!



who did once up - on the cross, Al - le - lu - ia!  
who en - dured the cross and grave, Al - le - lu - ia!



suf - fer to re - deem our loss. Al - le - lu - ia!  
sin - ners to re - deem and save. Al - le - lu - ia!

## Gathering Prayer

*Deacon:* The Lord be with you.

*All:* **And also with you.**

*Deacon:* Let us pray: Loving God, we gather in the early morning of your Resurrection. We have been mourning and weeping, believing that you have been taken from us. Instead, you meet us in the garden of new life. Here, in this sacred place, we discover that you are alive and that sin and death cannot defeat you. Now our tears of sorrow turn to tears of joy as we experience your presence among us. Today, we begin to understand that joy comes from grief. You call us to go into the world to share this Good News and because we are not left alone, we can join in confidence our confession and hear words of forgiveness.

*All:* **Amen.**

## Easter Gospel: John 20: 1-18

*Deacon:* The Holy Gospel According to John.

*All:* **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene went to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the entrance. So she came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have put him!" So Peter and the other disciple started for the tomb. Both were running, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent over and looked in at the strips of linen lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter who was behind him arrived and went into the tomb. He saw the strips of linen lying there as well as the burial cloth that had been around Jesus' head. The cloth was folded up by itself, separate from the linens. Finally, the other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, also went inside. He saw and he believed. (They still did not understand the scripture that Jesus had to rise from the dead). Then the disciples went back to their homes. But Mary stood outside the tomb crying. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb and saw two angels in white, seated where the body of Jesus had been, one at the head and the other at the foot.



They asked her, “Woman, why are you crying?” “They have taken a way my Lord,” she said, “and I do not know where they have put him.” At this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not realize that it was Jesus. “Woman,” he said, “why are you crying” Who is it you are looking for?” Thinking he was the gardener, she said to him. “Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have put him, and I will get him.” Jesus said to her “Mary!” She turned toward him and cried out in Aramaic “Rabboni!” (which means Teacher). Jesus said, “Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet returned to the Father. Go instead to my brothers and tell them. ‘I am returning to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.’” Mary Magdalene went to the disciples with the news, “I have seen the Lord”. And she told them that he had said these things to her.

*Deacon:* The Gospel of the Lord.

*All:* Praise to you, O Christ.

Hymn: *“Jesus Christ is Risen Today*



3 But the pains which he en-dured, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 4 Sing we to our God a - bove, Al - le - lu - ia!



our sal - va - tion have pro - cured; Al - le - lu - ia!  
 praise e - ter - nal as his love; Al - le - lu - ia!



now a - bove the sky he's king, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 praise him, all you heav'n - ly host, Al - le - lu - ia!



where the an - gels ev - er sing. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. Al - le - lu - ia!

Sermon: Bob Newbury  
*The Lutheran Church of Our Saviour*

Affirmation of Baptism

*Deacon:* I invite you now to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, to reject sin and confess the faith of the church.

People of God, do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?

***All:* I renounce them.**

*Deacon:* Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

***All:* I renounce them.**

*Deacon:* Do you believe in the Father?

***All:* I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

*Deacon:* Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

***All:* I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; He descended to the dead. On the third day He rose again; He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father; He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

*Deacon:* Do you believe in God, the Holy Spirit?

***All:* I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion or saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body and life everlasting. Amen.**

*Deacon:* We have made public profession of our faith, and we therefore recommit ourselves to life in Christ. People of God, do you intend to continue in the covenant God made with you in Holy Baptism: living among God's faithful people, hearing and heeding the Word of God, sharing in the Lord's Supper, proclaiming the Good News of God in Christ Jesus the Risen Lord?

***All:* We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.**

*Deacon:* And will you live following the example of Jesus: serving in his holy name, living his command to love, and striving for justice and peace in all the Earth?

*All:* **We will, and we ask God to help and guide us.**

*Deacon:* Do you promise to support and pray for one another in your life in Christ?

*All:* **We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.**

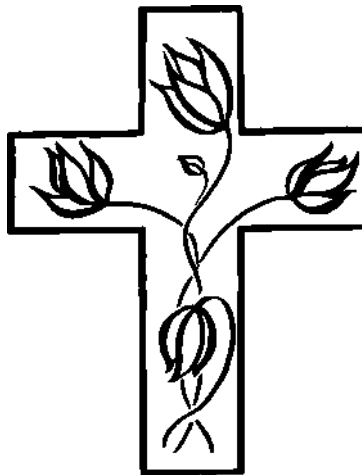
*Deacon:* Let us pray.

We give thanks, O God, that through the water and the Holy Spirit, you give us new birth, cleanse us from sin and raise us to eternal life. Stir up in us the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of council and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.

*All:* **Amen.**

*Deacon:* Christ is Risen! Alleluia!

*All:* **Christ is Risen Indeed! Alleluia!**



### We Decorate the Cross

*Deacon:* It is a simple bare cross, but so was the one our Lord and Savior was crucified on. Let us come forward and transform it with flowers as a symbol of new life and hope, just as Jesus transformed our lives from darkness to light, and from doubt to the assurance that we have new life through him.

*(as you come forward, receive the sign of the cross on your forehead in remembrance of your baptism, then take a flower(s) and place it on the cross)*

## An Easter Prayer

*Deacon:* Let us pray.

Lord Jesus, we greet You, risen from the dead, proving that nothing can separate us from God's love, showing us how far that love will go, and suffering for the sins of the world.

***All:* Lord Jesus, we greet You, risen from the dead, and we offer You our thanks and our praise, our prayers and our worship, our devotion and our service.**

## The Lord's Prayer

*Deacon:* Lord Jesus, we greet You and we pray with joy and confidence as you taught us,

***All:* 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 and ever. Amen.**

## Closing Prayer

*Deacon:* There was darkness in the tomb before the resurrection.

***All:* But now Christ is risen.**

*Deacon:* The dawn has come.

***All:* The world is born anew.**

*Deacon:* Christ is Risen!

***All:* Christ is Risen indeed**

*Deacon:* Thanks be to God!

***All:* Alleluia! Alleluia! Amen!**

# Sending Hymn

## “Thine is the Glory”



1 Thine is the glo - ry, ris - en, con-qu'ring Son; end - less is the  
2 Lo, Je - sus meets thee, ris - en from the tomb! Lov - ing - ly he  
3 No more we doubt thee, glo - rious Prince of life; life is naught with-



vic - t'ry thou o'er death hast won! An - gels in bright rai - ment  
greet thee, scat - ters fear and gloom; let his church with glad - ness  
out thee; aid us in our strife; make us more than con-qu'rors,



rolled the stone a - way, kept the fold - ed grave - clothes  
hymns of tri - umph sing, for the Lord now liv - eth;  
through thy death - less love; bring us safe through Jor - dan

### *Refrain*



where thy bod - y lay,  
death hath lost its sting! Thine is the glo - ry, ris - en, con-qu'ring  
to thy home a - bove.



Son; end - less is the vic - t'ry thou o'er death hast won!