



EASTER DAY

Sunday, April 8, 2012 7:30 a.m.

Leader: He is risen!

People: **HE IS RISEN!**

Leader: Christ Jesus is risen!

People: **HE IS RISEN INDEED!**

HYMN OF PRAISE

Morning Has Broken

**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!**

**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.**

**Mine is the sunlight! Mine is the morning born of the one light Eden saw play!
Praise with elation, praise every morning, God's re-creation of the new day!**

WELCOME

Rev. Mark Sprowl

EASTER PRAYER (Unison)

**God of Resurrection, on that early morn'
almost 2,000 years ago, the tomb was found to be empty
but the hearts of your disciples were full!
You kept your promise!
Jesus was raised to reign forever as our loving king!
May his resurrection promise us not only eternal life with you,
but through the power of your Holy Spirit,
an opportunity for a new beginning and renewed life ... right here ...right now,
as we trust our lives to your loving care!
We pray this is the strong name of our risen savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.**

PASSING OF THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Leader: Jesus' resurrection means that his peace is now also ours.
May the peace of Christ be with you today and always.

People: **AND ALSO WITH YOU!**

[Please greet one another with the "Peace of Christ" or other expressions of welcome.]

BIBLE READING

John 20:1-18

The Tomb Is Empty

WE AFFIRM WHAT WE BELIEVE (Sung)

**He is Lord, he is Lord. He is risen from the dead, and he is Lord.
Every knee shall bow, every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord.**

SHARING OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH FAMILY AND 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 debts as we forgive our debtors
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.**

HYMN

He Lives

**I serve a risen Savior; He's in the world today.
I know that He is living, whatever they 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.**

**CHORUS: 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.**

**In all the world around me, I see His loving care.
And tho' my heart grows weary, I never will despair.
I know that He is leading, Thro' all the stormy blast.
The day of His appearing, Will come at last. CHORUS**

**Rejoice, rejoice, O Christian; Lift up your voice and sing.
Eternal hallelujahs, to Jesus Christ the King.
The hope of all who seek Him, the help of all who find,
None other is so loving, so good and kind. CHORUS**

BLESSING

Leader: He is risen and now reigns as our eternal Lord!

People: **IN HIS RESURRECTION, MAY WE FIND
NEW LIFE! HALLELUJAH! AMEN.**

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