



Christ the Lord is Risen! Alleluia!!

Easter Sunrise Service
Gregory Memorial Presbyterian Church
March 31, 2024 – 7:00 a.m.

Gather in Silence

One: Do not be afraid; I know you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said.

All: Alleluia!

One: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

All: Christ the Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!

One: O Christ, in your resurrection, the heavens and earth rejoice. Alleluia! By your resurrection you have broken open the gates of hell, and destroyed sin and death.

All: Keep us victorious over sin.

One: By your resurrection you raised the dead, and brought us from death to life eternal.

All: Guide us in the way of eternal life.

One: By your resurrection you confounded your guards and executioners, and filled the disciples with joy.

All: Give us joy in your service.

One: By your resurrection you proclaimed good news to the woman and apostles, and brought salvation and reconciliation to the whole world.

All: Direct our lives as your new creation.

First Reading: John 20:1-18

Prayer of Joy

Alleluia! We praise you, O God, for the power of your saving love revealed in the resurrection of our Lord. We await with gladness your new heaven and new earth. As you have raised Jesus from the dead give to us the gift of everlasting life, that we may worship you forever; through Christ, our risen Savior. Amen.

Recitation in Unison: "That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright" [*Reverse side*]

Second Reading: Psalm 118:1-2; 14-24

Benediction & Prayer

"That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright"

Hymn #299 from WORSHIP & REJOICE Hymnal;
Hope Publishing Company,
380 South Main Place,
Carol Stream, IL 60188:

That Easter day with joy was bright
The sun shone out with fairer light,
When, to their longing eyes restored,
The glad apostles saw their Lord.

His risen flesh with radiance glowed;
His wounded hands and feet he showed;
Those scars their solemn witness gave
That Christ was risen from the grave.

O Jesus, strong in gentleness,
Come now yourself, our hearts possess,
That we may give you all our days
The tribute of our grateful praise.

Come, risen Christ with us abide
In this our joyful Eastertide;
Your own redeemed forever shield
From every weapon death can wield.

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