

EASTER SUNDAY

April 17, 2022 • 7:00 a.m.



For Those in Darkness
Lauren Pittman Wright

Please join in reading and singing those parts of the service printed in **bold**.

OPENING VOLUNTARY *All Creatures of Our God and King* arr. Paul A. Tate

OPENING POETRY *Risen* Jan Richardson

PRAYER

HYMN *Morning Has Broken* BUNESSAN
Stanzas will be sung interspersed among the Scripture Readings.

**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!**

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING Isaiah 65:17–19, 25

**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 his feet pass.**

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING Luke 24:1–12

**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!**

RESPONSIVE LITANY AND REFLECTIONS

One: Eternal God, your Word declares
that the love which is laid down in faith
will be raised and produce a great harvest.
This we celebrate as we proclaim:

**All: Christ has died,
Christ is risen,
Christ will come again.**

REFLECTION

Rev. Mark Mares

One: We remember and praise you
for the saints and leaders of this and every age.
We name them before you now.

(Remaining where you are standing, you are invited to name saints who've come before you.)

One: These lives, like seeds, dropped to the ground;
yet their witness has borne fruit
and enables us to say:

**All: Christ has died,
Christ is risen,
Christ will come again.**

REFLECTION

Rev. Jay Sanderford

One: We pray for your Church throughout the world
and for that part to which we belong,
that it may be ready to spend
and to be spent in your service,
that the love of self-preservation
may be set aside,
that the deaths you demand of it
may be embraced joyfully,
and that through all it may proclaim:

**All: Christ has died,
Christ is risen,
Christ will come again.**

REFLECTION

Rev. Hannah Lundberg

One: In silence, we surrender ourselves
and all that we count important
to your will and purpose.
For we cannot know
the glory of Christ's resurrection
if we do not have the fellowship of his sufferings.
And we cannot expect to gather the kingdom's harvest
if we do not sow the kingdom's seed.

(You are invited to plant seeds in the containers.)

In us and through us,
may your Spirit proclaim:

**All: Christ has died,
Christ is risen,
Christ will come again.**

1 Christ is ris - en! Shout Ho - san - na! Cel - e - brate this day of days!
 2 Christ is ris - en! Raise your spir - its from the cav - erns of de - spair.
 3 Christ is ris - en! Earth and heav - en nev - er - more shall be the same.

Christ is ris - en! Hush in won - der: all cre - a - tion is a - mazed.
 Walk with glad - ness in the morn - ing. See what love can do and dare.
 Break the bread of new cre - a - tion where the world is still in pain.

In the des - ert all - sur - round - ing, see, a spread - ing tree has grown.
 Drink the wine of res - ur - rec - tion, not a ser - vant, but a friend.
 Tell its grim, de - mon - ic cho - rus: "Christ is ris - en! Get you gone!"

Heal - ing leaves of grace a - bound - ing bring a taste of love un - known.
 Je - sus is our strong com - pan - ion. Joy and peace shall nev - er end.
 God the First and Last is with us. Sing Ho - san - na ev - ery - one!

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

BENEDICTION RESPONSE

In the name of Jesus —

Let us Love...**with Open Hearts!**

Let us Learn...**with Open Minds!**

Let us Serve...**with Open Arms!**

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Resurrection Medley

arr. Mark Hayes

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