

# Easter Sunday



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## Welcome and Announcements

### Prelude

### *Easter Celebration*

Robert Hughes

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## GIVE PRAISE TO GOD

### \* Call to Worship

One: This day dawns brightly!

People: **Hope is restored!**

One: Christ is risen!

People: **He has conquered death!**

One: Come, open your hearts and spirits to the joyous  
Good News!

People: **Let us celebrate the greatest victory of all time.  
Christ is Risen. Christ is risen indeed!**

### \* Opening Prayer

Roddy Hamilton

When the day is quiet, and the world still sleeps, and the  
morning is crisp and love breathes again we praise you, O God  
of resurrection.

When the time is now, and the moment is on us and the place is  
here, and the grave clothes are folded we praise you, O God of  
renewal.

When the day is new, and the sun is fresh, and the light is clean,  
and the stone has rolled we praise you, O God of empty tombs.

Now we see the world differently. What we thought was the way of things, yesterday is no longer the way of things, today death was yesterday, new life is today, tombs were sealed, now they are open, love was dead, now is alive again, death has been given a make-over, endings have a new perspective, things work differently now.

When the shouting has stopped, and the suffering ended and the betrayal complete and the darkness stolen then we praise you, O God of life. Amen.

**\* Opening Hymn**

*Low in the grave he lay*

# 273

- 1) Low in the grave he lay, Jesus my Savior,  
waiting the coming day, Jesus my Lord!

*Refrain:*

*Up from the grave he arose;  
with a mighty triumph o'er his foes;  
he arose a victor from the dark domain,  
and he lives forever, with his saints to reign.  
He arose! He arose! Hallelujah! Christ arose!*

- 2) Vainly they watch his bed, Jesus my Savior,  
vainly they seal the dead, Jesus my Lord! [*Refrain*]
- 3) Death cannot keep its prey, Jesus my Savior;  
he tore the bars away, Jesus my Lord! [*Refrain*]

## CELEBRATE GOD'S FAMILY

### **Congregational Prayer**

Rev. Abi

On this Easter morn, we welcome you, Jesus, into our lives. We welcome your resurrection for it is life changing, life giving and life sustaining. We welcome the hope it brings to our world. We welcome the joy it brings to our darkness. We welcome the empty tomb for we know that it means you are on the loose.

Lord, may your resurrection give life to those who feel lifeless, those who are just going through the motions, and those who have had the death of a loved one.

Lord, may your resurrection give hope to those who are mired in despair, who feel hopeless, and who have given up all hope.

Lord, may your resurrection give joy to those who feel no joy, lost their joy or have had their joy snuffed out.

Lord, may you be on the loose in this world as the risen one...  
Amen.

## **Anthem**

### *On the Third Day*

Allen Pote

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## **Time with Our Children** (then children may leave for Children's Church)

### **\* Hymn**

### *Thine is the Glory*

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- 1) Thine is the glory, risen, conqu'ring Son!  
Endless is the vict'r'y thou o'er death hast won.  
Angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away,  
kept the folded graveclothes where thy body lay.

#### *Refrain:*

*Thine is the glory, risen, conqu'ring Son!  
Endless is the vict'r'y thou o'er death hast won.*

- 2) Lo! Jesus meets us. Risen from the tomb,  
lovingly he greets us, scatters fear and gloom.  
Let his church with gladness hymns of triumph sing:  
for our Lord now liveth; death has lost its sting. *[Refrain]*
- 3) No more we doubt thee, glorious Prince of life!  
Life is naught without thee; aid us in our strife.  
Make us more than conqu'rors, through thy deathless love.  
Bring us safe through Jordan to thy home above. *[Refrain]*

# WORSHIP IN GIVING

## Prayer on Giving

God of great gifts: this morning we give you praise, we give you glory, we give you thanks! With resurrection humming in our hearts, our minds are tuned to your song of peace! We joyfully present these gifts to you, a tangible chorus of thanksgiving, a harmony of hope for your kingdom come! Amen.

## LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD PROCLAIMED

**Anthem**

*Majesty*

arr. Schrader

## Scripture Lesson

John 20:1-18 (NRSV)

### **The Resurrection of Jesus**

20 Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. <sup>2</sup> So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him." <sup>3</sup> Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. <sup>4</sup> The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. <sup>5</sup> He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. <sup>6</sup> Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, <sup>7</sup> and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. <sup>8</sup> Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; <sup>9</sup> for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. <sup>10</sup> Then the disciples returned to their homes.

### **Jesus Appears to Mary Magdalene**

<sup>11</sup> But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; <sup>12</sup> and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. <sup>13</sup> They said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping?” She said to them, “They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him.” <sup>14</sup> When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. <sup>15</sup> Jesus said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?” Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, “Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away.” <sup>16</sup> Jesus said to her, “Mary!” She turned and said to him in Hebrew, “Rabbouni!” (which means Teacher). <sup>17</sup> Jesus said to her, “Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, ‘I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.’” <sup>18</sup> Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, “I have seen the Lord”; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

## Sermon

“Easter Changes Everything!”

## GO IN GOD’S NAME

\* **Closing Hymn**     *Christ the Lord is risen today* (vv. 1-3)     # 280

- 1) Christ the Lord is ris’n today! Alleluia!  
All creation joins to say: Alleluia!  
Raise your joys and triumphs high: Alleluia!  
Sing, O heav’ns, and earth reply: Alleluia!
  
- 2) Love’s redeeming work is done, Alleluia!  
fought the fight, the battle won. Alleluia!  
Death in vain forbids him rise, Alleluia!  
Christ has opened paradise, Alleluia!

3) Lives again our glorious King, Alleluia!  
 Where, O death, is now thy sting? Alleluia!  
 Dying once, he all doth save, Alleluia!  
 Where thy victory, O grave? Alleluia!

**\* Benediction**

**Postlude**

*Alleluia Christ Is Risen*

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