

*Resurrection Day ~ Easter Sunrise Service ~ April 4, 2021
6:00 AM at Lake Barnegat*

Welcome

Reading Ezekiel 37:3-14

Call to Worship

The tomb is empty!

Christ Is Risen!

The soldiers have returned home.

Christ Is Risen!

The anger of the crowds is gone.

Christ Is Risen!

The time of grieving has ended.

Christ Is Risen!

Violence, fear, and death have disappeared!

Christ Is Risen! Christ Is Risen Indeed!

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today #302

Christ the Lord is risen today, Alleluia! Earth and heaven in chorus say, Alleluia!
Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia! Sing, ye heavens, and earth reply, Alleluia!

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!

Lives again our glorious King, Alleluia! Where, O death, is now thy sting? Alleluia!
Once He died our souls to save, Alleluia! Where's thy victory, boasting grave? Alleluia!

Soar we now where Christ has led Alleluia! Following our exalted Head, Alleluia!
Made like Him, like Him we rise, Alleluia! Ours the cross, the grave, the skies, Alleluia!

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Reading Romans 6:3-11

Hymn of Promise #707

In the bulb there is a flower; in the seed, an apple tree;
in cocoons, a hidden promise; butterflies will soon be free!
In the cold and snow of winter there's a spring that waits to be,
unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.

In our end is our beginning, in our time, infinity;
in our doubt there is believing; in our life, eternity.
In our death, a resurrection; at the last, a victory,
unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.

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Reaffirmation of Baptism

Sisters and brothers in Christ:
through the sacrament of baptism

God's Spirit has been poured out upon water,
water poured over and immersing us,
water that flows freely for all who will receive it,
water from the streams of God's saving power and justice,
water that brings hope to all who thirst for righteousness,
water that refreshes life, nurtures growth, and offers new birth.

Today we come to the waters,
to renew our commitments
in each other's presence
to Christ who has raised us,
the Spirit who has birthed us,
and the Creator who is making all things new.

Renunciation of Sin and Profession of Faith

And so I ask you, will you turn away from the powers of sin and death?

**We renounce the spiritual forces of wickedness,
Reject the evil powers of this world,
And repent of our sin!**

Will you let the Spirit use you as prophets to the powers that be?

**We accept the freedom and power God gives us
To resist evil, injustice, and oppression
In whatever forms they present themselves!**

Will you proclaim the good news and live as disciples of Jesus Christ, his body on earth?

**We confess Jesus Christ as our Savior,
put our whole trust in his grace,
and promise to serve him as our Lord,
in union with the church which Christ has opened
to people of all ages, nations, and races!**

Will you be living witnesses to the gospel, individually and together, wherever you are, and in all that you do?

**We will remain faithful members of Christ's holy church
And serve as Christ's representatives in the world.**

Will you receive and profess the Christian faith as contained in the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments?

**We affirm and teach the faith of the whole church
as we put our trust
in God, the Father Almighty.
in Jesus Christ, his only Son.
and in the Holy Spirit,
one God now and forever.**

Thanksgiving Over the Water

The Spirit of the Lord is with us.
Even so, come Lord Jesus!

Let us pray.
Almighty God, the life you birthed in us
by baptism into Jesus Christ
will never die.
Your justice never fails.
Your mercy is everlasting.

**Your healing river flows.
Your Spirit blows where you will.
We cannot stop you, God!**

But sometimes we try.
We try to block the flow,
we redirect the winds of the Spirit,
or we walk so far away from the life-giving Stream
that we do not hear its sound,
and we forget its power.
We parch ourselves.

**We are dry and thirsty, O God.
Come, refresh us!**

Come upon us, Holy Spirit!
Come upon us, Holy Spirit!

Come upon these waters.
Come upon these waters.

Let these waters be to us drops of your mercy.
Let these waters remind us of your righteousness and justice.
Let these waters renew in us the resurrection power of Jesus.
Let these waters make us long for your coming reign.

Most Holy God, Abba, Father!
Glory to you!
Jesus Christ, Savior, Lord!
Glory to you!

Spirit of fire, Spirit over the waters, Spirit of holiness!
Glory to you!

Eternal God, One in Three and Three in One!
All glory is yours, now and forever. Amen!

*All who have renewed their vows are invited to come to the font to use the water as a sign of refreshing. As each uses the water, another says to her or him:
Remember that you are baptized, and rejoice!*

Matthew 28:1-10

Message: "Don't Be Afraid"

He Lives (Amen)

I believe in the Son - I believe in the Risen One - I believe I overcome - By the power of His blood

Chorus: Amen! Amen! I'm alive I'm alive because He lives
Amen! Amen! Let my song join the one that never ends - Because He lives

I was dead in the grave - I was covered in sin and shame
I heard mercy call my name - He rolled the stone away

Chorus: Amen! Amen! I'm alive I'm alive because He lives
Amen! Amen! Let my song join the one that never ends - Because He lives

Bridge: Because He lives I can face tomorrow - Because He lives ev'ry fear is gone
I know (I know) He holds (He holds) my life (my life) My future in His hand

Chorus: Amen! Amen! I'm alive I'm alive because He lives
Amen! Amen! Let my song join the one that never ends...

Chorus: Amen! Amen! I'm alive I'm alive because He lives
Amen! Amen! Let my song join the one that never ends - Because He lives.... Because He lives

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The 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 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, the power and the glory forever. Amen.*

Because He Lives #364

God sent His Son they called Him Jesus He came to love, heal, and forgive.
He bled and died to buy my pardon an empty grave is there to prove My Savior lives

chorus: Because He lives I can face tomorrow; Because He lives all fear is gone
Because I know He holds the future - And life is worth the living just because He lives

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