

Resurrection Day ~ Easter Sunrise Service
April 17, 2022 6:30 AM
Lake Barnegat Beach, Forked River NJ

Greeting and Introduction

Grace to you from Jesus Christ, who was and is, and is to come. Sisters and brothers, our Savior Jesus Christ has passed from death to life. Hear the word of God: In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. In the Word was life and the life was the light of all humanity. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

Blessing of the New Fire

Eternal God, giver of light and life, bless this new flame that by its radiance and warmth we may respond to your love and grace, and be set free from all that separates us from you and from each other; through Jesus Christ, the Sun of Righteousness. Amen.

Lighting of the Paschel Candle

ONE: May the light of Christ, rising in glory, banish all darkness from our hearts and minds. Christ is our light!
All: Alleluia! Thanks be to God!

Up From The Grave He Arose UMH 322

Low in the grave He lay, Jesus my Savior!
Waiting the coming day, Jesus my Lord!
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) He arose! (He arose) Hallelujah! Christ arose!

Vainly they watch His bed, Jesus my Savior!
Vainly they seal the dead, Jesus my Lord!
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) He arose! (He arose) Hallelujah! Christ arose!

Death cannot keep his prey, Jesus, my Savior!
He tore the bars away, Jesus my Lord!
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) He arose! (He arose) Hallelujah! Christ arose!

Reading: Romans 6:3-11

Christ the Lord is Risen Today UMH 302

1. 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!

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!
Once he died our souls to save, Alleluia!
Where's thy victory, boasting grave? Alleluia!

4. 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!

Gospel Lesson: John 20:1-18

Message: "Who are you looking for?"

Hymn of Promise UMH 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.

Easter Proclamation

This our Passover feast, when Christ, the true Lamb, is slain.
This the night when first you saved our forebears, you freed the people of Isreal from their slavery and led them with dry feet through the sea.

Rejoice, heavenly powers! Sing, choirs of angels!
Jesus Christ, our King, is risen!

This the night when Jesus Christ broke the chains of death and rose triumphant from the grave. Truly blessed, when

heaven is wedded to earth, we are reconciled to you!

Rejoice, heavenly powers! Sing, choirs of angels!

Jesus Christ, our King, is risen!

May the Morning Star, which never sets, find this flame still burning. Christ, that Morning Star, who came back from the dead, and shed his peaceful light on all creation, Your Son who lived and reigns for ever and ever.

Rejoice, heavenly powers! Sing, choirs of angels!

Jesus Christ, our King, is risen! Alleluia! Amen!

Holy Communion

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 UMH 364

God sent His Son they called Him Jesus;
He came to love, heal, and forgive. He lived 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

And then one day, I'll cross the river,
I'll fight life's final war with pain; And then, as death gives way to victory,
I'll see the lights of glory and I'll know He 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

Blessing and Benediction

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