

## God Gathers Us for Easter Sunrise Worship

*\*Indicates to stand as you are able.*

### **Prelude**

#### **\*Call To Worship**

L: Christ has risen!

**C: Christ has risen indeed.**

L: Faith, hope, and joy are alive.

**C: A new age is dawning, and death cannot harm us. God of all creation, we praise you. God of resurrection and eternal life, we have gathered in this Chapel to worship you and celebrate your victory.**

#### **\*Gathering Prayer**

**ALL: Loving God, we gather in the early morning of your Resurrection. We have been mourning and weeping believing that you have been taken from us. Instead, you meet us in the garden of new life. Here, in this sacred place, we discover that you are alive, that sin and death cannot defeat you. Now our tears of sorrow turn to tears of joy as we experience your presence among us. Today, we begin to understand that joy comes from grief. You call us to go into the world to share this good news, and because we are not left alone, we can pray your 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. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen*

*\*Please stand for the reading of the Gospel according to St. John*

#### **\*Gospel Reading**

**John 20: 1-18 (Say?)**

#### **Hymn**

*Amazing Grace (vs. 1 &3)*

*Amazing grace!*

*How sweet the sound*

*that saved a wretch like me!*

*I once was lost,*

*but now am found;*

*was blind, but now I see.*

*Through many dangers,*

*toils, and snares,*

*I have already come;*

*'tis grace hath brought me*

*safe thus far,*

*and grace will lead me home.*

**Easter Proclamation** (in unison):

**Lord, we have so much to be thankful for this Easter morning. In the chill of the morning air, we do feel the warm blessing of your Spirit. We can rejoice this day because our tendency toward disbelief is overcome by our capacity for faith. We are truly amazed that a cross of crucifixion has been transformed into a symbol of new life, a symbol of eternal life.**

**\*Scripture Reading**

**Luke 24: 1-12 (Mean?)**

**\*Scripture Reading**

**Matthew 28: 1-10 (Change?)**

**Responsive Reading**

**Psalm 46: 8-11**

**L:** Come, behold the works of the Lord, who has wrought desolations in the earth;

**C:** **who makes wars cease to the end of the earth, breaks the bow, shatters the spear, and burns the shields with fire!**

**L:** “Be still, and know that I am God. I am exalted among the nations, I am exalted in the earth!”

**C:** **The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge.**

**Silent Prayer**

**\*Scripture Reading**

**Mark 16: 1-11**

**Meditation (What?)**

**\*Hymn**

*Christ the Lord is Risen Today (vs. 1 & 2)*

*Christ the Lord is risen today, Alleluia!*

*Love’s redeeming work is done, Alleluia!*

*Earth and heaven in chorus say, Alleluia!*

*Fought the fight, the battle won, Alleluia!*

*Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia!*

*Death in vain forbids him rise, Alleluia!*

*Sing, ye heavens, and earth reply, Alleluia!*

*Christ has opened paradise, Alleluia!*

**\*Benediction**

**\*Postlude**

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