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Changing lives by sharing the love and life of Jesus Christ



**The Resurrection of Our Lord
Sunrise Service
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“Very early on the first day of the week...”
So begins the gospel accounts of the resurrection of Jesus.
Thus we gather very early to remember how the darkness
of Good Friday gave way to the brightness of Easter, and
how the sunrise on that day marked the rising of the Son of
God from the grave.



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Invocation

Pastor: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

People: AMEN.

Responsive Reading

Pastor: "O death, where is your victory? O death, where is your sting?"

People: The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law.

Pastor: For as in Adam all die,

People: So also in Christ shall all be made alive.

Pastor: But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us,

People: Even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ.

Pastor: We know that Christ being raised from the dead will never die again;

People: Death no longer has dominion over him.

Pastor: Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life.

People: He does not come into judgment, but has passed from death to life.

Pastor: That I may know him, the power of his resurrection, and may share his sufferings, becoming like him in his death,

People: That by any means possible I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

Opening Hymn

Hymn #127 – Jesus Christ is Risen Today

Absolution of Sins

Pastor: Jesus said "This is what is written: 'The Christ will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, and repentance and forgiveness of sins will be preached in His name to all nations.'"

People: Christ has died. Christ has risen. He will come again.

Pastor: In repentance we come before God in confession.

Silence for reflection

People: Risen Lord and Savior, we have sinned against You in our thoughts, words, and actions. We have had more to do with the things that lead to death than those that lead to life. Our own selfish

concerns have prevented us from living in the power of Your resurrection. Forgive us, Lord Jesus.

Absolution of Sins

Hymn of Response

Hymn #131 – Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds

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The Reading of God's Word: *Colossians 3:1-4*

If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth; for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God

The Reading of the Holy Gospel: *Matthew 28:1-10*

Now after the Sabbath, toward the dawn of the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. And behold, there was a great earthquake, for an angel of the Lord descended from heaven and came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. His appearance was like lightning and his clothing white as snow. And for fear of him the guards trembled and became like dead men. But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified. He is not here, for he has risen, as he said. Come; see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples that he has risen from the dead, and behold, he is going before you to Galilee; there you will see him. See, I have told you." So they departed quickly from the tomb with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. And behold, Jesus met them and said, "Greetings!" And they came up and took hold of his feet and worshiped him. Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee, and there they will see me."

Reader: This is the Gospel of the LORD

People: Praise to You, O Christ

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The Message: *Do Not Be Afraid*

Prayers of the Church

The Offering

The Lord's Supper

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

Admonition – Share the Lord's Peace with each other.

Words of Institution

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when he was betrayed, took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: Take, eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me. In the same way, after supper, he took the cup and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying: Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new covenant in my blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

Pax Domini - Peace of the Lord

Post Communion Collect

People: We give thanks to you Almighty God, that you have refreshed us through this Sacrament. We ask that in Your mercy you would strengthen us in faith towards You and in love towards one another, through Jesus Christ Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit. One God, now and forever, Amen.

The Benediction

Pastor: Now may the God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, equip you with everything good that you may do His will, working in you that which is pleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever.

People: **Amen.**

Closing Hymn: Hymn #461 – *The Doxology*

Dismissal

Pastor: Jesus Christ is Risen!

People: **He is risen indeed!**