

COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE

APRIL 9, 2023 – 7:00 AM

“Do NOT be afraid,
for I know that you
are *looking* for
JESUS who was
crucified.
HE IS NOT HERE;
HE *has* **RISEN**
just as he said.”

GREETING

Leader: Christ is risen! Alleluia!

People: **Alleluia! Christ is risen indeed!**

Leader: O Lord,

open my lips at the dawn of a new day,

People: **And my mouth shall proclaim your praise!**

Leader: The Lord's unfailing love
and mercy never cease,

People: **Fresh as the morning and sure as the sunrise.**

MORNING PRAYER

from *Stages on the Way*, Iona Worship Resources

Leader: Holy is your name;

People: **let the name of the Lord be praised!**

*HYMN # 385 (v. 1 & 4) “All People That on Earth Do Dwell”

All people that on earth do dwell,
sing to the Lord with cheerful voice;
him serve with mirth, his praise forth tell.
Come ye before him and rejoice.

For why? The Lord our God is good;
his mercy is forever sure;
his truth at all times firmly stood,
and shall from age to age endure.

SCRIPTURE LESSON

John 20:1-18

HOMILY

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

This is the good news which we have received, in which we stand, and by which we are saved: that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day, and that he appeared first to the women, then to Peter and the Twelve, and to many faithful witnesses. We believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God, the first and the last, the beginning and the end, our risen Lord! Amen.

***HYMN #248**

“Christ is Risen! Shout Hosanna!”

Christ is risen! Shout Hosanna!
Celebrate this day of days!
Christ is risen! Hush in wonder:
all creation is amazed.
In the desert all-surrounding,
see, a spreading tree has grown.
Healing leaves of grace abounding
bring a taste of love unknown.

Christ is risen! Raise your spirits
from the caverns of despair.
Walk with gladness in the morning.
See what love can do and dare.
Drink the wine of resurrection,
not a servant, but a friend.
Jesus is our strong companion.
Joy and peace shall never end.

Christ is risen! Earth and heaven
nevermore shall be the same.
Break the bread of new creation
where the world is still in pain.
Tell its grim, demonic chorus:
"Christ is risen! Get you gone!"
God the First and Last is with us.
Sing Hosanna everyone!

***BENEDICTION**

Leader: Friends, the grace of God be with us all,
now and always.
People: Amen.
Leader: Bless the Lord.
People: The Lord's name be praised!

PARTICIPATING IN THIS MORNING'S SERVICE:

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