

EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE

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Christ the Lord is Risen Today!

CHARLESTON'S EASTER SUNRISE CELEBRATION

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WELCOME

The Rev. Dr. R. Marshall Blalock, First Baptist

HYMN

“Christ the Lord is risen today”

Christ the Lord is ris'n today, Alleluia! Sons of men and angels say, Alleluia!
Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia! Sing, ye heav'ns, and earth, reply, Alleluia!

Lives again our glorious King, Alleluia! Where, O Death, is now thy sting? Alleluia!
Dying once he all doth save, Alleluia! Where thy victory, O Grave? Alleluia!

Love's redeeming work is done, Alleluia! Fought the fight, the battle won, Alleluia!
Death in vain forbids Him rise, Alleluia! Christ hath opened paradise, Alleluia!

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

CALL TO WORSHIP

The Rev. Dr. Robb Harrell, St. John's Lutheran

One: Now after the Sabbath, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the sepulcher.

All: And behold, there was a great earthquake.

One: For an angel of the Lord descended from heaven and came and rolled back the stone, and sat upon it.

All: His appearance was like lightning.

One: The angel said to the women, “Do not be afraid; for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified.”

All: “He is not here, for he is risen, as he said.”

HYMN

“In Christ Alone”

In Christ alone my hope is found —He is my light, my strength, my song;
This cornerstone, this solid ground, firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace, when fears are stilled, when strivings cease!
My Comforter, my All in All; here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone, who took on flesh, fullness of God in helpless Babe.
This gift of love and righteousness scorned by the ones He came to save,
Till on that cross, as Jesus died, the power of death was crucified,
For every sin on Him was laid; here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground His body lay; Light of the world by darkness slain.
Then bursting forth in glorious day, up from the grave He rose again.
And as He stands in victory, sin's curse has lost its grip on me,
For I am His and He is mine, bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death: this is the power of Christ in me.
From life's first cry to final breath, Jesus commands my destiny.
No power of Hell, no scheme of man, can ever pluck me from His hand.
‘Till He returns or calls me home, here in the power of Christ I'll stand.

INVOCATION

The Rev. Anthony Thompson, Holy Trinity

HYMN**“He is Risen”**

Christ is risen, Christ is risen! Tell it with a joyful voice.
Christ has burst the three days' prison; let the whole wide earth rejoice.
Death is conquered, we are free; Christ has won the victory.

Come, you sad and fearful hearted, with glad smile and radiant brow.
Death's dark shadows have departed, all our woes are over now;
Through the passion that he bore, sin and pain have pow'r no more.

Come with high and holy hymning; chant our Lord's triumphant might.
Not one gloomy cloud is dimming that bright glorious morning light
Breaking o'er the purple east, symbol of our Easter feast,

Christ is risen, Christ is risen! And has opened heaven's gate.
We are free from evil's prison, risen to a holier state;
And a brighter Easter beam on our longing eyes shall stream.

NEW TESTAMENT READING

The Rev. Al T.K. Zadig, Jr., St. Michael's

Luke 24: 1-12

But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, they came to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared. They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they went in, they did not find the body. While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them. The women were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, “Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen. Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, that the Son of Man must be handed over to sinners, and be crucified, and on the third day rise again.” Then they remembered his words and, returning from the tomb, they told all this to the eleven and to all the rest. Now it was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them who told this to the apostles. But these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. But Peter got up and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; then he went home, amazed at what had happened.

HYMN**“Crown Him With Many Crowns”**

Crown him with many crowns, the Lamb upon his throne; Hark! how the heavenly anthem
drowns all music but its own; awake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee, and hail him as
thy matchless King through all eternity.

Crown him the Son of God before the worlds began, and ye, who tread where he hath trod, crown
him the Son of man; who every grief hath known that wrings the human breast, and takes and
bears them for his own, that all in him may rest.

Crown him the Lord of life, who triumphed over the grave, and rose victorious in the strife for
those he came to save; his glories now we sing who died, and rose on high, who died, eternal life to
bring, and lives that death may die.

Crown him of lords the Lord, who over all doth reign, who once on earth, the incarnate Word, for
ransomed sinners slain, now lives in realms of light, where saints with angels sing their songs
before him day and night, their God, Redeemer, King.

Crown him the Lord of heaven, enthroned in worlds above; crown him the King, to whom is given,
the wondrous name of Love. Crown him with many crowns, as thrones before him fall, crown him,
ye kings, with many crowns, for he is King of all.

MESSAGE

The Rev. Dr. L. Holton Siegling, Jr., First (Scots)

HYMN

“Thine is the Glory”

Thine is the glory, risen, conquering Son; endless is the victory thou o’er death hast won.
 Angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away, kept the folded grave-clothes where thy body lay.

Refrain: Thine is the glory, risen, conquering Son; endless is the victory thou o’er death hast won.

Lo! Jesus meets us, risen from the tomb; lovingly he greets us, scatters fear and gloom. Let his church
 with gladness hymns of triumph sing, for her Lord now liveth: death hath lost its sting.
 [Refrain]

No more we doubt thee, glorious Prince of life! Life is nought without thee: aid us in our strife. Make us
 more than conquerors, through thy deathless love: bring us safe through Jordan to thy home above.
 [Refrain]

CHARGE & BENEDICTION

The Rev. Dr. L. Holton Siegling, Jr., First (Scots)

Worship Notes

We hope you enjoy this year’s celebration of the Resurrection of Jesus Christ. Our desire is to offer a
 meaningful worship experience at sunrise for people from all churches and backgrounds in the greater
 Charleston community. To our many out-of-town guests, we say a special word of welcome both to our
 city and to this Sunrise Celebration.

To each of you we wish a blessed and happy Easter!

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