

Easter Sunrise

Outline of today's Service

The service begins with the pastor entering silently into the sanctuary.

P: But the angel said to the women,

C: **“Do not be afraid, for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified.**

P: He is not here, for He has risen, as He said.

C: **Come see the place where he lay.**

P: Then go quickly and tell his disciples

C: **that He has risen from the dead”** (Matthew 28:5-7a)

P: Christ is risen!

C: **He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

Lowering of the cloth and all the lights are turned on

P: All the earth with joy is sounding:

C: **Christ has risen from the dead!**

P: He the greater Jonah, bounding from the grave,

C: **His three-day bed, wins the prize:**

P: Death's demise, songs of triumph fill the skies.

C: **Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!**

P: Let us pray.

Almighty God, through Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, You overcame death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life. We humbly pray that we may live before You in righteousness and purity forever; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

P: **Amen**

Readings:

Old Testament Exodus 14:10-15:1

Epistle 1 Corinthians 15:1-11

Gospel John 20:1-18

After each reading: P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

2nd Article and Meaning of the Apostles' Creed

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

What does this mean? I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from eternity, and also true man, born of the virgin Mary, is my Lord, who has redeemed me, a lost and condemned person, purchased and won me from all sins, from death, and from the power of the devil; not with gold or silver, but with His holy, precious blood and with His innocent suffering and death, that I may be His own and live under Him in His kingdom and serve Him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness, just as He is risen from the dead, lives and reigns to all eternity. This is most certainly true.

Prayers

P: Lord, in your mercy.
C: hear our prayer.

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 and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen

Benediction:

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord lift up His countenance on you and give you peace.

C: Amen

Soli Deo Gloria