

EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE

April 16, 2017

5:00 a.m.

Alleluia

**Alleluia!
Christ is Risen!
God is Making All
Things New!**

WE GATHER TOGETHER

Leader 1: O God, you summon the day to dawn, you teach the morning to waken the earth. Alleluia! Christ is Risen.

All: The Lord is Risen Indeed. Alleluia

Leader 1: Your love and mercy shall last for ever, fresh as the morning, sure as the sunrise. Alleluia! Christ is Risen.

All: The Lord is Risen Indeed. Alleluia

Leader 1: You break the chains of Death and raise Jesus from the tomb. Alleluia! Christ is Risen.

All: The Lord is Risen Indeed. Alleluia

SONG Behold, behold, I make all things new
Beginning with you, and starting from today;
Behold, behold, I make all things new
My promise is true, for I am Christ the way

Leader 2: Lord God, early in the morning when the world was young, you made life in all its beauty and terror; you gave birth to all that we know.

All: Hallowed be your name.

Leader 2: Early in the morning, when the world least expected it, a newborn child crying in a cradle announced that you had come among us, that you were one of us.

All: Hallowed be your name.

Leader 2: Early in the morning surrounded by respectable liars, religious leaders, anxious statesmen and silent friends, you accepted the penalty for doing good, for being God: you shouldered and suffered the cross.

All: Hallowed be your name.

Leader 2: Early in the morning a voice in a guarded graveyard and footsteps in the dew proved that you had risen, that you came back to those and

for those who had forgotten, denied and destroyed you.

All: Hallowed be your name.

Leader 1: Early in the morning in the multi-coloured company of your church on earth and in heaven we celebrate your creation, your life, your death and resurrection, your interest in us: so now to you we pray:

All: Risen Lord, bring New Life where we are worn and tired, New Love where we have turned hard-hearted, Forgiveness where we feel hurt and where we have wounded and the Joy and Freedom of your Holy Spirit where we are the prisoners of ourselves.

Silence

Leader 1: To all and to each where regret is real, God pronounces pardon and grants us the right to begin again. Alleluia! Christ is Risen!

All: The Lord is Risen Indeed! Alleluia

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

The Dean reads the Easter Gospel and shares a brief reflection

Prayers of the People: *We offer prayers and thanksgivings for the world and our local community . . . We next share peace*

**SONG Alleluia, Alleluia, Give thanks to the risen Lord
Alleluia, alleluia, give praise to His name
Spread the good news o'er all the earth
Jesus has died and has risen
Come let us praise the living God
Joyfully sing to our Saviour**

THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

Presider: May God be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

Presider: Lift up your hearts.
All: **We lift them to God.** 2
Presider: Let us give thanks to the Holy One.
All: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

The Presider continues with the Eucharistic prayer . . .

Presider: . . . Therefore we gladly join our voices to the
song of the Church on earth and heaven:

All: **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest, Hosanna in the highest.**

The Eucharistic Prayer continues . . . followed by the Lord's Prayer

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Presider: Jesus, we died with you on the cross.
All: **Now we are raised to new life.**
Presider: We were buried in your tomb.
All: **Now we share in your resurrection.**
Presider: Live in us, that we may live in you.
Presider: The gifts of God for the People of God.
All: **Thanks be to God.**

THE COMMUNION, PRAYER AND SENDING FORTH

**Jesus Christ is risen today, Alleluia!
our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!
who did once upon the cross, Alleluia!
suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!**

**Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia!
unto Christ, our heavenly King, Alleluia!
who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia!
sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia!**