

✦ EASTER AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

This is the good news which we 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 to Mary Magdalene, then Peter, then to the twelve, and to many faithful witnesses. We believe he is the Christ, the Son of the Living God. He is the first and the last, the beginning and the end. He is our Lord and our God.

✦ HYMN 123

Jesus Christ is Risen Today

Easter Hymn

✦ BENEDICTION

CONGREGATION RESPONSE 2108 (v. 1) *O How He Loves You and Me*

O how he loves you and me!
O how he loves you and me!
He gave his life. What more could he give?
O how he loves you; O how he loves me;
O how he loves you and me!

POSTLUDE

Easter Fanfare

Henry Purcell



EASTER SUNRISE

APRIL 16, 2017

6:00 a.m.

He Is Risen! He Is Risen, Indeed!



John 20:1-2

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene went to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the entrance. So she came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved, and said, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we don't know where they have put him!"

(Enter Sanctuary in Silence)

PRELUDE *Were You There?* African-American Spiritual
Linda Freeman

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE Rev. Christopher

Leader: He is Risen!

People: Alleluia!

Leader: He is Risen!

People: He is risen indeed.

CALL TO CONFESSION

We look upon the cross knowing that it was for us and because of our sin that he endured his pain and suffering. Let us remember his sacrificial gift as we confess our sin.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (UNISON)

Merciful Savior, out of your great love you willingly laid down your life so that we might be reconciled to you. We are awestruck by the extravagance of your gift and humbled by the magnitude of your love. Forgive us, Lord. Forgive our casual attitude toward the cross and our forgetfulness of what our sin really cost you. Amen

SILENT PRAYER

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: With the stone rolled away, came light;

People: A light to illumine our darkness, a light to dispel our fear, a light radiant with new hope.

Leader: With the stone rolled away came a new heaven and a new earth;

People: The old things are passed away.

Leader: The new things have come,

People: Jesus Christ is risen!

All: And we are forgiven. Alleluia! Amen!

✠**HYMN 106** Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks (vs. 1- 2) Alleluia No. 1

PRAYER OF ADORATION FOR EASTER (unison)

**Glory to you, O God,
who on this day won victory over death,
banishing the powers of darkness,
and giving us light forever.
You are light and truth,
and without you, there is no life.
So shine into our lives
that we may ever reflect your radiance
and thereby illumine those who walk in darkness.
For we pray in the name of the Lord of Easter,
even Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

✠**HYMN 106** Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks (vs. 3-4) Alleluia No. 1

SCRIPTURE John 20:1-18 p. 1685

ANTHEM *What Wondrous Love Is This* Mark Hayes
Linda Freeman

MESSAGE We Don't Know Where They Have Put Him!
Rev. Phillips

EASTER TITHES AND OFFERINGS

We give thanks to you, Lord, You have done marvelous things!
When we were walking in darkness - **You were there.**
When we were kneeling in weakness - **You were there.**
When we drew near feeling worthless - **You were there.**
When we were needing forgiveness - **You were there.**
When we were searching for your grace - **You were there.**
We give thanks to you, Lord, for you have done marvelous things!

OFFERTORY *He is Alive* Joel Raney
Linda Freeman, solo; Joel Pierce, piano

PRAYER OF DEDICATION