

## **Easter Sunrise Liturgy**

### **Scripture Reading** (read aloud whether in a group or alone)

Read Matthew 28:1-10

*After the Sabbath, at dawn on the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to look at the tomb.*

*There was a violent earthquake, for an angel of the Lord came down from heaven and, going to the tomb, rolled back the stone and sat on it. His appearance was like lightning, and his clothes were white as snow. The guards were so afraid of him that they shook and became like dead men.*

*The angel said to the women, "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. Come and see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples: 'He has risen from the dead and is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see him.' Now I have told you."*

*So the women hurried away from the tomb, afraid yet filled with joy, and ran to tell his disciples. Suddenly Jesus met them. "Greetings," he said. They came to him, clasped his feet and worshiped him. Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid. Go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me."*

### **Reflection Question**

What word or phrase moves you this morning as you read/heard this? Talk about it or simply write it down.

### **Affirming our Faith** (read aloud whether in a group or alone)

*I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth  
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, dead, and buried  
he descended to the dead  
On the third day he rose again  
he ascended into heaven  
is seated at the right hand of the Father  
and will come again to judge the living and the dead  
I believe in the Holy Spirit  
the holy catholic Church  
the communion of saints  
the forgiveness of sins  
the resurrection of the body*

*and the life everlasting.*

*AMEN*

### **Hymn** (sung acapella or read)

1. *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!*

2. *Lives again our glorious King, Alleluia!  
Where, O death, is now thy sting? Alleluia!  
Once He died our souls to save, Alleluia!  
Where thy victory, O grave? Alleluia!*

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

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

5. *Hail the Lord of earth and heaven, Alleluia!  
Praise to Thee by both be given, Alleluia!  
Thee we greet triumphant now, Alleluia!  
Hail the Resurrection, thou, Alleluia!*

6. *King of glory, Soul of bliss, Alleluia!  
Everlasting life is this, Alleluia!  
Thee to know, Thy pow'r to prove, Alleluia!  
Thus to sing, and thus to love, Alleluia!*

### **Closing Prayers**

*Pray for the Easter celebration services taking place all over the world. Though we can't meet in person, pray that today especially the Spirit would bind us together with the bond of resurrection hope. Pray that joy might fill each heart today, casting out gloom and disbelief. Pray for those now who have not yet awoken for the day, that they might upon waking sense the joy and peace of Christ the risen One.*