

# RESURRECTION OF THE LORD/EASTER SUNDAY

## SUNRISE SERVICE



APRIL 20, 2025 AT 7:00 AM

### WELCOME

### RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

Christ is risen!  
**Christ is risen indeed!**  
Hope is dawning!  
**Hope is alive!**  
Joy is alive!  
**Christ is alive!**  
We are alive!  
Glory to God in the highest!

### HYMN #664

*MORNING HAS BROKEN*  
CAROLYN MATHEWS, GUITAR

“BUNESSAN”

Morning has broken like first morning; blackbird has spoken like the first bird. Praise for the singing!  
Praise for the morning! Praise for them, springing fresh from the Word!

Sweet the rain's new fall sunlit from heaven, like the first dewfall on the grass.  
Praise the sweetness of the wet garden, sprung in completeness where God's feet pass.

Mine is the sunlight! Mine is the morning, born of the one light Eden saw play!  
Praise with elation; praise every morning, God's recreation of the new day!

### UNISON PRAYER OF ADORATION

God of Love, we proclaim this morning that Your power has a purpose.  
We see it in the beauty of creation all around us and in our human creativity.  
Your design decorates this world and we worship You.  
We praise You for the great love revealed in the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ.  
Joyfully we welcome this day - celebrating the resurrection and fullness of Your power.  
Your great love is revealed - unable to be quenched by the bitter hatred of a cross.  
We proclaim that You are stronger than the powers of darkness and sin.  
Because of this great love, we honor and adore You. Praising the name of Christ our Lord together. Amen.

### CALL TO CONFESSION

### CONFESSION OF SIN

Almighty God, in raising Jesus from the grave you shattered the darkest powers of the cosmos. We confess that we remain captive to doubt and fear, bound by the ways that so often lead to sin and death. We overlook the poor and the hungry. We pass by those who mourn. We ignore the cries of the oppressed and are indifferent to calls for peace. We care little for the weak and abuse the earth you made. Forgive us, God of mercy. Help us to trust in your power to change our lives and make us new, that we may know the joy of life abundant given in Jesus Christ our risen Lord.  
Amen.

*(Silence for personal prayer and reflection)*

### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

**RESPONSIVE PSALM**

PSALM 118:19-24

Open to us the gates of righteousness, that we may enter through them and give thanks to the LORD.

**This is the gate of the LORD; the righteous shall enter through it.**

We thank You that You have answered us and have become our salvation.

**The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.**

This is the LORD's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.

**This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

**HYMN**

ALLELU!

CAROLYN MATHEWS, GUITAR

**Chorus:** Allelu! Allelu! Everybody sing Allelu!  
For the Lord has risen, its true, Everybody sing Allelu!

God said He would send His Son, Allelu! Allelu!  
And salvation would be won, Alleluia! *(Chorus)*

Christ was born in Bethlehem, Allelu! Allelu!  
So that all would live again, Alleluia! *(Chorus)*

Thirty years He walked the land, Allelu! Allelu!  
To all in need He lent His hand, Alleluia! *(Chorus)*

On the hard-wood of the cross, Allelu! Allelu!  
He suffered and He died for us, Alleluia! *(Chorus)*

On the third day He did rise, Allelu! Allelu!  
Now He lives no more to die, Alleluia! *(Chorus)*

Now we too can live a-new, Allelu! Allelu!  
Live in Him need all we do, Alleluia! *(Chorus)*

**SCRIPTURE READING WITH REFLECTIONS**

LUKE 24:1-12

*THE WORD OF THE LORD! THANKS BE TO GOD!***HYMN #233**

THE DAY OF RESURRECTION!

"LANCASHIRE"

CAROLYN MATHEWS, GUITAR

The day of resurrection! Earth, tell it out abroad, the Passover of gladness, the Passover of God.  
From death to life eternal, from sin's dominion free, our Christ has brought us over with hymns of victory.

Let hearts be purged of evil that we may see aright the Lord in rays eternal of resurrection light,  
and listening to his accents, may hear, so calm and plain, his own "All hail!" and hearing, may raise the victor strain.

Now let the heavens be joyful; let earth its song begin; the round world keep high triumph and all that is there-in.  
Let all things seen and unseen their notes of gladness blend, for Christ the Lord has risen, our joy that has no end.

**EASTER PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER - (Ecumenical Version)***(You are welcome to pray the Lord's Prayer with the version most familiar to you.)*

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

Christ is risen!  
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**BENEDICTION**

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Please join in reading or singing those parts of the service printed in **bold**.

**Join us for a traditional Easter service at First Presbyterian Church at 11:00 AM.**