



EASTER  
*Sunday*

*The Community Church in Harrington Park, New Jersey*  
*49<sup>th</sup> Annual Easter Dawn Service*  
*Pondside Park*

ORDER OF WORSHIP

April 9, 2023

6:30 AM

PRELUDE      *"The Strife Is O'er, the Battle Done"*      Palestrina  
Amy Duran, keyboard

**OUR APPROACH TO GOD**

WELCOME AND CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsive) from Psalm 143

Leader: Listen to this prayer of mine, God; pay attention to what I'm asking. Answer me—You're famous for Your answers! Do what's right for me.

**People: I stretched out my hands to You, as thirsty for You as a desert thirsty for rain.**

Leader: If you wake me each morning with the sound of Your voice, I'll go to sleep each night trusting in You.

**People: Point out the road I must travel; I'm all ears, all eyes before You.**

Leader: Teach me how to live to please You, because You're my God. Lead me by Your blessed Spirit into cleared and level pastureland.

**People: Keep up Your reputation, God—give me life!**

HYMN      *"Alleluia! Alleluia!"*

Alleluia! Alleluia! Hearts to heav'n and voices raise;  
Sing to God a hymn of gladness, Sing to God a hymn of praise.  
He who on the cross as Savior for the world's salvation bled;  
Jesus Christ, the King of Glory, now is risen from the dead.

Now the iron bars are broken, Christ from death to life is born;  
Glorious life and life immortal, on this resurrection morn.  
Christ has triumphed, and we conquer by His mighty enterprise;  
We with Him to life eternal by His resurrection rise.

INVOCATION (unison)

**God, thank You for raising Your Son. Thank You for giving us life. Thank You for bringing life out of death. As we get ready to go through all of our Easter traditions – maybe an egg hunt, maybe the ham, maybe gathering with family – Holy Spirit, would You nurture new, transformed, Easter life in us, and get us ready to be in Your presence fully and completely in eternity. We ask it in the name of Christ. Amen.**

## THE APOSTLES' CREED

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 Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy Catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

### THE WORD OF GOD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSON

1 Corinthians 15:12-20

SERMON "*The Third Day, He Rose Again from the Dead*" Pastor Sayer

PRAYER FOR BLESSING ON THE WORD

### OUR RESPONSE TO GOD

OFFERING (to benefit the Norwood Food Pantry)

THE GENERAL PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER

HYMN "*Jesus Christ Is Risen Today*"

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!

Sing we to our God above, Alleluia!

Raise eternal as His love: Alleluia!

Praise Him, all you heavenly host, Alleluia!

Father, Son and Holy Ghost, Alleluia!

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE "*Hosanna, Loud Hosanna*" Gesangbuck der Herzog

Amy Duran, keyboard

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*Rejoice!  
He Lives!*

*Join us for Breakfast  
Immediately following this service  
In Founders' Hall at the Church*

*Easter Worship Service  
10 A.M.  
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and Spring Street  
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