

EASTER SUNDAY

*He is
Risen!*

The Community Church in Harrington Park, New Jersey
49th Annual Easter Dawn Service
Pondside Park

ORDER OF WORSHIP

March 31, 2024

6:30 AM

PRELUDE *"O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing"* John Carter
Amy Duran, keyboard

OUR APPROACH TO GOD

WELCOME AND CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsive) from Psalm 19

Leader: How clearly the sky reveals God's glory! How plainly it shows what He has done!

People: Each day announces it to the following day; each night repeats it to the next.

Leader: No speech or words are used; no sound is heard; yet their message goes out to all the world and is heard to the ends of the earth.

People: God made a home in the sky for the sun; it comes out in the morning like a happy bridegroom, like an athlete eager to run a race. It starts at one end of the sky and goes across to the other.

Leader: None of us can see our errors; deliver me, Lord, from hidden faults! Keep me safe, also, from willful sins; don't let them rule over me.

People: May my words and my thoughts be acceptable to You, O Lord, my Refuge and my Redeemer!

HYMN

"Worship Christ, the Risen King"

Rise, O Church, and lift your voices;
Christ has conquered death and hell.
Sing as all the earth rejoices;
Resurrection anthems swell.
Come and worship, come and worship;
Worship Christ, the risen King!

See the tomb where death had laid Him;
Empty now, its mouth declares:
"Death and I could not contain Him,
For the throne of life He shares."
Come and worship, come and worship;
Worship Christ, the risen King!

Hear the earth protest and tremble;
See the stone removed with pow'r.
All hell's minions may assemble,
But cannot withstand his hour.
He has conquered, He has conquered;
Christ the Lord, the risen King!

Doubt may lift its head to murmur,
Scoffers mock and sinners jeer;
But the truth proclaims a wonder
Tho'tful hearts receive with cheer.
He is risen, He is risen;
Now receive the risen King!

We acclaim Your life, O Jesus;
Now we sing Your victory.
Sin and hell may seek to seize us,
But Your conquest keeps us free.
Stand in triumph, stand in triumph;
Worship Christ, the risen King!

PRAYER OF INVOCATION (unison)

Jesus, we come to worship this morning with all sorts of issues going on in our lives. Life is good! Just not all parts of it. But You come striding into our mess, sanctifying it, turning it into something we can embrace, because You've embraced it. We pray that You'd show us how we can live joyfully and meaningfully, even amidst the craziness of life. Amen.

THE WORD OF GOD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (unison)

As the sun rises this morning, God, so the light of the Son grows in us. As we read through Your Word this morning, may You continue that process in us, through the power and guidance of Your Holy Spirit. Amen.

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Luke 24:1-12

SERMON

"Bringing New Life to Now-Life"

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

"Lift High the Cross"
Amy Duran, keyboard

John Carter



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

*Easter Worship Service
10 A.M.*

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