

Easter Sunrise Service 6:30 am

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APRIL 16, 2017 6:30 A.M.

PRELUDE

Improvisation on *Easter Hymn*

Colton Martin
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OPENING SENTENCES

Stuart Spencer

Alleluia! Christ the Lord is risen!

He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

This is the good news—the grave is empty; Jesus is alive forevermore.

He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

This is the good news—the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness can never put it out.

He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

This is the good news—once we were no people; now we are God's people.

He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Christ is our peace, the indescribable peace we now share with one another.

He is risen indeed. Alleluia! Let us worship God!

*HYMN OF PRAISE NO. 232

EASTER HYMN

Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

PRAYERS OF PRAISE

Jean Wilkinson

O Christ, you took upon yourself our humanity, and you were raised for us: we worship your glorious and powerful name.

Glory to you, oh Lord.

Allow us to live by your life and to walk as children of light in the joy of Easter.

Hear us, Lord of glory.

Increase our faith and the faith of your church; may we faithfully and fearlessly bear witness to your empty tomb.

Strengthen us, Lord of glory.

Comfort all who are burdened and engrave on their hearts your words of eternal life.

Come near us, Lord of glory.

Strengthen those who are weak in faith or those we love who have no faith, and reveal yourself to doubting hearts.

Help us see you, Lord of glory.

Give strength to the sick, support the elderly, and reassure the dying by your saving presence.

Heal us, Lord of glory.

And now, as children of God, let us pray with boldness the prayer taught us by our Lord.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

SCRIPTURE READING

John 20:1 – 18

MEDITATION

“Who Are You Looking For?”

Stuart Spencer

OFFERTORY

Improvisation on *Victimae Paschali Laudes*
“To the Paschal victim, Christians, offer a sacrifice of praise.”

Colton Martin

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PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION

Kelly LePenske

O Lord Jesus, in your resurrection the heavens and earth rejoice, and so do we. Alleluia! By your resurrection you broke open the gates of hell, and you destroyed sin and death.

Keep us victorious over sin.

By your resurrection you raised the dead, and you brought us from death to life.

Guide us in the way of eternal life.

By your resurrection you confounded your guards and executioners and all who doubted you, and you filled the disciples with joy.

Give us joy in your service.

By your resurrection you proclaimed Good News to the women and the apostles, and you brought salvation to the whole world.

Direct our lives as your new creation. Amen.

*SENDING HYMN NO. 245

LLANFAIR

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today!

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Jean Wilkinson

My friends in faith: let us boldly and joyfully proclaim our hope this morning! What do you believe?

Jesus walked out of the grave, the Lord of life! He conquered sin and death. We are set right with God, we are given new life and called to walk with Him in freedom from sin’s dominion.

Christ has died!

Christ has risen!

Christ will come again!

Glory to God!

*BENEDICTION

Stuart Spencer

POSTLUDE

Improvisation on *Royal Tune from Sancte Iosef*

Colton Martin

Colton Martin

**Those who are able, please stand.*

PROCESS TO THE CEMETERY

We welcome everyone in the name of our risen, victorious Savior, Jesus Christ!

This morning's order of worship is based on an ancient form that has been used by God's people for centuries. This simple service features prayer, praise, and a joyful proclamation of what Jesus has won for us by His death, burial, and resurrection. At the conclusion of the worship service, you are invited to take a flower and walk to the cemetery and place it on the grave of a loved one or a friend. Then join us back in the Choir Room for a delicious breakfast!

Join us each Sunday as we worship God together!

8:30 Traditional Worship Service: During this worship service we gather in the Sanctuary to read Scripture, sing hymns, pray together, and hear the preaching of the Word. Our worship music is facilitated by our vocal and bell choirs and ensembles.

9:45 Christian Education: We have Christian Education opportunities available for all ages. Our Adult Forum meets in the Conference Room, and we have classrooms dedicated to our Sunday School for children and youth.

11:00 Contemporary Worship Service: During this worship service we gather in Fellowship Hall to read Scripture, pray together, and hear the preaching of the Word. Congregational singing and special music are led in contemporary style by a small group of musicians with instruments that may include guitar, keyboard, and percussion.

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