

The Worship of God
Sunday, April 5, 2015
First Service of Easter

Call to Worship

Candace Wilson

How joyful it is to celebrate the good news of God's love!

We are called to be Easter people!

Darkness cannot claim us!

Fear cannot bind us!

Christ is risen!

Christ is risen, indeed! Amen!

Invocation

Richard Kennedy

At the Tomb

Erin Fox

***Hymn of Praise**

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today

EASTER HYMN

Christ the Lord is risen today, Alleluia! All creation, join to say Alleluia!

Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia! Sing, ye heavens, and earth, reply, Alleluia!

Love's redeeming work is done, Alleluia! Fought the fight, the battle won, Alleluia!

Death in vain forbids Him rise, Alleluia! Christ has opened Paradise, Alleluia!

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!

Soar we now where Christ has led, Alleluia! Following our exalted Head, Alleluia!

Made like Him, like Him we rise, Alleluia! Ours the cross, the grave, the skies, Alleluia!

Welcome

Dent Davis

May the peace of the Risen Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed!

Responsive Reading

Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24

Lesley Bush

O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his steadfast love endures for ever!

Let Israel say, 'His steadfast love endures for ever.'

The Lord is my strength and my might; he has become my salvation.

There are glad songs of victory in the tents of the righteous: 'The right hand of the Lord does valiantly;

the right hand of the Lord is exalted; the right hand of the Lord does valiantly.'

I shall not die, but I shall live, and recount the deeds of the Lord.

The Lord has punished me severely, but he did not give me over to death.

Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them and give thanks to the Lord. This is the gate of the Lord; the righteous shall enter through it.

I thank you that you have answered me and have become my 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.

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Dent Davis

***Hymn of Celebration**

Christ Arose!

CHRIST AROSE

Low in the grave he lay Jesus my Savior,
Waiting the coming day Jesus my Lord!

Refrain:

Up from the grave he arose, With a mighty triumph o'er his foes,
He arose a victor from the dark domain, And he lives forever with his saints to reign.
He arose! He arose! Hallelujah! Christ arose!

Vainly they watch his bed Jesus my Savior,
Vainly they seal the dead Jesus my Lord! (repeat refrain)

Death cannot keep his prey Jesus my Savior,
He tore the bars away Jesus my Lord! (repeat refrain)

Scripture Reading

Mark 16:1-8

Jeff Harris

Easter Meditation

Jeff Harris

***Hymn of Response**

Crown Him with Many Crowns

DIADEMATA

Crown him with many crowns, the Lamb upon his throne.
Hark! How the heavenly anthem drowns all music but its own.
Awake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,
And hail him as thy matchless king through all eternity.

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Crown him the Lord of life, who triumphed o'er the grave,
And rose victorious in the strife for those he came to save;
His glories now we sing who died and rose on high,
Who died eternal life to bring, and lives that death may die.

Crown him the Lord of years, the potentate of time,
Creator of the rolling spheres, ineffably sublime.
All hail, Redeemer, hail! For thou hast died for me;
Thy praise shall never, never fail throughout eternity.

Benediction

Come out! Jesus commands,

**And calls us from the tombs of our existence
into the brightness of a new day.**

Come out! Jesus cries,

And unbinds us from the chains of our past.

Come out! Jesus calls,

And entices us into a world filled with grace and possibility.

So:

Go out!

Into a world that needs our life, our breath, our spirit!

Go out!

**Into a world that needs the Spirit of God, carried on our lips and in our loving
arms. Into the world to live as God's resurrected people!**

*Welcome to the Community Sunrise Service hosted by Tryon Presbyterian Church
and First Baptist Church.*

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Dent Davis

