

# Easter Sunrise Service

## Sunday April 1, 2018 at 7:07 am

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Then came the morning...

Night turned into day:

**the stone was rolled away, hope rose with the dawn!  
Shadows vanished before the sun;  
death had lost and life had won, for morning had come!**

Easter Affirmation:

One: God,

**All: Source of all life has burst open the tomb with  
laughter!**

One: Resurrection,

**All: silent as dawn, has set loose random explosions of  
hallelujahs!**

One: Jesus,

**All: crucified one, has given breath to his first  
resurrected word, a word filled with love, "Mary!"**

One: Mary,

**All: valueless woman, is the first to proclaim, before any  
religion catches on, "Jesus is risen!"**

One: May we not hesitate with the hallelujahs!

**All: Christ is risen indeed! Hallelujah!**

Opening Prayer: (in unison)

**God of Easter – of life, of hope, of resurrection: We have  
come together at first light to celebrate with joy the great  
festival of our faith, the foundation of who and whose we  
are. Help us to share with others the power of  
resurrection hope in all that we are and in all that we do.  
This we pray in the name of the Risen One,  
Jesus, the Christ. Amen.**

Hymn: MV 115 Behold, Behold, I Make All Things New

Behold, behold, I make all things new, beginning with you and  
starting from today. Behold, behold, I make all things new, my  
promise is true, for I am Christ the way.

Prayer of Thanksgiving:

God of Resurrection Love, the tomb is empty! Jesus is risen!

**Hope is alive!**

When we let go of past hurts and learn to forgive,

**hope is alive!**

When we voice our thanks to family and friends,

**hope is alive!**

When we own up to our prejudice and start afresh,

**hope is alive!**

When we use our best gifts to help our neighbours,

**hope is alive!**

When we take time to enjoy the moment,

**hope is alive!**

Hope comes with the dawn.

**Hope is alive in the joyful spirit of Easter. With gratitude,  
we praise you and offer our prayers of thanksgiving and  
joy this Easter morning. Amen.**

Commissioning and Benediction:

It is the first day of the week!

It is the day of new beginnings!

It is the dawn of the new creation!

Go in the peace and blessing of the Risen Christ,  
and may the blessing of God – Creator, Christ and Spirit,  
rest on you and abide with you, now and forever!  
Amen.

I invite us all to sing to the rising sun. A new day has dawned and we  
are all renewed by the resurrection of Jesus Christ.