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Our Vision: *We strive joyfully and prayerfully to warmly welcome all, freely share our blessings, and humbly explore God's love.*

**Easter Sunrise Service**  
**March 31, 2024 7:30am**

*When you see an \*, you are invited to stand as you are able. When text is in bold, you are invited to speak aloud.*

**Welcome**

**Opening Prayer** (by Thomas Turner)

**Opening Reading**

**Mark 15: 42-47**

<sup>42</sup> When evening had come, and since it was the day of Preparation, that is, the day before the Sabbath, <sup>43</sup> Joseph of Arimathea, a respected member of the council who was also himself waiting expectantly for the kingdom of God, went boldly to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. <sup>44</sup> Then Pilate wondered if he were already dead, and summoning the centurion he asked him whether he had been dead for some time. <sup>45</sup> When he learned from the centurion that he was dead, he granted the body to Joseph. <sup>46</sup> Then Joseph bought a linen cloth and, taking down the body, wrapped it in the linen cloth and laid it in a tomb that had been hewn out of rock. He then rolled a stone against the door of the tomb. <sup>47</sup> Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of Jesus saw where the body was laid.

**Call to Worship**

**We have been waiting for hope to spark.**  
**We have been waiting for so long.**  
**We have tried to be patient and faithful**  
**after all that has gone wrong, because**  
**so much has gone wrong.**  
**Now, we wait for the new dawn,**  
**The spark of hope,**  
**For new life to rise from the ashes.**

**Burning for Hope**

**Second Reading**

**Psalm 29**

Ascribe to the Lord, O heavenly beings,  
ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.  
<sup>2</sup> Ascribe to the Lord the glory of God's name;  
worship the Lord in holy splendor.  
<sup>3</sup> The voice of the Lord is over the waters;  
the God of glory thunders,  
the Lord, over mighty waters.  
<sup>4</sup> The voice of the Lord is powerful;  
the voice of the Lord is full of majesty.

*(continued...)*

- <sup>5</sup> The voice of the Lord breaks the cedars;  
the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon.
- <sup>6</sup> The Lord makes Lebanon skip like a calf  
and Sirion like a young wild ox.
- <sup>7</sup> The voice of the Lord flashes forth flames of fire.
- <sup>8</sup> The voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness;  
the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.
- <sup>9</sup> The voice of the Lord causes the oaks to whirl  
and strips the forest bare,  
and in God's temple all say, "Glory!"
- <sup>10</sup> The Lord sits enthroned over the flood;  
the Lord sits enthroned as king forever.
- <sup>11</sup> May the Lord give strength to the people!  
May the Lord bless the people with peace!

### **The Litany of the Dawn** (by Roddy Hamilton)

When the world was young  
at that first sunrise  
and the new light  
held a promise  
of new days  
and fresh mornings  
The Word spoke

**When the Word spoke  
and creation sparked  
and the alleluias unfolded  
the dawn was set free**

When the dawn was set free  
the trees clapped hands  
and mountains bowed  
and the birds sang a new song  
fresh every morning...

**Fresh every morning  
the day holds a hope  
that this day is God's  
and this day holds the promise  
and this day is a new beginning**

A new beginning  
is the song of the morning  
that takes the shadows of night  
and paints them gold and green  
for the earth rejoices

**The earth rejoices  
for stones have rolled  
and tombs have been empties  
and angels are whispering  
and death has been conquered**

Death has been conquered  
and resurrection  
has left footprints in the dew  
that tell us

**he has gone ahead of us  
he is not among the dead  
he is not here!**

Christ is risen!

**Christ is risen, Indeed! Alleluia!**

### **Lighting of the Paschal Candle**

With the hope and knowledge of the resurrection, we take from this flame and light the Paschal candle. We ask God to bless this new fire, and increase in us a desire to shine forth with the brightness of Christ's rising.

- *The People Carry the New Light Inside*

Light of Christ, rising in glory, dispel the darkness of the world. Come, O faithful, and take light from the Light that never fades; Come and glorify Christ who is risen.

In the burning bush: **Divine light**  
In the pillar of fire: **Divine light**  
In the glistening temple: **Divine light**  
In the tongues of flame: **Divine light**

In the shining stars: **Divine light**  
In the morning sun of this new day: **Divine light**  
Christ our light: **Thanks be to God.**

### Prayer of the New Light

Hymn

“Morning Has Broken”  
(see next pg.)

Farjeon  
Gaelic Melody

*- Following the hymn, individual candles may be extinguished, and you may be seated.*

### Scripture Reading

**Mark 16: 1-8**

When the Sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of James and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. 2 And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. 3 They had been saying to one another, “Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?” 4 When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. 5 As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man dressed in a white robe sitting on the right side, and they were alarmed. 6 But he said to them, “Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him. 7 But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you.” 8 So they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them, and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

Alleluia! Christ is Risen!  
**Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

Hymn #233

“Christ the Lord is Risen Today!”

Wesley

### Message & Invitation to the Table

#### Responsive Benediction

We have come from darkness and despair to hope and joy.

**We have been transformed by new life.**

Go forth to witness and live into the hope we have received this day.

**Christ is risen. Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**



# Morning Has Broken

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1 Morn-ing has bro - ken like the first morn - ing; black-bird has  
2 Sweet the rain's new fall sun - lit from heav - en, like the first  
3 Mine is the sun - light! Mine is the morn - ing, born of the



spo - ken like the first bird. Praise for the sing - ing! Praise for the  
dew - fall on the first grass. Praise for the sweet-ness of the wet  
one light E - den saw play! Praise with e - la - tion; praise ev - ery



morn - ing! Praise for them, spring - ing fresh from the Word!  
gar - den, sprung in com - plete - ness where God's feet pass.  
morn - ing, God's re - cre - a - tion of the new day!

This 20th-century text was created to provide words for this traditional tune named for a small village on the Isle of Mull, off the west coast of Scotland. Through repeated use of "new" and "first," each morning is treated as a re-creation of the promise of the original day.

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Special Thanks to Becky Leefers for leading our singing this morning!

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Matt. 28:5-8; 1 Cor. 15:20-22; 54-57

Charles Wesley, 1739; alt.

1 Christ the Lord is risen to - day, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 2 Let the Vic - tor's peo - ple sing, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 3 Love's re - deem - ing work is done, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 4 Soar we now where Christ has led, Al - le - lu - ia!

Mor - tal tongues and an - gels say: Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Where, O death, is now your sting? Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Fought the fight, the bat - tle won, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Fol - lowing our ex - alt - ed Head, Al - le - lu - ia!

Raise your joys and tri - umphs high, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Dy - ing once, Christ lives to save, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Death in vain for - bids Christ rise, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Made like Christ, like Christ we rise, Al - le - lu - ia!

Sing, glad heavens, and earth re - ply: Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Where your vic - to - ry, O grave?  
 God has o - pened par - a - dise, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Ours the cross, the grave, the skies, Al - le - lu - ia!

*The unknown editor of Lyra Davidica wanted music with more movement and spirit than found in the grave, slow-paced psalm tunes, with one note to a syllable. Easter Hymn was among the first of a new popular style.*

Tune: EASTER HYMN 7.7.7.7. with alleluias  
 Arr. from Lyra Davidica, London, 1708

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