



*"Why do you look for the living among the dead?
He is not here; He has risen!"*

-- Luke 24:5

*Easter Sunrise Service
April 21, 2019—6:00 a.m.*



Welcome

Rev. Dr. Roger Rabey

Call to Worship

Leader: Jesus Christ is risen today!

People: Christ is risen, indeed!

Leader: The tomb could not hold him.

People: The grave is empty. Christ is risen!

Leader: Humanity's sin could not condemn him.

People: He shattered sin's power over us. Christ is risen!

Leader: Death could not contain him.

People: He conquered death for all eternity. Christ is risen!

Leader: Jesus Christ is risen today!

People: Christ is risen, indeed!

**Hymn*

Morning Is Broken

Morning has broken, like the first morning	Mine is the sunlight, mine is the morning
Blackbird has spoken, like the first bird	Born of the one light, Eden saw play
Praise for the singing, praise for the morning	Praise with elation, praise every morning
Praise for the springing fresh from the word	God's recreation of the new day

Sweet the rain's new fall, sunlit from heaven
Like the first dewfall, on the first grass
Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden
Sprung in completeness where his feet pass

Call To Confession

Rev. Dr. Ann Osborne

Leader: Very early in the morning,

People: God created all that is good and beautiful.

Leader: Very early in the morning,

People: a mother placed her newborn in a manger.

Leader: Very early in the morning,

People: the good news was shared with frightened friends, that Jesus is alive.

Let us confess the fears and the amazement we bring this morning.

Prayer of Confession

On this morning of hallelujahs, we must confess how human we are, Gracious God. We haven't done any great evil, but we have failed to do good when we had the chance. We have not intentionally hurt anyone, nor have we offered healing to the broken. We easily accept the witness of the angel in the tomb, but find it difficult to share this good news with our friends and neighbors. Bring us new life, Amazing God. Where we are tired and stressed, renew us with Your creative energy; transform our hardened hearts into fountains of grace; forgive us of all the damage we have done, and fill us with the joy of Your Spirit. In the name of Jesus, who gives us new life, we pray. Amen

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Friends, believe the Good News of the Gospel.

People: **In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!**

**Hymn*

He Lives!

I serve a risen Savior,
He's in the world today;
I know that He's living,
Whatever men may say;
I see His hand of mercy,
I heard His voice of cheer,
And just the time I need Him
He's always near.

In all the world around me
I see His loving care,
And tho my heart grows weary
I never will despair;
I know that He is leading
Thro' all the stormy blast,
The day of His appearing
Will come at last.

(Chorus)

Chorus:

He lives, He lives, Christ Jesus lives today!
He walks with me and He talks with me
Along life's narrow way.
He lives, He lives, salvation to impart!
You ask me how I know He lives:
He lives within my heart.

Rejoice, Rejoice, O Christian,
Life up your voice and sing
Eternal hallelujahs
To Jesus Christ the King!
The hope of all who seek Him,
The help of all who find,
None other is so loving,
So good and kind.

(Chorus)

Scripture

Luke 24:1-12

Sermon

"I Believe: in the Resurrection of the Body"

Rev. Dr. Roger Rabey

6th in Series: "I Believe: My Creed"

Communion by Intinction

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Lord's Prayer

Rev. Dr. Ann Osborne

**Hymn*

"Up From the Grave He 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!
(Refrain)

Death cannot keep its prey, Jesus my Savior;
He tore the bars away, Jesus my Lord!
(Refrain)

**Benediction*

Offering baskets available