

Easter Dawn Service Leaders Copy



"Welcoming the Risen Son"

Stones; lantern; Gospel parts

The Gathering

At the Lychgate

Reading (Mark 16. 1)

When the sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint Jesus.

Stones are distributed, lanterns are lit.

Then all walk to the Millennium Green

Journey to the Tomb

At the Gate at the Foot of the Hill

Reading

And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. They had been saying to one another, ‘Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?’

At the Cross

Lanterns are placed at the foot of the cross

Psalm 116:1-8

**I will walk before the Lord
in the land of the living.**

¹I love the Lord,
for he has heard the voice of my supplication; ♦
because he inclined his ear to me
on the day I called to him.

²The snares of death encompassed me;
the pains of hell took hold of me; ♦
by grief and sorrow was I held.

³Then I called upon the name of the Lord: ♦
'O Lord, I beg you, deliver my soul.'

**I will walk before the Lord
in the land of the living.**

⁴Gracious is the Lord and righteous; ♦
our God is full of compassion.

⁵The Lord watches over the simple; ♦
I was brought very low and he saved me.

**I will walk before the Lord
in the land of the living.**

⁶Turn again to your rest, O my soul, ♦
for the Lord has been gracious to you.

⁷For you have delivered my soul from death, ♦
my eyes from tears and my feet from falling.

**⁸I will walk before the Lord
in the land of the living.**

*Quiet
Then all walk to gather at the seat, looking east*

At the Seat

Reading

When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man, dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. 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. 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.' (Mark 16. 4-6)

Stones may be placed on the seat in the shape of a cross

Celebrating the Risen Son

Blessing of the Light

Blessed are you, Sovereign God, Conqueror of death,
your light invades the places of darkness,
restores sight and joy to the blind,
and summons those enslaved by death to walk free in hope.
For us Jesus poured out his life like water,
and lay bound in the dusk of death.

In his rising a new world is created,
where light, goodness and joy spring forth.
The rule of sin is broken for ever;
love and truth drive out hatred and folly;
a new humanity is clothed with your love
and sings with hope of beauty to come.
Joy of those who walk in darkness,
Destroyer of death, Hope of resurrection,
blessed are you, Sovereign God, Light of the World.

Amen.

Hymn: He is Lord

He is Lord, he is Lord.
He is risen from the dead and he is Lord.
Ev'ry knee shall bow, ev'ry tongue confess
that Jesus Christ is Lord.

He is King, he is King.
He is risen from the dead and he is King.
Ev'ry knee shall bow, ev'ry tongue confess
that Jesus Christ is King.

He is Love, he is Love.
He is risen from the dead and he is Love.
Ev'ry knee shall bow, ev'ry tongue confess
that Jesus Christ is Love.

Gospel Reading (John 20. 1-18)

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.
Glory to you, O Lord.

Narrator: ¹Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb.
²So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them;

Mary: They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him.

Narrator: ³Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went towards the tomb. ⁴The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. ⁵He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. ⁶Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen

wrappings lying there,⁷and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself.⁸Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed;⁹for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead.¹⁰Then the disciples returned to their homes.

¹¹But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb;¹²and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet.¹³They said to her:

Angels: Woman, why are you weeping?

Mary: They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him.

Narrator: ¹⁴When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus.¹⁵Jesus said to her:

Jesus: Woman, why are you weeping? For whom are you looking?

Narrator: Supposing him to be the gardener, she said: Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away.

Jesus: ¹⁶Mary!

Mary: Rabbouni!

Jesus: ¹⁷Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, "I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God"

Narrator: ¹⁸Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples:

Mary: I have seen the Lord!

Narrator: And she told them that he had said these things to her.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Acclamation

Here are words you may trust.

Remember Jesus Christ, risen from the dead:
he is our salvation, our eternal glory.
If we die with him, we shall live with him;
if we endure, we shall reign with him.
If we deny him, he will deny us;
if we are faithless, he keeps faith.

For he has broken the power of death
and brought life and immortality to light
through the gospel.
cf 2 Timothy 2.11-13

Hymn: Jesus is Lord

Jesus is Lord!
Creation's voice proclaims it,
for by his pow'r each tree and flow'r
was planned and made.
Jesus is Lord! The universe declares it;
sun, moon and stars in heaven cry:
Jesus is Lord!

*Jesus is Lord! Jesus is Lord!
Praise him with alleluias
for Jesus is Lord!*

Jesus is Lord!
Yet from his throne eternal
in flesh he came to die in pain on Calv'ry's tree.
Jesus is Lord! From him all life proceeding,
yet gave his life as ransom
thus setting us free.

Jesus is Lord..

Jesus is Lord!
O'er sin the mighty conqueror,
from death he rose and all his foes
shall own his name.
Jesus is Lord! God sends his Holy Spirit
to show by works of power
that Jesus is Lord.

Prayers of intercession

We pray to Jesus who is present with us to eternity.
Jesus, Lord of life,
in your mercy, hear us.

Jesus, light of the world,
bring the light and peace of your gospel
to the nations ...

Jesus, Lord of life,
in your mercy, hear us.

Jesus, bread of life,
give food to the hungry ...
and nourish us all with your word.

Jesus, Lord of life,
in your mercy, hear us.

Jesus, our way, our truth, our life,
be with us and all who follow you in the way ...
Deepen our appreciation of your truth,
and fill us with your life.

Jesus, Lord of life,
in your mercy, hear us.

Jesus, Good Shepherd who gave your life for the sheep,
recover the straggler,
bind up the injured,
strengthen the sick
and lead the healthy and strong to new pastures.

Jesus, Lord of life,
in your mercy, hear us.

Jesus, the resurrection and the life,
we give you thanks for all who have lived and
believed in you ...
Raise us with them to eternal life.

Jesus, Lord of life,
in your mercy, hear us,
accept our prayers, and be with us always.
Amen.

Acclamation

This is the good news!
God is making all things new!

Sin and death,
tearing and breaking,
failing and falling
do not have the last word!
For Christ is risen!

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Hymn: Behold

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.

Dismissal

At the Lychgate

Hymn: This is the day

This is the day, this is the day that the Lord has made,
that the Lord has made.
We will rejoice,
we will rejoice and be glad in it, and be glad in it.
This is the day that the Lord has made,
we will rejoice and be glad in it.
This is the day, this is the day that the Lord has made.

This is the day, this is the day when he rose again,
when he rose again.
We will rejoice, we will rejoice and be glad in it,
and be glad in it.
This is the day when he rose again,
we will rejoice and be glad in it.
This is the day, this is the day when he rose again.

Dismissal Gospel (John 21. 3-9)

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Glory to you, O Lord.

³Simon Peter said to the other disciples, ‘I am going fishing.’ They said to him, ‘We will go with you.’ They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing. ⁴Just after daybreak, Jesus stood on the beach; but the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. ⁵Jesus said to them, ‘Children, you have no fish, have you?’ They answered him, ‘No.’ ⁶He said to them, ‘Cast the net to the right side of the boat, and you will find some.’ So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in because there were so many fish. ⁷That disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, ‘It is the Lord!’ When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on some clothes, for he was naked, and jumped into the lake. ⁸But the other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full

of fish, for they were not far from the land, only about a hundred yards off.

⁹When they had gone ashore, they saw a charcoal fire there, with fish on it, and bread.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Let us go in the joy of the risen Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

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