

**The Worship of God**  
**Sunday, March 27, 2016**  
**First Service of Easter**

**Call to Worship**

Candace Wilson

Christ has risen!

**Christ has risen indeed.**

Faith, hope, and joy are alive.

**A new age is dawning, and death cannot harm us. God of all creation, we praise you. God of resurrection and eternal life, we have gathered in this garden to worship you and celebrate your victory.**

**Invocation**

Richard Kennedy

†**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**

Jeff Harris

May the peace of the Risen Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Christ is risen!

**Christ is risen indeed!**

**Responsive Reading**

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**

Jeff Harris

†**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**

John 20:1-8

Dent Davis

**Easter Meditation**

"The Promise of Resurrection"

Dent Davis

†**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.

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. *(con't next page)*

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**

Charles Drawdy

The tomb is empty,  
Christ has risen.  
As you journey in faith,  
May your life be full,  
Your love be abundant,  
And your hope be eternal.  
Live this day and always for Christ Jesus  
Because the Risen Christ lives in you.  
**Alleluia! Christ is Risen!**

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