



Easter

Sunrise Service

April 20, 2025

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April 20, 2025 · 6:30 a.m.

Memphis Botanic Garden

CHRIST IS RISEN!

EASTER INTROIT: “Were You There?” Traditional

*Words and Music: African-American Spiritual
Valetta Brinson and Emily Woelke, soloists*

Were you there when they crucified my Lord?
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?
Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble.
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?

Were you there when they laid Him in the tomb?
Were you there when they laid Him in the tomb?
Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble.
Were you there when they laid Him in the tomb?

Were you there when He rose up from the grave?
Were you there when He rose up from the grave?
Oh, sometimes I feel like shouting, “Glory!”
Were you there when He rose up from the grave?

CALL TO WORSHIP Brad Morrow

♦HYMN: “Christ the Lord Is Risen Today” EASTER HYMN

Words: Charles Wesley / Music: Lyra Davidica; arr. Paul Campbell / I Corinthians 15:57

1. “Christ the Lord is ris’n to - day,” Al - le - lu - ia!
2. Vain the stone, the watch, the seal; Al - le - lu - ia!
3. Lives a - gain our glo - rious King; Al - le - lu - ia!
4. Soar we now where Christ has led, Al - le - lu - ia!

sons of men and an - gels say; Al - le - lu - ia!
 Christ has burst the gates of hell: Al - le - lu - ia!
 where, O death, is now thy sting? Al - le - lu - ia!
 fol - l'wing our ex - alt - ed Head; Al - le - lu - ia!

raise your joys and tri - umphs high; Al - le - lu - ia!
 death in vain for - bids him rise; Al - le - lu - ia!
 Once he died, our souls to save; Al - le - lu - ia!
 made like him, like him we rise; Al - le - lu - ia!

sing ye heav'ns, and earth, re - ply. Al - le - lu - ia!
 Christ has o - pened par - a - dise. Al - le - lu - ia!
 where thy vic - to - ry, O grave? Al - le - lu - ia!
 ours the cross, the grave, the skies. Al - le - lu - ia!

◆INVOCATION

◆RESURRECTION LITANY.Adapted from Revelation 1:17-18; 2 Timothy 1:10b; John 11:25-26

We praise You, O reigning Lord, for reassuring us when we suffer:

**"Fear not, I am the first and the last, and the living one.
 I died, and behold I am alive forevermore,
 and I have the keys of death and the grave."**

We adore You, O risen Savior, for You have abolished death


and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel.

We magnify You, O living Christ, for You declare:

**"I am the resurrection and the life.
 Whoever believes in me, even though he die, yet shall he live,
 and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die."**

♣HYMN: "See, What a Morning" RESURRECTION HYMN

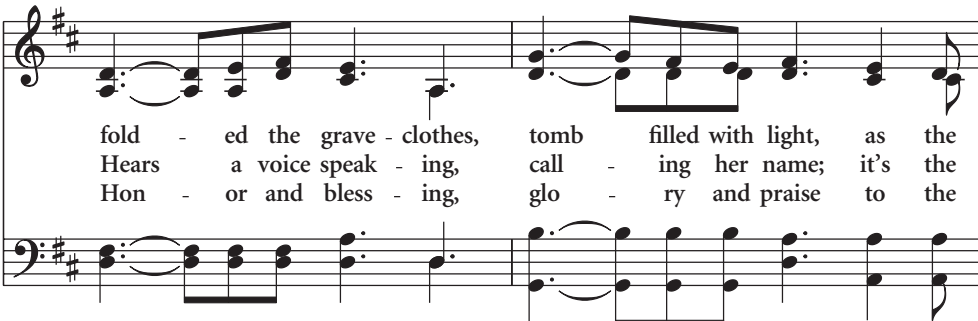
Words and Music: Keith Getty, Stuart Townend / Matthew 28:6



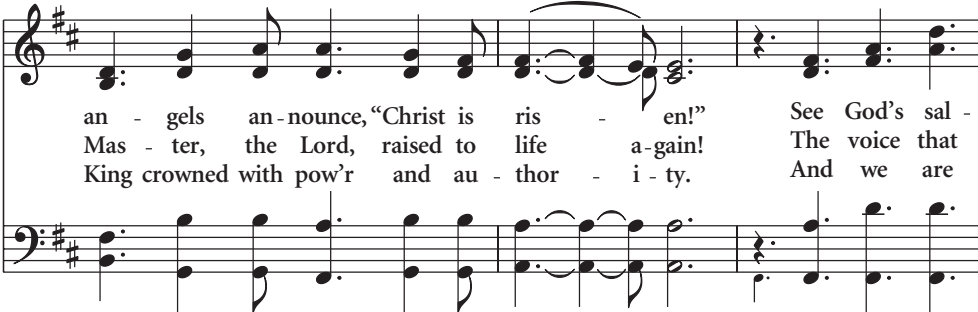
1. See, what a morn - ing, glo - rious-ly bright, with the
 2. See, Ma - ry weep - ing, "Where is he laid?" As in
 3. One with the Fa - ther, An - cient of Days, through the



dawn - ing of hope in Je - ru - sa - lem;
 sor - row she turns from the emp - ty tomb.
 Spir - it who clothes faith with cer - tain - ty.



fold - ed the grave - clothes, tomb filled with light, as the
 Hears a voice speak - ing, call - ing her name; it's the
 Hon - or and bless - ing, glo - ry and praise to the



an - gels an - nounce, "Christ is ris - en!" See God's sal -
 Mas - ter, the Lord, raised to life a - gain! The voice that
 King crowned with pow'r and au - thor - i - ty. And we are

va - tion plan, wrought in love, borne in pain, paid in sac - ri - fice,
spans the years, speak - ing life, stir - ring hope, bring - ing peace to us,
raised with him; death is dead, life has won, Christ has con - quered.

ful - filled in Christ the Man, for he lives: Christ is ris - en from the dead.
will sound till he ap - pears, for he lives: Christ is ris - en from the dead.
And we shall reign with him, for he lives: Christ is ris - en from the dead.

✠EASTER GREETINGS

SCRIPTURE LESSON..... Luke 24:1-12

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

HOMILY: Living in the Reality of the Resurrection..... Brian Lewis

PRAYER OF COMMITMENT

Sermon Notes

♣HYMN: "In Christ Alone" IN CHRIST ALONE

Words and Music by Keith Getty and Stuart Townend; arr. Arron Powell / Philippians 3:8-9

1. In Christ a - lone my hope is found; he is my light, my strength, my
 2. In Christ a - lone who took on flesh, full-ness of God in help - less
 3. There in the ground his bod - y lay, light of the world in dark - ness
 4. No guilt in life, no fear in death, this is the pow'r of Christ in

song. This cor - ner-stone, this sol - id ground, firm through the
 babe. This gift of love and righ-teous - ness, scorned by the
 slain. Then burst - ing forth in glo - rious day, up from the
 me. From life's first cry to fi - nal breath Je - sus com -

fierc - est drought and storm. What heights of love, what depths of
 ones he came to save, till on that cross, as Je - sus
 grave he rose a - gain. And as he stands in vic - to -
 mands my des - ti - ny. No pow'r of hell, no scheme of

peace when fears are stilled, when striv - ings cease. My Com - fort -
 died, the wrath of God was sat - is - fied, for ev - 'ry
 ry, sin's curse has lost its grip on me, for I am
 man can ev - er pluck me from his hand, till he re -

er, my all in all, here in the love of Christ I stand.
 sin on him was laid; here in the death of Christ I live.
 his and he is mine, bought with the pre-cious blood of Christ.
 turns or calls me home, here in the pow'r of Christ I stand.

✦BENEDICTION

✦Indicates congregation standing

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Instrumentalists:

*Alex Schuettrumpf and Joey Moore, trumpet; James Currence, horn;
Greg Luscombe and Paul Henry, trombone; Brad Jones, piano;
James Ryan, director*

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This service is hosted by Second Presbyterian Church, located at the corner of Poplar and Goodlett. We invite you to worship with us in our Sanctuary on Sunday mornings at 8:15 and 11:00 and again on Sunday evenings at 6:00 for prayer, praise, and teaching from God's Word.

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