



**Easter SonRise  
Service**

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**Scripture Reading**

**Hymn** *Were You There (sung acapella)*

*Were you there when he  
rose up from the grave?*

*Were you there when he  
rose up from the grave?*

*Oh! Sometimes it causes me to  
tremble, tremble, tremble,*

*Were you there when he  
rose up from the grave?*

**L:** Alleluia! Christ is Risen!

**P:** Alleluia! Christ is Risen Indeed!

**Prayer of the Day**

Let us pray: **Living God**, on the first day of the week you brought to birth a new creation through the glorious resurrection of Jesus Christ. Fill us with the hope and joy of new beginnings, so that we may share the good news of your liberating, life-giving power with all the world; through Christ our Savior, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, now and always; and who taught us to pray together: *Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread; forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.*

**Prayer of Confession**

On this day of resurrection, God of life and love, forgive us for the ways in which we are complicit in the world's rejection of you and indifferent to the way of your Son, who died and rose again that to bring new life to the world. Help us to be unafraid of our faith but to shout Alleluia! so that all may know of the wonder that this day brings. (Moment of silence.)

## Assurance of Pardon

L: On this day of days we know that love wins; and because love wins, we all belong to God.

**P: Thanks be to God! Amen.**

## Passing of the Peace

L: Christ is Risen! Let us rejoice, greeting one another with the sign of the peace: The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all!

**P: And also with you!**

**Song** *Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks*  
*(refrain, 2x)*

Alleluia, Alleluia, give thanks  
to the risen Lord

Alleluia, alleluia, give praise  
to his name!

## Meditation

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## Hymn

*Morning Has Broken*

## Symbolic Action

## Prayers of the People

L: Let us pray: Father, we thank you for what you have given us in Jesus Christ— a chance for a new beginning, a new world that is as good as you created it to be.

**P: Hear our prayers, O Lord, as we remember those who still suffer, who still live in fear, whose world is far from the good creation you intended.**

## Hymn

*Christ is Alive!*

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## Blessing and Benediction



*He is risen! Alleluia!*

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