



He is Risen

Happy Easter

*Waterford Community
Sunrise Service at the Park
April 4, 2021*

PRELUDE “Morning Has Broken” Allen Yard on Trumpet

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Beloved Church, behold the victory of our God:
Jesus, our Lord, had conquered the grave.

All: Christ is risen! Alleluia!

Leader: Sin and death shall reign no more.

All: Christ is risen! Alleluia!

Leader: Let this place resound with joy.

All: Christ is risen! Alleluia! Thanks be to God!

INVOCATION PRAYER

Alleluia! We praise you, O God, for the power of your saving love revealed in the resurrection of our Lord. We await with gladness your new heaven and new earth. As you have raised Jesus from the dead give us the gift of everlasting life, that we may worship you forever; through Christ our risen Savior. **Amen.**

HYMN “Christ the Lord Is Risen Today”

Christ the Lord is risen today, Alleluia!
Earth and heaven in chorus 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's thy victory, boasting 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!

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SCRIPTURE

Luke 23:50 - 24:12

HOMILY

Pastor Tori Heath

OFFERING

Leader: The earth is the Lord's, and all that is in it

All: the world, and those who live in it.

Leader: Freely you have received, freely give. Let us return to God the offerings of our life and the gifts of the earth.

OFFERTORY & DOXOLOGY

All undesignated contributions will be given to the Waterford Ministerium to help families in need.

Leader: Heaven and earth are yours, O Lord,

All: and of your own we give you.

Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things.

Through your goodness

you have blessed us with these gifts:

our selves, our time, and our possessions.

Use us, and what we have gathered,

in feeding the world with your love;

through the one who gave himself for us,

Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE Pastor Robin Sharp

Luke 13:29; 24:30-31

This is the joyful feast of the people of God! People will come from north and south and from east and west to sit at table in the kingdom of God.

According to Luke, when our risen Lord was at table with his disciples, he took the bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him.

This is the Lord's Table. Our Savior invites those who trust him to share the feast that he has prepared.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Praise to you, O God, for all your works.
You created the world and called it good
and made us in your image to live together in love.
You made a covenant with us,
and even when we turned from you,
you remained ever faithful.
Therefore with all creation we sing your praise:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Thank you, O God, for sending us your Son.
He lived among us and told your story.
He healed the sick and welcomed sinners.
He shared our pain and died our death,
then rose to new life that we might live,
and all creation be restored.

We give you thanks that the Lord Jesus,
on the night before he died, took bread,
and after giving thanks to you, he broke it,
and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take, eat. This is my body, given for you.

Do this in remembrance of me.
In the same way Jesus took the cup, saying:
This cup is the new covenant sealed in my blood,

shed for you for the forgiveness of sins.
Whenever you drink it, do this in remembrance of me.
Remembering your boundless love
revealed to us in Jesus Christ,
we break bread and share the cup,
giving ourselves to you
to live for him in joy and praise.
Great is the mystery of faith:

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us
and upon these your gifts of bread and wine
that they may be for us the body and blood of Christ
and that we may be his body for the world.
By your Spirit unite us with Christ and one another
until we feast with him and with all your saints
in your eternal realm of justice and peace.
Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all glory and honor are yours, almighty God,
now and forever. **Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray:
**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.**

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Jesus said: I am the bread of life.
Jesus said: I am the vine, you are the branches.
Come to me and never be hungry;
believe in me and never thirst.

The gifts of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

The body of Christ, given for you. **Amen.**

The blood of Christ, given for you. **Amen.**

COMMUNION

SPECIAL MUSIC “The Easter Song” Pastor Greg Jack

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

God of abundance,
with this bread of life and cup of salvation you have united us with
Christ, making us one with all your people.

Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit that we may proclaim
your redeeming love to the world and continue forever in the risen
life of Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

HYMN “Christ is Risen”

Christ is risen! Shout hosanna!
Celebrate this day of days!
Christ is risen! Hush in wonder:
all creation is amazed.
In the desert all-surrounding,
see, a spreading tree has grown.
Healing leaves of grace abounding
bring a taste of love unknown.

Christ is risen! Raise your spirits
from the caverns of despair.
Walk with gladness in the morning.
See what love can do and dare.
Drink the wine of resurrection,
not a servant, but a friend.
Jesus is our strong companion.
Joy and peace shall never end.

Christ is risen! Earth and heaven
nevermore shall be the same.
Break the bread of new creation
where the world is still in pain.
Tell its grim, demonic chorus:
"Christ is risen! Get you gone!"
God the First and Last is with us.
Sing Hosanna everyone!

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