

WELCOME TO THE SUNRISE SERVICE

We welcome all in attendance at our Sunrise Service this morning. Thank you for beginning your Easter with this early celebration of the resurrection. Please come to the Fellowship Hall after the service to enjoy a sausage biscuit with us, provided by the Purple Worship Team. We hope you will be able to join us for Sunday School and worship in the sanctuary at our regular times this morning. If you would like to make an offering at this time, you will see an offering plate for your gift as you leave the Courtyard. God be with you this Easter morning!



EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE

Zebulon Baptist Church

March 31, 2024

7:00 a.m. in The Courtyard

PRELUDE — “Low in the Grave” arr. Hayes

WELCOME

RESPONSIVE EASTER PROCLAMATION

Leader: The stone has been rolled away.

People: The grave clothes are lying in a heap.

Leader: The body is gone.

People: Mary’s weeping is halted by the man’s questions:

Leader: Why are you crying?

People: Who is it you are looking for?

Leader: Let us proclaim with Mary:

People: We have seen the risen Lord!

Leader: Christ is Risen!

People: Chris is Risen Indeed!

Unison: Hallelujah! Amen!

***EASTER HYMN** — “Jesus Christ Is Risen Today” Wesley-Williams-Roberts

Jesus Christ is risen today, Alleluia!

Our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!

Who did once, upon the cross, Alleluia!

Suffer to redeem our loss, Alleluia!

Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia!

Unto Christ, our heavenly King, Alleluia!

Who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia!

Sinners to redeem and save, Alleluia!

Sing we to our God above, Alleluia!

Praise eternal as His love; Alleluia!

Praise Him, all ye heavenly host, Alleluia!

Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, Alleluia!

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

SPECIAL MUSIC— “Rise Again” Holm
Soloist — Barbara Glasgow

MESSAGE — *What Goes in the Empty Tomb?* Rev. Ward Page
Galatians 2:19-20

CLOSING HYMN— “We Welcome Glad Easter”

*We welcome glad Easter when Jesus arose,
and won a great victory over His foes.*

Chorus: Then raise your glad voices, all Christians, and sing,

Bring glad Easter praises to Jesus, your King.

We tell how the women came early that day,

And there at the tomb found the stone rolled away.

Chorus

We sing of the angel who said: “Do not fear!

Your Savior is risen, and He is not here.”

Chorus

We think of the promise which Jesus did give:

“That he who believes in Me also shall live!”

Chorus

RESPONSIVE SENDING FORTH AND BLESSING

Leader: May we go from this place and joyfully bear witness to our living Lord Jesus,

People: Through eyes of faith, we have surely witnessed moments of dying and rising, of suffering transformed to joy and peace.

Leader: May the Spirit give us boldness to share what we believe and experience.

People: May we be daily renewed by the Spirit of the Risen Christ that we might tell others the powerful meaning of “the third day.”

Leader: The peace of the crucified and risen One, Jesus Christ our Lord, be with you, now and forevermore.

People: And also with you.

Unison: Alleluia! Christ is alive indeed!

POSTLUDE — “Lift High the Cross” arr. Shackley