

*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!*

*Hail the Lord of earth and heaven, Alleluia!
Praise to thee by both be given, Alleluia!
Thee we greet triumphant now, Alleluia!
Hail the Resurrection, thou, Alleluia!*

*King of glory, soul of bliss, Alleluia!
Everlasting life is this, Alleluia!
Thee to know, thy power to prove, Alleluia!
Thus to sing, and thus to love, Alleluia!*

Postlude

Joyful, Joyful
Rob Sperling, bagpipes

Easter Sunrise Service

March 27th, 2016 – 7:00 a.m.

Prelude

Simple Gifts
Rob Sperling, bagpipes

Call to Worship

Leader: God is good!

People: All the time!

Leader: And all the time!

People: God is good!

Leader: Give thanks to the Lord, for God is good.

Let all the people proclaim, “God’s steadfast love endures forever!”

People: God’s steadfast love endures forever!

Leader: The Lord is my strength, my song, and my salvation! Shouts of joy resound in the tents of the righteous!

People: God’s steadfast love endures forever!

The Lord’s right hand has done mighty things!

People: We will not die but live. We will proclaim what the Lord has done.

Leader: We enter the gates of the Lord and give thanks, for this is the day the Lord has made!

People: Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

Hymn

Up from the Grave He 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!*
(Refrain)

*Death cannot keep its prey, Jesus my Savior;
he tore the bars away, Jesus my Lord!*
(Refrain)

Opening Prayer

Almighty God, through Jesus Christ you overcame death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life. Grant that we, who celebrate the day of our Lord's resurrection, may, by the renewing of your Spirit arise from the death of sin to the life of righteousness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen!

Gospel Reading – John 20:1-8

Homily

Pastor Alan

Pastoral Prayer

Invitation

Confession & Pardon

All: Jesus our Host, we yearn for your Communion; we yearn for the hope of new life; we yearn to meet you here. And yet, despite your invitation, we find ourselves stumbling on our way. Forgive us. Hear now in silence the confessions of your people.

(Silence)

Words of Assurance (from Acts 10:43)

Leader: Hear the good news! “All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name!” In the name of the risen Christ, you are forgiven! **All:** In the name of the risen Christ, you are forgiven! Glory to God! Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving

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!*