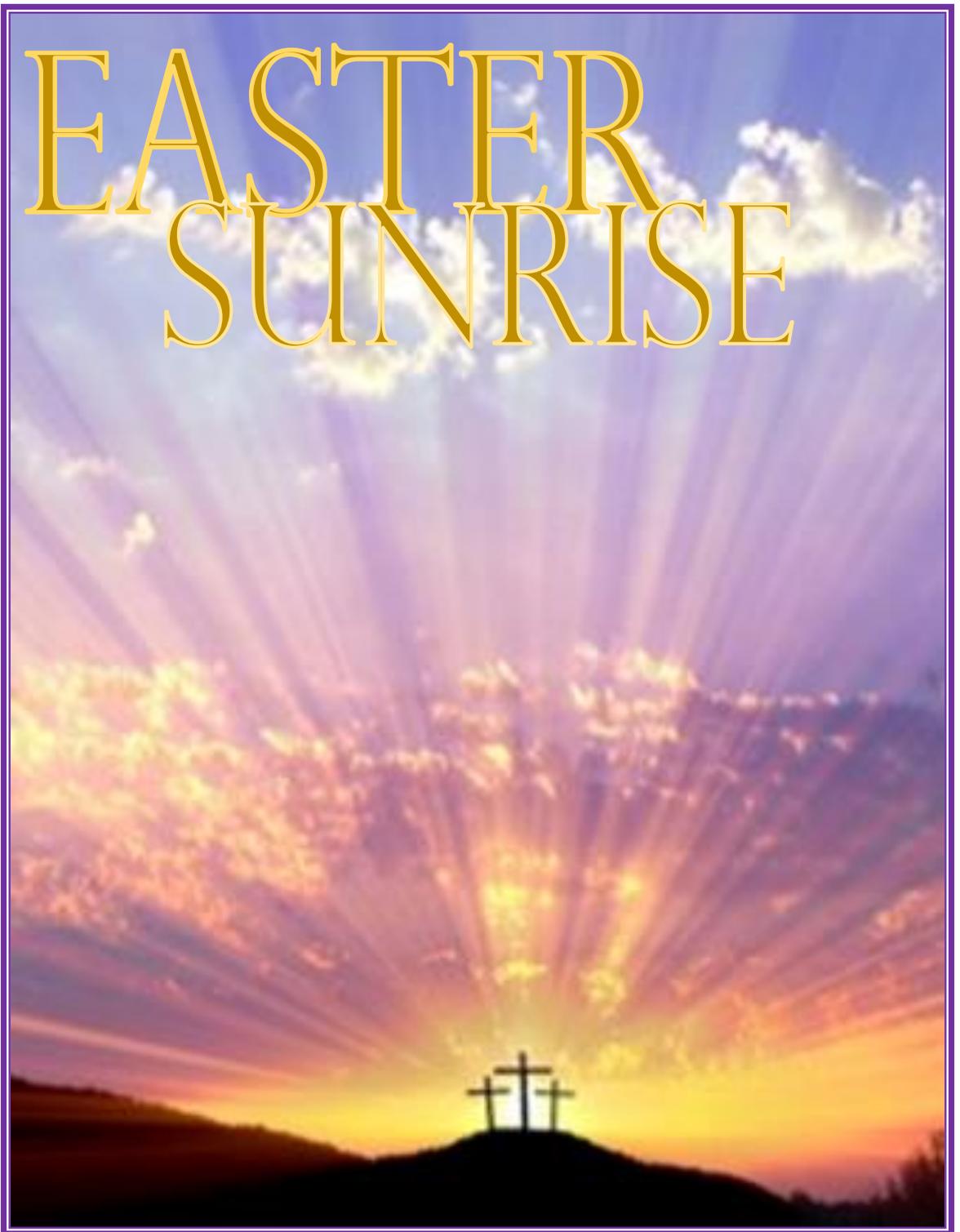


# EASTER SUNRISE



## THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD – SUNRISE DEVOTION

### THE WOMEN AT THE TOMB

M: The angel: Whom are you seeking?

**The women: We seek Jesus of Nazareth who was crucified.**

M: The angel: Why do you seeking the living among the dead?

**The women: We saw him placed into this tomb on Friday.**

M: The angel: He is not here. He is risen as he said. Come see the place where He lay. He is risen!

**The congregation (rises to reply): HE IS RISEN INDEED! Alleluia!**

M: Alleluia! Praise the Lord! Our Savior is alive!

**C: God is faithful. He fulfills whatever he says.**

M: CHRIST IS RISEN

**C: HE IS RISEN INDEED!**

### HYMN:

CW21 #447: "Christ Is Risen, He Is Risen Indeed"



1 How can it be, the One who died has borne our  
2 For joy a - wakes as dawn - ing light when Christ's dis -  
3 Where doubt and dark - ness once had been, they saw him  
4 Once bound by fear, now bold in faith, they preached the  
5 The pow'r that raised him from the grave now works in



sin through sac - ri - fice, to con - quer ev - 'ry  
ci - ples lift their eyes. A - live he stands, their  
and their hearts be - lieved. But blest are those who  
truth and pow'r of grace and pour - ing out their  
us to pow'r - f'ly save. He frees our hearts to

sting of death? Sing, sing "Hal-le-lu-jah!" v. 2  
 friend and King; Christ, Christ, he is ris-en!  
 have not seen, yet sing "Hal-le-lu-jah!" v. 4  
 lives they gained life, life ev-er-last-ing.  
 live his grace; go, tell of his good-ness.

Christ is ris-en, he is ris-en in-deed! Oh, sing "Hal-le-

lu-jah!" Join the cho-rus, sing with the re-deemed:

"Christ is ris-en, he is ris-en in-deed." v. 3/v. 5

## A HARMONY OF THE SCRIPTURES

### FIRST LESSON - FROM THE ACCOUNT OF ST. MATTHEW 28:1-15

*"An angel rolled back the stone"*

Reader: Michael Ware

After the Sabbath, at dawn on the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to look at the tomb. There was a violent earthquake, for an angel of the Lord came down from heaven and, going to the tomb, rolled back the stone and sat on it. His appearance was like lightning, and his clothes were white as snow. The guards were so afraid of him that they shook and became like dead men.

The angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. He is not here; he has risen, just as he said. Come and see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples: 'He has risen from the dead and is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see him.' Now I have told you."

So the women hurried away from the tomb, afraid yet filled with joy, and ran to tell his disciples. Suddenly Jesus met them. "Greetings," he said. They came to him, clasped his feet and worshiped him. Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid. Go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me."

While the women were on their way, some of the guards went into the city and reported to the chief priests everything that had happened. When the chief priests had met with the elders and devised a plan, they gave the soldiers a large sum of money, telling them, "You are to say, 'His disciples came during the night and stole him away while we were asleep.' If this report gets to the governor, we will satisfy him and keep you out of trouble." So the soldiers took the money and did as they were instructed. And this story has been widely circulated among the Jews to this very day.

**HYMN OF RESPONSE:** CW21 #442 (1-2): "Christ the Lord is Ris'n Today"

***Christ the Lord is ris'n today; Alleluia!  
Christians, hasten on your way; Alleluia!  
See the place where he was laid; Alleluia!  
Praise him for the ransom paid. Alleluia!***

***For the sheep the Lamb has bled, Alleluia!  
Sinless in the sinners' stead. Alleluia!  
"Christ is ris'n," today we cry; Alleluia!  
Now he lives, no more to die. Alleluia!***

## THE SECOND LESSON FROM THE ACCOUNT OF ST. MARK 16:1-16

*"He has risen! He is not here."*

Reader: Larry Glasheen

When the Sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices so that they might go to anoint Jesus' body. Very early on the first day of the week, just after sunrise, they were on their way to the tomb and they asked each other, "Who will roll the stone away from the entrance of the tomb?"

But when they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had been rolled away. As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man dressed in a white robe sitting on the right side, and they were alarmed.

"Don't be alarmed," he said. "You are looking for Jesus the Nazarene, who was crucified. He has risen! He is not here. See the place where they laid him. But go, tell his disciples and Peter, 'He is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see him, just as he told you.'"

Trembling and bewildered, the women went out and fled from the tomb. They said nothing to anyone, because they were afraid. When Jesus rose early on the first day of the week, he appeared first to Mary Magdalene, out of whom he had driven seven demons. She went and told those who had been with him and who were mourning and weeping. When they heard that Jesus was alive and that she had seen him, they did not believe it. Afterward Jesus appeared in a different form to two of them while they were walking in the country. These returned and reported it to the rest; but they did not believe them either. Later Jesus appeared to the Eleven as they were eating; he rebuked them for their lack of faith and their stubborn refusal to believe those who had seen him after he had risen.

He said to them, "Go into all the world and preach the good news to all creation. Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned."

**HYMN OF RESPONSE:**

CW21 #466 "Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia!"

**Christ has arisen, alleluia.**

**Rejoice and praise Him, alleluia.**

**For our Redeemer burst from the tomb,**

**Even from death, dispelling its gloom.**

**Let us sing praise to Him with endless joy;**

**Death's fearful sting He has come to destroy.**

**Our sin forgiving, alleluia!**

**Jesus is living, alleluia!**

**The angel said to them, "Do not fear!**

**You look for Jesus who is not here.**

**See for yourselves the tomb is all bare;**

**Only the grave cloths are lying there."**

**Let us sing praise to Him with endless joy;**

**Death's fearful sting He has come to destroy.**

**Our sin forgiving, alleluia!**

**Jesus is living, alleluia!**

**THE THIRD LESSON FROM THE ACCOUNT OF ST. LUKE 24:13-36**

*"Stay with us."*

Reader: Courage Mudzongo

Now that same day two of the disciples were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem. They were talking with each other about everything that had happened. As they talked and discussed these things with each other, Jesus himself came up and walked along with them; but they were kept from recognizing him.

He asked them, "What are you discussing together as you walk along?"

They stood still, their faces downcast. One of them, named Cleopas, asked him, "Are you only a visitor to Jerusalem and do not know the things that have happened there in these days?"

"What things?" he asked.

"About Jesus of Nazareth," they replied. "He was a prophet, powerful in word and deed before God and all the people. The chief priests and our rulers handed him over to be sentenced to death, and they crucified him; but we had hoped that he was the one who was going to redeem Israel. And what is more, it is the third day since all this took place. In addition, some of our women amazed us. They went to the tomb early this morning but didn't find his body. They came and told us that they had seen a vision of angels, who said he was alive. Then some of our companions went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but him they did not see."

He said to them, "How foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken! Did not the Christ have to suffer these things and then enter his glory?" And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he explained to them what was said in all the Scriptures concerning himself. As they approached the village to which they were going, Jesus acted as if he were going farther. But they urged him strongly, "Stay with us, for it is nearly evening; the day is almost over." So he went in to stay with them. When he was at the table with them, he took bread, gave thanks, broke it and began to give it to them. Then their eyes were opened and they recognized him, and he disappeared from their sight. They asked each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he talked with us on the road and opened the Scriptures to us?"

They got up and returned at once to Jerusalem. There they found the Eleven and those with them, assembled together and saying, "It is true! The Lord has risen and has appeared to Simon." Then the two told what had happened on the way, and how Jesus was recognized by them when he broke the bread. While they were still talking about this, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you!"

*He's risen, he's risen, Christ Jesus, the Lord;  
He opened death's prison, the incarnate Word.  
Break forth, hosts of heaven, in jubilant song  
And earth, sea, and mountain the praises prolong.*

*Then sing your hosannas and raise your glad voice;  
Proclaim the blest tidings that all may rejoice.  
Laud, honor, and praise to the Lamb that was slain,  
Who now sits in glory and ever shall reign.*

### THE FOURTH LESSON - FROM THE ACCOUNT OF ST. JOHN 20:11-18

*Reader: Juan Garcia*

<sup>11</sup> Now Mary stood outside the tomb crying. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb <sup>12</sup> and saw two angels in white, seated where Jesus' body had been, one at the head and the other at the foot. <sup>13</sup> They asked her, "Woman, why are you crying?"

"They have taken my Lord away," she said, "and I don't know where they have put him." <sup>14</sup> At this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not realize that it was Jesus. <sup>15</sup> He asked her, "Woman, why are you crying? Who is it you are looking for?" Thinking he was the gardener, she said, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have put him, and I will get him." <sup>16</sup> Jesus said to her, "Mary." She turned toward him and cried out in Aramaic, "Rabboni!" (which means "Teacher"). <sup>17</sup> Jesus said, "Do not hold on to me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father. Go instead to my brothers and tell them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'"

<sup>18</sup> Mary Magdalene went to the disciples with the news: "I have seen the Lord!" And she told them that he had said these things to her.

**The day of resurrection! Earth, tell it out abroad,  
The Passover of gladness, The Passover of God.  
From death to life eternal, From this world to the sky,  
Our Christ has brought us over With hymns of victory.**

**Now let the heav'ns be joyful; Let earth her song begin.  
Let all the world keep triumph And all that is therein.  
Let all things, seen and unseen, Their notes of gladness blend;  
For Christ the Lord has risen, Our joy shall have no end.**

**FIFTH LESSON FROM THE ACCOUNT OF ST. PAUL**

**I CORINTHIANS 15:1-8, 12-20, 50-58**

*"Jesus Lives! The Victory's Won"*

Reader: Justin Eternick

Now, brothers, I want to remind you of the gospel I preached to you, which you received and on which you have taken your stand. By this gospel you are saved, if you hold firmly to the word I preached to you. Otherwise, you have believed in vain. For what I received I passed on to you as of first importance: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures, and that he appeared to Peter, and then to the Twelve. After that, he appeared to more than five hundred of the brothers at the same time, most of whom are still living, though some have fallen asleep. Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles, and last of all he appeared to me also, as to one abnormally born. But if it is preached that Christ has been raised from the dead, how can some of you say that there is no resurrection of the dead? If there is no resurrection of the dead, then not even Christ has been raised. And if Christ has not been raised, our preaching is useless and so is your faith. More than that, we are then found to be false witnesses about God, for we have testified about God that he raised Christ from the dead. But he

did not raise him if in fact the dead are not raised. For if the dead are not raised, then Christ has not been raised either. And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile; you are still in your sins. Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ are lost. If only for this life we have hope in Christ, we are to be pitied more than all men. But Christ has indeed been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. I declare to you, brothers, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable. Listen, I tell you a mystery: We will not all sleep, but we will all be changed -- in a flash, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed. For the perishable must clothe itself with the imperishable, and the mortal with immortality. When the perishable has been clothed with the imperishable, and the mortal with immortality, then the saying that is written will come true: "Death has been swallowed up in victory." "Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting?" The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore, my dear brothers, stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain.

P: CHRIST IS RISEN!

C: **HE IS RISEN INDEED!**

### **THE BLESSING:**

M: May the love of the Lord Jesus' death on the cross draw us to himself. May the power of the Lord Jesus' forgiveness make us strong to do his will. May the peace of the Lord Jesus' resurrection fill our lives.

C: **Amen!**

**Rejoice, the Lord is King:  
Your Lord and King adore!  
Rejoice, give thanks and sing,  
And triumph evermore.  
Lift up your heart,  
Lift up your voice!  
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!**

**2 The Lord, our Savior, reigns,  
The God of truth and love;  
When He has purged our stains,  
He took his seat above;  
Lift up your heart,  
Lift up your voice!  
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!**

**3 His kingdom cannot fail,  
He rules o'er earth and heav'n;  
The keys of death and hell  
Are to our Jesus giv'n:  
Lift up your heart,  
Lift up your voice!  
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!**

**4 Rejoice in glorious hope!  
Our Lord and judge shall come  
And take His servants up  
To their eternal home:  
Lift up your heart,  
Lift up your voice!  
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!**

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PLEASE JOIN US FOR:

8:00AM

Easter  
Breakfast



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9:30AM

**Easter**

Worship

