

**THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD
EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE—7:00 a.m.**

PROCESSIONAL

OPENING SENTENCES

Jesus Christ is the light of the world,
the light no darkness can overcome.

THANKSGIVING FOR LIGHT

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.** We praise and glorify you, Lord God, for Christ, our life, is risen and has conquered sin and death. He has broken the chains that bind us and freed us to live in his kingdom of light. May Christ enlighten the hearts of all who believe. May Christ transform this world that longs to see him, enlightening the hearts of all who believe, and restore all creation to its rightful place. Glory, praise, thanksgiving, and blessing to you, O God, victor over sin and death, now and forever. **Amen.**

OPENING HYMN

“Because He Lives”

“God sent His Son they called Him Jesus He came to love heal and forgive He lived and died to buy my pardon An empty grave is there to prove My Savior lives.

(Refrain) “Because He lives I can face tomorrow, Because He lives all fear is gone; Because I know He holds the future, And life is worth the living, just because He lives.”

And then one day I'll cross that river I'll fight life's final war with pain And then as death gives way to vict'ry I'll see the lights of glory And I'll know He lives.”
(refrain)

SCRIPTURE READING

Genesis (Select Verses)

SPECIAL MUSIC

“Joyful is the Dark”

Leah Metzger

SCRIPTURE READING

SERMON

EASTER PRAYER

CLOSING HYMN

“He Lives”

I serve a risen Savior, He's in the world today; I know that He is living, whatever men may say; I see His hand of mercy, I hear His voice of cheer, And just the time I need Him He's always near.

(Refrain) He lives, He lives, Christ Jesus lives today! He walks with me and talks with me along life's narrow way. He lives, He lives, salvation to impart! You ask me how I know he lives; He lives within my heart.

In all the world around me I see His loving care, And though my heart grows weary, I never will despair; I know that He is leading through all the stormy blast, The day of His appearing will come at last. (Refrain)

Rejoice, rejoice, O Christian, lift up your voice and sing Eternal hallelujahs to Jesus Christ the King! The hope of all who seek Him, the Help of all who find, None other is so loving, so good and kind. (Refrain)

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BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

He is not here. He is risen!



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