



# *Christ Is Risen – Alleluia! Alleluia!*

*“Every day a million miracles begin at sunrise!”  
- Eric Jerome Dickey*

## **EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE**

**APRIL 21, 2019**

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### **PRELUDE**

Audrey Lord, Cello

### **OPENING MEDITATION**

Kim Almcrantz

*Mary on Easter Morning: A Monologue By Carol Penner  
(inspired by John 20: 1-18)*

### **WELCOME AND PROCLAMATION**

The Rev. Melanie Marsh Baum

Leader: Christ is risen!

**People: Christ is risen, indeed!**

### **CALL TO WORSHIP**

Audrey Lord

One: We thought you were dead. We thought the cross was the end.

We thought that when the stone rolled over the tomb, that was it. But this is it:

**All: the dead are living; the cross is empty; the stone is rolled,  
and one word describes it all: Alleluia! Jesus is risen!**

We thought you had said your final word.

We thought those with the power had won.

We thought that when you cried out, that was it. But this is it:

**the word breathes; the powers are defeated; the final cry was only the beginning,  
and one word says it all: Alleluia! Jesus is risen!**

We thought the story was finished. We thought the hope had ended.

We thought that when the tomb was sealed, that was it. But this is it:

**the story has just begun; the hope is newly born; the tomb is empty,  
and one word says it all: Alleluia! Jesus is risen!**

This is the news:

**Jesus is risen!**

This is the moment

**Jesus is alive!**

This is the gospel

**Jesus is with us!**

We thought that when they crucified you, death had defeated life,  
and that was it. But this is it:

**Love is stronger than death,**

**and one word says it all: Alleluia! Jesus is risen!**

OPENING PRAYER

Melanie Marsh Baum

HYMN

*Be Not Afraid*

*Please join us in singing the hymn three times through*

The image shows two systems of musical notation for the hymn 'Be Not Afraid'. Each system consists of a treble clef staff and a bass clef staff. The key signature is one flat (B-flat) and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are: 'Be not a - fraid; sing out for joy! Christ is ris-en, al - le - lu - ia!'. The first system ends with a double bar line, and the second system also ends with a double bar line.

CONFESSION

Melanie Marsh Baum

Loving God, we confess that at times we do not share in the joy of the resurrection but are caught in the worries of the world. We confess that we do not always live in the spirit of new life but remain discontent, grumbling and anxious. Forgive us for not sharing in the Good News. Forgive us when we find it more comfortable to worry and complain than to risk the joy and encouragement of new life in Christ. Call us back to Your ways, O God, to seek hope and reconciliation, restoration and peace. With our faces turned to the rising sun, we silently confess all that separates us from god, creation, and each other.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Leader: Do not be afraid! The tomb is empty! Anyone in Christ is born anew!

People: We are forgiven, and we begin again in love! Thanks be to God!

HYMN 525

*Let us break bread together*

LET US BREAK BREAD

*We will sing three times.*

Let us praise God together on our knees.

Let us praise God together on our knees.

When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun,

O Lord, have mercy on me.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURES

*Luke 24:1–12*

Jesse Calverl

*Luke 24:13–35*

Daria Bruch

*Luke 24:36–43*

Matthew Haberbusch

HOMILY

*Never Leave a Good Rock Unused*

Kevin J. Lowry

HYMN

*I Danced in the Morning*

LORD OF THE DANCE

**I danced in the morning when the world was begun,  
And I danced in the moon and the stars and the sun,  
And I came down from heaven and I danced on the earth,  
At Bethlehem I had my birth.**

*Refrain*

*Dance, then, wherever you may be;  
I am the Lord of the Dance, said he.  
And I'll lead you all wherever you may be,  
And I'll lead you all in the dance, said he.*

**I danced for the scribe and the Pharisee,  
But they would not dance and they would not follow me;  
I danced for the fishermen, for James and John;  
They came to me and the dance went on.**

*Refrain*

**I danced on the Sabbath when I cured the lame,  
The holy people said it was a shame;  
They whipped and they stripped and they hung me high;  
And they left me there on a cross to die.**

*Refrain*

**I danced on a Friday and the sky turned black;  
It's hard to dance with the devil on your back;  
They buried my body and they thought I'd gone,  
But I am the dance and I still go on.**

*Refrain*

**They cut me down and I leapt up high,  
I am the life that'll never, never die;  
I'll live in you if you'll live in me;  
I am the Lord of the Dance, said he.**

*Refrain*

CLOSING PRAYER AND BENEDICTION

Kevin J. Lowry

POSTLUDE

Audrey Lord, Cello