



Timber Ridge
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
“Old Stone Church”
APRIL 12, 2020—EASTER SUNRISE

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It is not possible for us to hold large or even small gatherings this year during the social distancing. However, Easter morning will still arrive, and most people in any place or situation may rise early to greet the Risen Christ. What follows is a brief order and followed by a set of suggestions for a sunrise service that fits a wide variety of needs.

Getting up in the dark of early Easter morning is a challenge for some, but that challenge is part of what makes Easter Sunrise compelling

ORDER OF WORSHIP:

1. Sing or recite a resurrection hymn and end with a prayer.
2. Read scripture, including an account of the open tomb:
Matthew 28:1-10 or John 20:1-18.
Alleluia! Christ is risen!
The Lord is risen indeed, Alleluia!
3. Silent or spoken reflection on the scripture reading.
4. Brief Prayer, extemporaneous or using one below.
5. Closing hymn, sung or spoken out loud.
6. Blessing.

ADDITIONAL ACTIONS MAY BE ADDED:

1. Go outside if possible.
2. Sing, with or without accompaniment, a resurrection hymn (see suggestions below).
3. Light a fire in a portable fire pit and/or light a lantern or a candle.

Responsive:

The Light of Christ.
All: Thanks be to God!

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ENDING PRAYER

Almighty God, Jesus conquered death
and offered to us your salvation.

Grant that we who greet our risen Lord
may follow him from the empty tomb into eternal life,
for he lives and reigns with you forever. Amen.

BLESSING

The grace of our Lord, Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the
companionship of the Holy Spirit is with us!

Amen.

Go in peace to love and serve the Risen Lord.

Thanks be to God.

(In Unison:)

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

The Lord is risen indeed, Alleluia!

In addition to the Gospel, you may first read one or more appropriate lessons from the Old Testament, such as:

Genesis 1:1-2:4a

Genesis 22:1-18

Exodus 14:10-31

Ezekiel 37:1-14

Psalms 118:1-2, 14-24

RESPONSIVE PRAYER

For Christians throughout the world who celebrate the resurrection of Jesus this Easter morning, that we may know that nothing can separate us from the love of Christ, we pray to the Lord:

Lord, hear our prayer.

For leaders of the nations and cities of the world, that they may be wise in their administration of government during this pandemic, and selflessly serve the common good, we pray to the Lord:

Lord, hear our prayer.

For doctors, nurses and other healthcare workers who tend the sick and dying, that they fulfill their vocation without undue fear of personal danger, we pray to the Lord:

Lord, hear our prayer.

For all who are sick and those alone in quarantine, that they may find comfort and care in their time of need, we pray to the Lord,

Lord, hear our prayer.

For the earth you have given to our care, and for all creatures who share it with us, that you may be glorified in all your works, we pray to the Lord,

Lord, hear our prayer.

Loving God, we your children never pray alone, but only with all your saints in all the world. Therefore, we pray as Jesus taught us: ***Our Father...*** [Here pray the Lord's Prayer]

Up From the Grave He Arose

1. 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!**

3. Death cannot keep its prey, Jesus my Savior;
he tore the bars away, Jesus my Lord!

Refrain:

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today

1. 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!

2. 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!