**Worship Plan for Easter SON-rise Service**

**Sunday, April 21, 2019**

**PRELUDE**

**WELCOME**

Good morning and welcome to this SON-rise service at Advent Lutheran. We are so glad you have chosen to worship with us today on this Easter Sunday. You may have noticed that things are beginning a bit dark this morning. This service is designed to move from the darkness of Good Friday to the Joy and Light of the Resurrection, but we’re not there yet.

Imagine for a moment what it must have been like that first Easter morning. The Sabbath has ended and the women traveled in the early dawn to the grave where they had seen Jesus’ body laid to rest.

**DAYBREAK**

**\*GATHERING SONG**

*That Easter Day with Joy was Bright (ELW 384)*

*vs. 1, 2, 4*

**\*PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

Trusting in Christ’s Passover from death to new life, we pray for the church, those in need, and all of God’s creation.

God of resurrection, awaken your church from the slumber of sin and complacency.

Lead us out of the shadows of the tomb to walk in newness of life.

Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great!**

Unite the will of humankind as stewards of all you have made.   
Lead us in speech and practice to promote the well-being of our living planet.

Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great!**

Deliver the nations from powers and systems that threaten or harm individuals and communities. Renew our ways of living faithfully with you and with our neighbors.

Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great!**

Make yourself known in the depths of human suffering,

and give hope to those who are overwhelmed by grief and despair (especially).

Assure them of your presence and promise.

Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great!**

Give rest to people who work through the night; nurses and doctors,

emergency workers, security officers, store employees and others.

In the rising of the sun, reveal your abundant hope to them.

Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great!**

Gather together saints from every time and place at the entrance to Christ’s tomb. Dispel the doubts and fears that keep us from trusting in your resurrection life.

Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great!**

Attend to the needs of the whole world with your saving grace, and lead us all into new life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

*(The lesson is read by the lay assistant)*

**THE Lesson**:  Romans 6:3-11

A reading from Paul’s letter to the church in Rome.

3Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death?

4Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life.

5For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his.

6We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, and we might no longer be enslaved to sin. 7For whoever has died is freed from sin.

8But if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. 9We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him.

10The death he died, he died to sin, once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. 11So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand to welcome the Gospel.*   
**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:**

Alleluia.

Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of eternal life.

Alleluia. Alleluia.

*(The gospel is read by the pastor)*

**GOSPEL: John 20:1-18**

The holy gospel according to John.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

**20** Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb.

2So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, “They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him.”

3Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. 4The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first.

5He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. 6Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there,

7and the cloth that had been on Jesus’ head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. 8Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed;

9for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. 10Then the disciples returned to their homes.

11But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; 12and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet.

13They said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping?” She said to them, “They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him.”

14When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus.

15Jesus said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?” Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, “Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away.”

16Jesus said to her, “Mary!” She turned and said to him in Hebrew, “Rabbouni!” (which means Teacher).

17Jesus said to her, “Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, ‘I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.’ ”

18Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, “I have seen the Lord”; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

*I Know That My Redeemer Lives (ELW 619)*

*vs. 1, 2, 4, 8*

**THE RESURRECTION STORY**

**THE EASTER GREETING**

Alleluia! Christ is Risen

**He is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

The life and peace the Risen Lord be with you always.

**And also with you!**

Please greet one another with Christ’s peace.

**\*HYMN OF PRAISE***This is the Feast (ELW p. 140)*

**\*THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE**

Blessed are you, O God of the universe.

Your mercy is everlasting and your faighfulness endures from age to age.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread and gave thanks,   
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying;

“Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying;

“This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

With this bread and cup we remember our Lord’s Passover from death to life as we proclaim the mystery of faith;

**Christ has died. Christ is risen! Christ will come again.**

O God of resurrection and new life; pour out your Holy Spirit on us and on these gifts of bread and wine. Bless this feast. Grace our table with your presence.

**Come, Holy Spirit.**

Reveal yourself to us in the breaking of the bread. Raise us up as the body of Christ for the world. Breath new life into us. Send us forth in the light of your resurrection with justice, peace, and love for all.

**Come, Lord Jesus.**

**\*LORD’S PRAYER**

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,**

**thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread;**

**and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us;**

**and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever.   
Amen.**

**\*INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

Jesus Christ, risen from the dead, gives everyone a place at the welcome table.

**Alleluia! Thanks be to God!**

**COMMUNION**

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Life-giving God,   
In the mystery of Christ’s death and resurrection

You send light to conquer darkness, water to give new life,

And the bread of heaven to nourish your people.

Send us forth as witnesses to Jesus’ resurrection

That we may show your glory to all the world;

Through the same Jesus Christ, our risen Lord.

**Amen**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**\*Blessing**

May God who has brought us from death to life fill you with great joy.

Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit,

Bless you now and forever.  
**Amen.**

**\*Sending Song**    
*Jesus Christ is Risen Today (ELW 365)*

**\*DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Serve the Risen Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia!**

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