



SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP

*with UCC Westerly
on EASTER!!!*

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PASTOR'S WELCOME & THE ANCIENT EASTER GREETING

One: Christ is risen!

All: Christ is risen indeed!

PRELUDE – “Come, Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain”

Organ & Tone Chimes

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DEACON'S WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP –

[Adapted from *An Iona Prayerbook*, Peter Millar, Ed., © 1998, The Canterbury Press, p. 103]

Blow the trumpet, Lord! Call a celebration! Let stories be told and tears shed. Let prayers be uttered and laughter break forth. Let bread be broken and wine shared until your kingdom comes among us, bringing its many surprises, just like the empty tomb.

OPENING SONG – “Christ the Lord is Risen Today”

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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!*
3. *Soar we now where Christ has led, Alleluia!
Following our exalted Head, Alleluia!
Made like him, like him we rise, Alleluia!
Ours the cross, the grave, the skies, Alleluia!*

UNISON PRAYER OF REFLECTION

[Adapted from *An Iona Prayerbook*, Peter Millar, Ed., © 1998, The Canterbury Press, p. 102]

Amazing, Incredible God, your power alone can lead from death to life. Hover over the chaos of our lives and create a new moment for each of us in which we

hear your call to live again. Fill us with the breath of life when we are immersed in the living of life each day with its joys and sorrows, its endings and beginnings. Hear us as we shout our joy to the heavens as we proclaim this, your resurrection day! May this new life we celebrate in this moment carry us forward through all the days ahead, whatever they may hold. This we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

A SIMPLE CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

Statement of Faith [Taken from the daily liturgy for morning worship, The Iona Community]

With the whole church, we affirm that we are made in God's image, befriended by Christ, empowered by the Spirit.

With people everywhere, we affirm God's goodness at the heart of humanity, planted more deeply than all that is wrong.

With all creation, we celebrate the miracle and wonder of life, the unfolding purposes of God, forever at work in ourselves and the world.

Words of Invitation, Explanation and Consecration

Song of Preparation – *Let Us Break Bread Together*

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1. *Let us break bread together on our knees (2 X)*

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

O Lord, have mercy on me.

Prayer of Thanksgiving: **Loving God, we give you thanks for this time of refreshment at the table of Jesus. Renew our faith, refresh our souls and increase our love for each other and all of your beloved people. Fill us each day with the light of your presence showing us the way forward through life you would have us follow. Amen.**

THE MORNING MESSAGE –

Scripture Reading: Mark 16:1-8

Message – *Fleeing the Tomb*

Rev. Ruth

Meditation Music – “He Is Lord”

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SONG OF RESPONSE – “*The Day of Resurrection*”

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1. *The day of resurrection! Earth tell it out abroad;*

The Passover of gladness, the Passover of God.

From death to life eternal, from earth unto the sky,

Our Christ hath brought us over, with hymns of victory.

2. *Our hearts be pure from evil, that we may see aright*

The Lord in rays eternal of resurrection light;

And listening to his accents, may hear so calm and plain,

His own “All hail!” and, hearing, may raise the victor strain.

3. *Now let the heavens be joyful! Let earth the song begin!*

Let the round world keep triumph, and all that is therein!

Let all things seen and unseen their notes in gladness blend,

For Christ the Lord hath risen, our joy that hath no end.

A TIME OF PRAYER

Pastoral Prayer & Silent Prayers

The Lord's Prayer in whatever words are most comfortable for you.
Musical response

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD

Anthem – “*Thine Is the Glory*”

Tone Chimes Choir

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Acknowledgement of Gifts & Offerings*

Doxology: [©Public Domain]

“Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Christ all creatures here below; Praise Holy Spirit, Comforter; One God, Triune, whom we adore. Amen.”

CLOSING SONG – *Thine Is the Glory*

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1. *Thine is the glory, risen, conquering Son; endless is the victory
Thou o'er death has won. Angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away,
Kept the folded grave clothes where thy body lay.
Refrain: *Thine is the glory, risen, conquering Son; endless is the victory
thou o'er death has won.**
2. *Lo! Jesus meets us, risen from the tomb; lovingly he greets us,
Scatters fear and gloom. Let his church with gladness hymns of triumph sing,
For her Lord now liveth: death hath lost its sting.
Refrain*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

A PRAYER OF BENEDICTION— [Numbers 6:24-26]

May God bless you and keep you. May God's face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.
May God's countenance be lifted up upon you and give you peace. Amen.

Sung Response – Let There Be Peace on Earth

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*Let there be peace on earth and let it begin with me;
let there be peace on earth, the peace that was meant to be.
With God our creator, children all are we.
Let us walk with each other, in perfect harmony.
Let peace begin with me, let this be the moment now.
With every step I take, let this be my solemn vow:
To take each moment and live each moment in peace eternally.
Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me.*

CHRIST IS RISEN! CHRIST IS RISEN INDEED!

PASSING OF THE PEACE

POSTLUDE – “Church Bells”

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## Mark 16:1-8

When the sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. They had been saying to one another, 'Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?' When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man, dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. But he said to them, 'Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him. But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you.' So they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

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