

## Easter Morning

### Welcome

One: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the kinship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

**ALL: And also with you.**

One: We are followers of the One who is resurrected.

**ALL: Amen.**

### A Moment for Reflection

#### Responsorial Prayer

One: O Jesus, in your resurrection, the heavens and the earth rejoice. Alleluia. By your resurrection you broke open the gates of hell, and destroyed sin and death.

**ALL: Keep us victorious over sin.**

One: By your resurrection you raised the dead, and brought us from death to life.

**ALL: Guide us in the way of eternal life.**

One: By your resurrection, you confounded your guards and executioners, and filled the disciples with joy.

**ALL: Guide us in you service.**

One: By your resurrection you proclaimed good news to women and apostles, and brought salvation to the whole world.

**ALL: Direct our lives as your new creation.**

(Silence)

One: God of mercy, we no longer look for Jesus among the dead, for he is alive and has become the Lord and Promise of life beyond our wildest dreams. From the waters of our baptism, deep, dark, mysterious, ever-flowing – you raise us with him and renew your gift of life within us. Increase in our minds and our hearts the risen life we now share with Jesus the Christ. Help us to grow as your people with all your people through this promise of Easter that now burns in our hearts with the energy and wildly inclusive love you have showered upon us. We ask these things in the name of your Son, Our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

### Prayer for Illumination

**Gospel Reading :** John 20: 19 – 23

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

### Sharing the Peace

#### Meditation

**Hymn # 592** *Glory be to the Father;  
and to the Son; and to the Holy Ghost;  
As it was in the beginning,  
Is now and ever shall be,  
World without end.  
Amen. Amen.*

**The Prayer of Jesus**

**Benediction**

**Closing Hymn**      *Morning Has Broken*      Nina Voneckard

*Morning Has Broken*

Morning has broken, like the first morning  
Blackbird has spoken, like the first bird  
Praise for the singing, praise for the morning  
Praise for them springing fresh from the world

Sweet the rain's new fall, sunlit from heaven  
Like the first dewfall, on the first grass  
Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden  
Sprung in completeness where his feet pass

Mine is the sunlight, mine is the morning  
Born of the one light, Eden saw play  
Praise with elation, praise every morning  
God's recreation of the new day



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