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**April 9, 2023 – Easter Sunday**

“Our Lord has written the promise of resurrection, not in books alone but in every leaf of springtime.”

– *Martin Luther*

**Gathering Song**

Jesus Christ has Risen Today

VU 155

*Jesus Christ is risen today, hallelujah!  
our triumphant holy day, hallelujah!  
who did once, upon the cross, hallelujah!  
suffer to redeem our loss. Hallelujah!*

*Hymns of praise then let us sing hallelujah!  
unto Christ, our heavenly King, hallelujah!  
who endured the cross and grave, hallelujah!  
sinners to redeem and save. Hallelujah!*

*Sing we to our God above, hallelujah!  
praise eternal as God's love; hallelujah!  
praise our God, ye heavenly host, hallelujah!  
praise the Son and Holy Ghost. Hallelujah!*

**Worship Call and Candle Lighting**

In this moment

*Where mystic and modern meet.*

In this moment

*of empty tombs and heavenly messengers.*

In this moment

*of life, of death, of resurrection,*

We come.

*We come to wonder, we come to hope.*

But most of all, right now,

*We come this morning to worship God, Alleluia.*

**Candle Lighting**

**Acknowledging the Land**

*Sing*

Hey Now! Singing Hallelujah

MV 121

*Hey Now! Singing Hallelujah! Hey Now! The morning has come!  
Hey Now! Singing Hallelujah! The tomb was empty at the rising sun.*

*Jesus loved people and he made them friends,  
Hey now, the tomb was empty.  
He called to the children and the women and men.  
Hey now, the tomb was empty.*

*Jesus healed people and he helped them be well.  
Hey now, the tomb was empty.  
He taught about God in the stories he'd tell.  
Hey now, the tomb was empty.*

*Hey Now! Singing Hallelujah! Hey Now! The morning has come!  
Hey Now! Singing Hallelujah! The tomb was empty at the rising sun.*

*Jesus had power and they took him away.  
Hey now, the tomb was empty.  
They nailed him to a cross and they killed him one day.  
Hey now, the tomb was empty.*

*Jesus loves people and he lives again!  
Hey now, the tomb was empty.  
Calls us disciples and he calls us his friends.  
Hey now, the tomb was empty.*

*Hey Now! Singing Hallelujah! Hey Now! The morning has come!  
Hey Now! Singing Hallelujah! The tomb was empty at the rising sun.*

## **Opening Prayer**

***God, we thank you for the joy that comes with this dawn. We thank you for the hope that is born in our hearts to reveal a new day. In resurrection we are connected and reconnected with you. Thank you for being with your people today and always. Amen***

## **And Now For Something Completely Different**

***Sing***

The Spring has Come

VU 187

The spring has come, let all the church be part of it!  
The world has changed, and God is at the heart of it!

New light, new day, new colour after winter grey.  
New light, new day,  
the spring has come, let all the church be part of it!

The sun is warm, let all God's children play in it!  
The world expands, let's spread the Gospel way in it!

New leaf, new thrust, new greening for the love of Christ.  
New leaf, new thrust,  
the sun is warm, let all God's children play in it!

The spring has come, new people are the flowers of it.  
Through wind and rain, new life is in the showers of it.

New bud, new shoot, new hope will bear the Spirit's fruit.  
New bud, new shoot,  
the spring has come, new people are the flowers of it!

### **Prayer of Illumination**

### **The Happiness Box**

### **Ancient Reading                      John 20:1-18**

*Gift of music*                      Hallelujah, Resurrection Day!

### **A Gardener's Robe**

*Sing*                                      I Danced in the Morning                                      VU 352v.1

*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 from heaven and I danced on the earth;  
at Bethlehem I had my birth.*

*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.*

### **A Healing Robe**

*Sing*                                      I Danced in the Morning                                      VU 352v.2

*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 with me and the dance went on.*

*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.*

### **A Shining Robe**

*Sing*                                      I Danced in the Morning                                      VU 352v.3

*I danced on the Sabbath and I cured the lame;*

*the holy people said it was a shame;  
they whipped and they stripped and they hung me high,  
and left me there on a cross to die.*

*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.*

### **A Humble Robe**

**Sing**

I Danced in the Morning

VU 352v.4

*I danced on a Friday when 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.*

*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.*

### **A Strewn Robe**

**Sing**

I Danced in the Morning

VU 352v.5

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

*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.*

### **A Powerful Robe**

#### **Communion**

The peace of Christ be with you.

***And also with you.***

We are not alone, we live in God's world.

Lift up your hearts.

***We lift them up to God.***

Let us give thanks and praise.

***It is right to give our thanks and praise.***

## **Prayer**

**Sing**

Holy, Holy, Holy

MV 203

*O holy, holy holy God,  
O God of time and space.  
All earth and sea and sky above  
bear witness to your grace.*

*Hosanna in the highest heav'n,  
creation sings your praise.  
And blessed is the One who comes  
and bears your name always!*

**Communion Song**

Sing Christ has Died

MV 204

*Sing Christ has died and Christ is risen,  
Christ will come again!  
Sing Christ has died and Christ is risen,  
Christ will come again!*

**Sing**

Amen

MV 205

*Amen, amen, O Holy One!  
Hosanna and Amen!  
Amen, amen, O Holy One!  
Hosanna and Amen!*

## **Prayer after Communion**

### **Responding to God and Community**

**Sing Response**

Joy Comes With the Dawn

VU 166

*Joy comes with the dawn;  
joy comes with the morning sun;  
joy springs from the tomb  
and scatters the night with her song,  
joy comes with the dawn.*

## **Prayers of the People**

**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**

**Sing**

The Day of Resurrection

VU 164

*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 has brought us over with hymns of victory.*

*Our hearts be free of evil, that we may see aright  
the Christ in rays eternal of resurrection light,  
and, listening to the accents, may hear so calm and plain  
Christ's own 'All hail!' and, hearing, may raise the victor strain.*

*Now let the heavens be joyful, let earth its song begin,  
the round world keep high triumph, and all that is therein;  
let all things seen and unseen their notes of gladness blend,  
for Christ indeed is risen, our Joy that has no end.*

### **Benediction & Commissioning**

**Sing blessing**

This is the Day that God has Made

VU 175

*This is the day that God has made!  
Rejoice! Rejoice, and be exceeding glad!  
This is the day that God has made!  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Hallelujah! (Repeat)*