

be crucified, and on the third day rise.” And they remembered his words, and returning from the tomb they told all this to the eleven and to all the rest.

Now it was Mary Magdalene and Joanna and Mary the mother of James and the other women with them who told this to the apostles; but these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them.

L: This is the word of the Lord;

P: **Thanks be to God!**

HOMILY

“The Risen Christ”

Rev. Frank Wyche

HYMN

*The Strife Is O'er, the Battle Done*

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MORNING PRAYER [Anonymous] AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

O Risen Christ, who has conquered death, we praise you, the Lamb of God. May

your message and your glory spread everywhere. May your love reign on earth, as it does in heaven. Lead us to acknowledge the Suffering Servant, as we become servants of others. Protect us from ourselves, and help us to protect others, O gracious Savior, and Prince of Peace.

And teach us to pray, as you taught your disciples to pray, saying, 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil; for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen

HYMN

*Thine Is the Glory*

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BENEDICTION

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## Easter Sunrise Service

March 23, 2008

Easter ~ Resurrection of the Lord

7:00 A.M.

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Frank Wyche

#### **Responsive Call to Worship** ~ From *Meditative Moments* by Pastor Shawn, Minnedosa, Canada

L: This is the Good News of Easter: The tomb is empty, Christ is risen. [Mark 16:6]

**P: He is risen indeed. Alleluia!** [Luke 24:34]

L: This is the Good News of Easter: The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness can never put it out. [John 1:5]

**P: Once we were no people, but now we are God's people, the living body of Christ.**  
[1 Peter 1:10; 1 Corinthians 12:27]

L: In the quiet in the garden, in the hush of the upper room, the risen Christ greets us.  
[John 20:11-16; John 20:19]

**P: As God raised Jesus, so God will also raise us up by his power.** [1 Corinthians 6:14]

*All: We are an Easter people, a resurrection people, and our souls are filled with songs of praises, and alleluias to our God!*

### UNISON OPENING PRAYER

Gracious and loving God, we gather in joy and thanksgiving as we remember your greatest gift to us, and to all humanity: the gift of yourself in Jesus Christ, Our Lord. On this day we remember how you defeated death forever, by raising Jesus from the dead. God of glory, fill your church with the power that flows from Christ's resurrection, so that, in the midst of this sinful world, it may signal the beginning of a renewed humanity, risen to new life with Christ, who lives and reigns with you, and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

### HYMN

*The Day of Resurrection*

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### LITANY FOR EASTER ~ From the PCUSA *Book of Common Worship*

L: O Christ, after your resurrection you appeared to your disciples; you breathed on them, so that they received the Holy Spirit.

**P: You gave joy and exultation to the whole creation.**

*All: Through your victory, we pray to you: Hear us, Lord of glory.*

L: O Christ, after your resurrection you sent out your disciples to make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost, and teaching them to observe all that you had commanded.

**P: You also promised to be with them, and with us, until the end of the world.**

*All: Through your victory, we pray to you: Hear us, Lord of glory.*

L: O Christ, through your resurrection you lifted us up, and filled us with rejoicing.

**P: Through your salvation, you enrich us with your gifts, renew our lives, and fill our hearts with joy.**

*All: Through your victory, we pray to you: Hear us, Lord of glory.*

L: O Christ, you are glorified by angels in heaven, and worshiped on earth.

**P: On the glorious feast of your resurrection, we pray to you:**

*All: Hear us, Lord of glory.*

L: Merciful God, you raised your beloved Son, and in your love you established him as head of your Church, and ruler of the universe.

**P: Save us, O Christ, in your goodness. Extend your mercy to your people who await the resurrection, and have mercy on us.**

L: O God, you gave your only Son, our Lord, to suffer death on the cross to redeem us from sin; and by his glorious resurrection you delivered us from the power of death.

**P: Fill us with the Holy Spirit, so that daily we may die to sin, and live forever in the joy of Christ's resurrection.**

*All: Hear us, Lord of glory, for we pray in Jesus' name, as he commanded us, to the glory of the Father, and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.*

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

GOSPEL LESSON ~ Luke 23: 44-46; 23:50-24:11

It was now about the sixth hour [noon], and there was darkness over the whole land until the ninth hour [about 3 p.m.], while the sun's light failed; and the curtain of the temple was torn in two. Then Jesus, crying with a loud voice, said, "Father, into thy hands I commit my spirit!" And having said this he breathed his last.

Now there was a man named Joseph, from the Jewish town of Arimathea. He was a member of the council, a good and righteous man, who had not consented to their purpose and deed, and he was looking for the kingdom of God. This man went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. Then he took it down and wrapped it in a linen shroud, and laid him in a rock-hewn tomb, where no one had ever yet been laid. It was the day of Preparation, and the sabbath was beginning. The women who had come with him from Galilee followed, and saw the tomb, and how his body was laid; then they returned, and prepared spices and ointments. On the sabbath they rested according to the commandment.

But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, they went to the tomb, taking the spices which they had prepared. And they found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they went in they did not find the body. While they were perplexed about this, behold, two men stood by them in dazzling apparel; and as they were frightened and bowed their faces to the ground, the men said to them, "Why do you seek the living among the dead? Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, that the Son of man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men, and

