



**EARLY SERVICE OF WORSHIP**  
**APRIL 15, 2001**  
**7:30 AM**



**GREETING**

Grace and peace to you from Jesus Christ our Lord. My brothers and sisters in Christ: on this most holy morning in which Jesus Christ passed over from death to life, we gather as the church to watch, pray, and rejoice. This is the Passover of Christ in which we share in Christ's victory over death.

**LIGHTING OF THE PASCHAL CANDLE**

The Light of Christ rises in glory, overcoming the darkness of sin and death.  
**Christ is our light.**

\*GLORIA PATRI #71

"Glory Be to the Father"

GREATOREX

**OPENING PRAYER**

**God of life, through Jesus Christ you have bestowed upon the world the light of life. You have rolled the stone away and the tomb is empty! The night is passed and with dawn comes new creation. Christ is risen to bring us new**

ANTHEM

“Here, O My Lord, I See Thee”

INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION

GREAT THANKSGIVING

GIVING THE BREAD AND CUP

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

INVITATION TO THE STATIONS OF RESURRECTION

You are invited to journey together to the different stations  
where you will receive symbols of resurrection.

### IN THE COURTYARD

HYMN #310

“He Lives”

ACKLEY

**I serve a risen Savior, he's in the world today; I know that he is living,  
whatever foes may say. I see his hand of mercy, I hear his voice of cheer, and  
just the time I need him, he's always near.**

**Chorus:**

*He lives (he lives), he lives (he lives), Christ Jesus lives today! He walks with me and talks with me along life's narrow way. He lives (he lives), he lives (he lives), salvation to impart! You ask me how I know he lives? He lives within my heart.*

**In all the world around me I see his loving care, and though my heart grows weary, I never will despair. I know that he is leading through all the stormy blast; the day of his appearing will come at last. *Chorus***

**Rejoice, rejoice, O Christian, lift up your voice and sing eternal hallelujahs to Jesus Christ the King! The hope of all who seek him, the help of all who find; none other is so loving, so good and kind. *Chorus***

SCRIPTURE READING

PRAYER OF BLESSING

BENEDICTION

passed and with dawn comes new creation. Christ is risen to bring us new life. Sanctify this new fire and grant that our hearts and minds may also be kindled with holy desire to shine forth with the brightness of Christ's rising. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

\*HYMN #322

"Up From the Grave He Arose"

CHRIST AROSE

### LITANY OF ASSURANCE

God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; he went about doing good and healing all that were oppressed.

**Every one who believes in Jesus Christ receives forgiveness of sins through this name.**

They put Jesus to death by hanging him on a tree, but God raised Jesus on the third day and made him manifest.

**Every one who believes in Jesus Christ receives forgiveness of sins through this name.**

And Jesus commanded us to preach to the people, and to testify that he is the one ordained by God.

**Every one who believes in Jesus Christ receives forgiveness of sins through this name.**