



Alleluia!

Christ
Our Lord
Is Risen!

South Aiken Presbyterian Church

Easter Sunrise Service

April 12, 2009

7:00 AM

Gathering

Prelude

Preparation for the Word

Call to Worship

Leader: Do not be afraid; I know you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said.

People: Alleluia!

Prayer of the Day

Leader: Glorious Lord of life, by the mighty resurrection of your Son you overcame the old order of sin and death to make all things new in him. Grant that we who celebrate with joy Christ's rising from the dead may be raised from the death of sin to the life of righteousness; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

Hymn

"Jesus Christ Is Risen Today!"

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Prayer of Confession

Almighty God, in raising Jesus from the grave, you shattered the power of sin and death. We confess that we remain captive to doubt and fear, bound by the ways that lead to death. We overlook the poor and the hungry, and pass by those who mourn; we are deaf to the cries of the oppressed, and indifferent to calls for peace; we despise the weak, and abuse the earth you made. Forgive us, God of mercy. Help us to trust your power to change our lives and make us new, that we may know the joy of life abundantly given in Jesus Christ, the risen Lord.

(Time for Silent Confession)

Leader: Trusting in the Lord of Easter, the people said,

People: "Amen."

Assurance of Pardon

The Gloria Patri

The Word of God

Prayer for Illumination

Gospel Reading: *John 20:1-18*

Sermon *“Not Natural”*
Rev. Christopher Crotwell

Response to the Word

Responsive Prayer for Easter

Leader: O Christ, 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.

People: *Keep us victorious over sin.*

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

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

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

People: *Give us joy in your service.*

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

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

(Brief Time for Silence)

Leader: God of mercy, we no longer look for Jesus among the dead, for he is alive and has become the Lord of life. From the waters of death you raise us with him and renew your gift of life within us. Increase in our minds and hearts the risen life we share with Christ, and help us to grow as your people toward the fullness of eternal life with you, through Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: *Amen.*

Sending

Hymn *“Thine Is the Glory”* *See Page 4*

Benediction

***Welcome to the Easter Sunday Sunrise Worship at
South Aiken Presbyterian Church***

***We are blessed by your presence and greet you
in the name of the risen Lord!***

Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

*Jesus Christ is risen today, Alleluia! Our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!
Who did once upon the cross, Alleluia! Suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!*

*Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia! Unto Christ, our heavenly King,
Alleluia! Who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia! Sinners to redeem and
save. Alleluia!*

*But the pains which He endured, Alleluia! Our salvation have procured;
Alleluia! Now above the sky He's King, Alleluia! Where the angels ever sing.
Alleluia!*

*Sing we to our God above, Alleluia! Praise eternal as God's love;
Alleluia! Praise our God, ye heavenly host, Alleluia! Father, Son,
and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!*

Thine Is the Glory

*Thine is the glory, Risen, conquering Son; Endless is the victory
Thou o'er death hast won. Angels in bright raiment Rolled the stone away,
Kept the folded grave-clothes Where Thy body lay.*

*Lo! Jesus meets us, Risen from the tomb; Lovingly He greets us,
Scatters fear and gloom. Let the church with gladness Hymns of
triumph sing, For the Lord now liveth; Death hath lost its sting.*

*No more we doubt Thee, Glorious Prince of life! Life is nought without Thee;
Aid us in our strife. Make us more than conquerors Through Thy deathless
love; Bring us safe through Jordan To Thy home above.*

Refrain (last time only)

*Thine is the glory, Risen, conquering Son;
Endless is the victory Thou o'er death hast won.*