

Easter Morning Service  
Christ Is Risen!  
Sunday, March 31, 2024 10:00 a.m.

God's People Gather

Prelude Christ Arose *Words and Music by Robert Lowry 1826-1899  
Arranged by Mary McDonald*

Welcome

Invitation to Worship

Come celebrate the Good News!

**Christ has risen!**

God rises with every sunrise in the heavens,  
and reveals love and hope through the Son.

**The light of Christ shines through all the universe,  
on every day, from age to age.**

Come. Let us praise this glorious gift  
we have been given.

**Come. Let us worship our God.**

Hymn **Jesus Christ Is Risen Today** (Voices United 155)

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- 1 Jesus Christ is risen today, hallelujah!  
our triumphant holy day, hallelujah!  
who did once, upon the cross, hallelujah!  
suffer to redeem our loss. Hallelujah!
- 2 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!

3 But the pains which he endured, hallelujah!  
our salvation have procured; hallelujah!  
now above the sky he's King, hallelujah!  
where the angels ever sing. Hallelujah!

4 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!

Morning Prayer

A Time to Wonder

Special Music Lord of the Dance  
Arranged by Mark Hayes

Listening for God's Word

Scripture John 20:1-18

Reflection "The Gardener"

Hymn of the Day **Morning Has Broken** (Voices United 409)

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- 1 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 Word!
- 2 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 God's feet pass.

3 Ours is the sunlight! Ours is the morning  
born of the one light Eden saw play!  
Praise with elation, praise every morning,  
God's recreation of the new day!

Responding to God's Grace

Invitation to Offering

Choir Anthem

Resurrection Day

*Credits*

Offering Response *Please stand in body or spirit.*

**Give Thanks**

*Henry Smith CCLI #20235*

Give thanks with a grateful heart  
Give thanks to the Holy One  
Give thanks because He's given  
Jesus Christ His Son

And now let the weak say I am strong  
Let the poor say I am rich  
Because of what the Lord has done for us. Give Thanks.

Offertory Prayer

Pastoral Prayers and The Lord's Prayer

Hymn **You Are Holy**

*Michael W. Smith*

*CCLI Song # 2332149*

*Marc Imboden | Tammi Rhoton*

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You are holy (You are holy)  
You are mighty (You are mighty)  
You are worthy (You are worthy)  
Worthy of praise (worthy of praise)  
I will follow (I will follow)

I will listen (I will listen)  
I will love You (I will love You)  
All of my days (all of my days)

You are Lord of lords You are King of kings  
You are mighty God Lord of everything  
You're Emmanuel You're the Great I Am  
You're the Prince of Peace who is the Lamb  
You're the living God You're my saving grace  
You will reign forever You are Ancient of Days  
You are Alpha Omega Beginning and End  
You're my Savior Messiah Redeemer and Friend  
You're my Prince of Peace  
And I will live my life for You

*(Repeat)*

Blessing and Going Forth

Postlude

Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Give Thanks to  
the Risen Christ  
By Donald Fishel

*"Wishing you all the blessings and renewed hope  
this Easter time."*

*Cordova Bay United Church*

Worship Leaders – Pastor Beth Parsons  
Music Leader – Sharon Prindle-Collins  
Flutist – Johanna de Leeuw  
Pianist- Glenn Parsons  
Greeters – Clare and Bill Walker  
Scripture Reading – Joan Young  
Offering Invitation and Prayer – Clare Walker  
Technical Support – Jiemei Li and Rob Glenn  
Fellowship Time – Caring Ministry  
Flowers for the service are offered by Sue and Ken Christensen  
to celebrate Easter.