

EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE

6:30 AM | MOUNTAIN BROOK HIGH SCHOOL



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Welcome & Introduction of Churches

Wayne Splawn (MBBC)

Responsive Reading

An Easter Call to Worship

We are not eye-witnesses to an event, as were Mary and the disciples;
we have not journeyed through a dangerous city to seek answers or consolation;
we have not seen angels gathering at the rim of this day,
or wept in the garden this morning because we could not find Him.

**But we are here to attest to a story that has not lost its power during
twenty centuries of change and conflict.**

**We are here because those before us carried this story as if it were precious gold;
cherished it as if it were the key to a hidden wisdom.**

Sisters and brothers in Christ, take your places here today in celebration and in awe.
What you are about to hear again, has the capacity to change the world.
Your very presence attests to the rising up of life from the tomb of despair, and to the
uncontrollable power of God.

It is Easter morning again: and we will celebrate.

~written by Ann Siddall

Choral Praise

Resurrection Proclamation

Combined Choirs

Opening Prayer

Ryann Holley (BBC)

Scripture Reading

Genesis 1:1-2:2

Ryann Holley (BBC)

Song *I Will Rise* Andy Meginniss (SSEC)

Scripture Reading **Exodus 14:10-15:1** Sara Burks (MBBC)

Hymn *Christ the Lord is Risen Today*

Verse 1

Christ the Lord is risen today alleluia
Sons of men and angels say alleluia
Raise your joys and triumphs high alleluia
Sing ye heavens and earth reply alleluia

Verse 2

Lives again our glorious King alleluia
Where O death is now thy sting alleluia
Once he died our souls to save alleluia
Where's thy victory boasting grave alleluia

Verse 4

Soar we now where Christ has led alleluia
Following our exalted Head alleluia
Made like Him like Him we rise alleluia
Ours the cross the grave the skies alleluia

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Scripture Reading **Ezekiel 37:1-14** Elizabeth Bishop (SSEC)

Song *Jesus Paid It All* Joel Burks (MBBC)

Scripture Reading **John 20:1-18** Vincent Hicks (TV)

Sermon

John Burruss (SSEC)

Congregational Reading

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth;
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen

Prayers for Community

Mary Splawn (MBBC)

(Note: All respond to each bidding with the words, "Hear our prayer.")

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

Almighty God, who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ overcame death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: Grant that we, who celebrate with joy the day of the Lord's resurrection, may be raised from the death of sin by your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Prayers of the People, Form IV, Book of Common Prayer, pp. 388-389
Concluding Collect for Easter Day, Book of Common Prayer, p. 222

Closing Hymn

Because He Lives

Verse 1

God sent His Son they called Him Jesus
He came to love heal and forgive
He bled and died to buy my pardon
An empty grave is there to prove
My Savior lives

Chorus

Because He lives I can face tomorrow
Because He lives all fear is gone
Because I know He holds the future
And life is worth the living
Just because He lives

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Benediction

Dr. Blake Dempsey (BBC)