

SUNRISE SERVICE

PROVIDENCE FORGE
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH
APRIL 4, 2021
7AM

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Hallelujah! Let the earth rejoice! Christ is risen!

People: Christ is risen indeed! Hallelujah!

Leader: This is the day that the Lord has made;

People: Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

WELCOME

Rev. Nancy Coleman

SONG OF PRAISE

Melody Raef

BIBLE READING

Mark 16:1-18 (NRSV)

1 When the sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. **2** And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. **3** They had been saying to one another, “Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?” **4** When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. **5** As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man, dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. **6** But he said to them, “Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him. **7** But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you.” **8** So they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

REFLECTIONS ON THE EMPTY TOMB

Rev. Nancy Coleman

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (from *A Brief Statement of Faith*)

In life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one true God, the Holy One of Israel,

whom alone we worship and serve. With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

We offer our prayers through Christ, who is risen from the dead, and who through the Spirit gives life to our mortal lives. In the risen Christ, we pray for the church. Let us be Easter people who live in the power of the Spirit that raised Jesus from the dead. God who brings life out of death, **hear our prayer.** In the risen Christ, we pray for the earth. Let us be healers of your good creation — utilizing sustaining practices that mend the earth and its creatures. God who brings life out of death, **hear our prayer.** In the risen Christ, we pray for all nations. Let us be agents of your love for the peoples of the earth. God who brings life out of death, **hear our prayer.** In the risen Christ, we pray for our communities. Let us extend care and compassion to our schools, neighborhoods, cities and regions. God who brings life out of death, **hear our prayer.** In the risen Christ, we pray for loved ones. Let us be agents of hope for those who are fragile in our families, churches and community. Help us to comfort the afflicted. God who brings life out of death, **hear our prayer.** We pray all these things in the name of Jesus Christ, who taught us 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, the power, and the glory forever. Amen**”.

SONG OF RESPONSE

BENEDICTION

Christ is risen! **Christ is risen indeed!**

The same Spirit that raised Jesus from the dead is giving life to your mortal bodies. So fear not — for nothing in life or death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. **Hallelujah! Amen.**

Liturgy adapted from Roger Gench, *Presbyterian Outlook*

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