

# ORDER FOR THE PUBLIC WORSHIP of GOD

March 31, 2013

Easter Sunrise



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The Thirty-first Day of March, Two Thousand and Thirteen

#### Easter Sunrise Service

6:30 a.m. • Memphis Botanic Garden

Please assume a quiet and respectful attitude of worship. Please silence your mobile devices.

CALL TO WORSHIP. . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . D. Todd Erickson This is the good news – the grave is empty; Christ is risen. Hallelujah!

This is the good news once we were no people; now we are God's people.

### Hallelujah!

Christ is our peace, the indestructible peace we now share with each other.

## Hallelujah!

♦HYMN OF JOY: "Alleluia! Alleluia!".......ODE TO JOY

Alleluia, alleluia! Hearts to heaven and voices raise: Sing to God a hymn of gladness, sing to God a hymn of praise. He, Who on the cross a victim, for the world's salvation bled, Jesus Christ, the King of glory, now is risen from the dead.

Alleluia, Christ is risen! Death at last has met defeat: See the ancient powers of evil in confusion and retreat; Once He died, and once was buried: now He lives forevermore, Jesus Christ, the world's Redeemer, Whom we worship and adore.

## **†RESURRECTION LITANY**

We glory in Your cross, O Lord, and praise and glorify Your Holy Name; for by virtue of Your resurrection, joy has come to the whole world.

May God be merciful to us and bless us, show us the light of His countenance, and come to us. Let Your ways be known upon the earth, Your saving health among the nations.

Let the peoples praise You, O God; let all the peoples praise You. We glory in Your cross, O Lord, and praise and glorify Your Holy Name; for by virtue of Your resurrection, joy has come to the whole world.

## ♦CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . ODE TO JOY

Alleluia, alleluia! Glory be to God on high; Alleluia! to the Savior Who has gained the victory; Alleluia! to the Spirit, fount of love and sanctity: Alleluia, alleluia! to the Triune Majesty.

#### **†**PRAYER OF ADORATION

#### **†**GREETINGS

READING FROM THE ACTS OF THE APOSTLES ...... Acts 2:22-33

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In Christ alone my hope is found, He is my light, my strength, my song; This Cornerstone, this solid Ground, Firm through the fiercest drought and storm. What heights of love, what depths of peace, When fears are stilled, when strivings cease! My Comforter, my All in All, Here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone! Who took on flesh, Fullness of God in helpless babe! This gift of love and righteousness, Scorned by the ones He came to save: Till on that cross as Jesus died, The wrath of God was satisfied—For every sin on Him was laid; Here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground His body lay,
Light of the world by darkness slain:
Then bursting forth in glorious Day,
Up from the grave He rose again!
And as He stands in victory,
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me,
For I am His and He is mine—
Bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death, This is the power of Christ in me; From life's first cry to final breath, Jesus commands my destiny. No power of hell, no scheme of man, Can ever pluck me from His hand; Till He returns or calls me home, Here in the power of Christ I'll stand.

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READING FROM THE GOSPELS . . . . . . . . . . Luke 24:13-35

HOMILY From Emmaus to Jerusalem to You to... T. Barton Kimbro

 HYMN OF PRAISE: "Jesus Christ Is Risen Today"
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Jesus Christ is ris'n 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 heav'nly King, Alleluia! Who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia! Sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia!

Sing we to our God above Alleluia! Praise eternal as His love; Alleluia! Praise Him, all ye heav'nly host, Alleluia! Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!

#### **†BENEDICTION**

#### **BAGPIPE POSTLUDE**

♦ Indicates congregation standing

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