



He has
given us a new
birth into a living hope
through the resurrection
of Jesus Christ
from the dead.

1 Peter 1:3, NRSV

Easter Sunrise Service

Bethpage Presbyterian Church Cemetery

April 5, 2015

7:05 A.M.

Call to Worship

Leader: HE IS RISEN

People: HE IS RISEN INDEED

"Amazed"

Ann Weems

***Hymn**

"Christ Has Risen"

HOLY MANNA

Christ has risen while earth slumbers,
Christ has risen where hope died,
as he said and as he promised,
as we doubted and denied.

Let the moon embrace the blessing;
Let the sun sustain the cheer;
let the world confirm the rumor:
Christ is risen, God is here!

Christ has risen for the people
Whom he died to love and save;
Christ has risen for the women
bringing flowers to grace his grave.

Christ has risen for disciples
huddled in an upstairs room.
He whose word inspired creation
can't be silenced by the tomb.

Christ has risen to companion
former friends who fear the night,
sensing loss and limitation
where their faith had once burned bright.

They bemoan what is no longer,
they expect no hopeful sign
till Christ ends their conversation,
breaking bread and sharing wine.

Christ has risen and forever
lives to challenge and to change
all whose lives are messed or mangled,
all who find religion strange.

Christ is risen, Christ is present
making us what he has been ---
evidence of transformation
in which God is known and seen.

The Easter Story and Meditation

(Please come forward and place your flowers into the cross.)

*Hymn

"Up From the Grave He Arose"

CHRIST AROSE

Low in the grave He lay —
Jesus, my Savior,
Waiting the coming day —
Jesus, my Lord!

Refrain:

Up from the grave He arose,
With a mighty triumph o'er His foes,
He arose a Victor from the dark domain,
And He lives forever, with His saints to reign.
He arose! He arose!
Hallelujah! Christ arose!

Vainly they watch His bed —
Jesus, my Savior;
Vainly they seal the dead —
Jesus, my Lord!

Up from the grave He arose,
With a mighty triumph o'er His foes,
He arose a Victor from the dark domain,
And He lives forever, with His saints to reign.
He arose! He arose!
Hallelujah! Christ arose!

Death cannot keep his Prey —
Jesus, my Savior;
He tore the bars away —
Jesus, my Lord!

Up from the grave He arose,
With a mighty triumph o'er His foes,
He arose a Victor from the dark domain,
And He lives forever, with His saints to reign.
He arose! He arose!
Hallelujah! Christ arose!

Charge and Benediction

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*An asterisk indicates that all who are able may stand.

Please join us for our fellowship breakfast following the Sunrise Service. Also, we invite our visitors to join us for our Easter Day Worship Service, which will be held at 9:55 AM in the Church Sanctuary. We will celebrate the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper at this service and the BPC Choir will present an Easter Cantata, "*Behold the Lamb.*" If you are visiting with us today and would like more information about our church, please speak with our pastor or one of our elders.

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