

Alleluia Lutheran Church
Phoenix, Arizona
9:00 am – May 24, 2020

“Easter Sonrises”

“The stone was rolled away from the door, not to permit Christ to come out, but to enable the disciples to go in.” - Peter Marshall

“Sonrise and Forgiveness”

Welcome & Instructions

L: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

C: Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

L: Easter sunrise breaks the new day with new beginnings.

C: Does that mean we can start all over?

L: Start your day with confession and forgiveness.

C: Can forgiveness give us “Go Power?”

L: And God’s power! Forgiveness milks all the power of the cross

C: A breakfast of forgiveness snaps us out of our doldrums.

L: It crackles with love and grace and.

C: Pops our spirits with new energy.

L: Sonrise and forgiveness: He is risen.

C: He is risen, indeed.

Opening Song: *Lord, I Lift Your Name on High*

Lord, I lift Your name on high,
Lord, I love to sing your praises;
I'm so glad You're in my life,
I'm so glad You came to save us.

You came from heaven to earth, to show the way,
From the earth to the cross, my debt to pay;
From the cross to the grave, from the grave to the sky,
Lord, I lift Your name on high.

Easter Gospel: John 21:15-19

¹⁵When they had finished eating, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon son of John, do you truly love me more than these?" "Yes, Lord," he said, "you know that I love you." Jesus said, "Feed my lambs."¹⁶ Again Jesus said, "Simon son of John, do you truly love me?" He answered, "Yes, Lord, you know that I love you." Jesus said, "Take care of my sheep."¹⁷ The third time Jesus said to him, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" Peter was hurt because Jesus asked him the third time, "Do you love me?" He said, "Lord, you know all things; you know that I love you." Jesus said, "Feed my sheep."¹⁸ I tell you the truth, when you were younger you dressed yourself and went where you wanted; but when you are old you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will dress you and lead you where you do not want to go."¹⁹ Jesus said this to indicate the kind of death by which Peter would glorify God. Then Jesus said to Peter, "Follow me!"

Prayer:

L: Resurrected Lord,

C: We hear the Alleluias of the Easter Sonrise. We thank you for gathering your scattered flock under the umbrella of your forgiveness. We pray for leaders and mentors to teach us how to care and forgive. In the name of the resurrected Lord, we pray. Amen.

Message: "Sonrise and Forgiveness"

Prayers

L: Uplifted by the promised hope of healing and resurrection, we join the people of God in all times and places in praying for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

A brief silence.

O God, call your people to be one, as you are one. Unite your church in the truth of your gospel, the love of our neighbor, and the call to proclaim your reign to all people. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Give courage to all who embark on new ventures. Grant safety to those serving at home or abroad, and assure them of your never-failing strength. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Raise all your saints to eternal life. Until that day, we give you thanks for the faithful examples of those who have listened to your voice and now rest in you. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

With bold confidence in your love, almighty God, we place all for whom we pray into your eternal care; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Confession

L: Jesus, listen to our hearts: (silent confession)

L: Hear our confession:

C: Lord, we confess that we do not forgive as easily as we ask your forgiveness. Reach out your hand and gird us. Forgive us for we don't always want to go where you lead. Forgive us, Lord. Amen.

L: Follow Jesus to the cross and...

C: We hear Jesus' word: You are forgiven. Amen.

Coming to the Promise: Words of Institution

Come to the banquet. Behold the risen Christ.

L: Lord, teach us to pray.

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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

Distribution & Blessing

L: God has provided a new sunrise!

C: God promised us His seed to save us.

L: God has blessed us with a new sunrise!

C: Shouts of "Alleluias!" Follow me!

L: God has blessed us the Spirit.

C: Glory be to God our Creator, to Jesus the risen Christ, and to the Spirit our Comforter. Amen.

Sending Song: *Just a Closer Walk with Thee*

Refrain

Just a closer walk with thee,
grant it, Jesus, is my plea;
daily walking close to thee,
let it be, dear Lord, let it be.

1 I am weak but thou art strong:
Jesus, keep me from all wrong;
I'll be satisfied as long
as I walk, let me walk close to thee. *Refrain*

2 Through this world of toil and snares,
if I falter, Lord, who cares?
Who with me my burden shares?
None but thee, dear Lord, none but thee. *Refrain*

3 When my feeble life is o'er,
time for me will be no more;
guide me gently, safely o'er
to thy kingdom shore, to thy shore. *Refrain*

Dismissal

L: Christ is risen, just as he said. Go in peace. Share the good news. Alleluia!

C: Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Christ is risen, indeed!

Opening Song: *Lord I Lift Your Name*

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Sending Song: *Just a Closer Walk with Thee*

Text: North American traditional

Music: CLOSER WALK, North American traditional