

EASTER SUNDAY

SUNRISE SERVICE

MEMPHIS BOTANIC GARDEN

SUNDAY, APRIL 8



Order for the Public Worship of God

The Eighth Day of April, Two Thousand and Twelve

Easter Sunrise Service

6:30 a.m. • Memphis Botanic Gardens

Please assume a quiet and respectful attitude of worship.

Please silence your mobile devices.

BAGPIPE PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP: I Corinthians 15:50-56. D. Todd Erickson

I tell you this, brothers: flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable.

Behold! I tell you a mystery.

We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed,

in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet.

For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we shall be changed.

**For this perishable body must put on the imperishable,
and this mortal body must put on immortality.**

When the perishable puts on the imperishable, and the mortal puts on immortality, then shall come to pass the saying that is written: "Death is swallowed up in victory."

"O death, where is your victory? O death, where is your sting?"

The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law.

✦HYMN OF CELEBRATION: "Christ the Lord Is Risen Today". EASTER HYMN

Christ the Lord is ris'n today, Alleluia!

Sons of men and angels say; Alleluia!

Raise your joys and triumphs high; Alleluia!

Sing ye heav'ns, and earth, reply. Alleluia!

Vain the stone, the watch, the seal; Alleluia!

Christ has burst the gates of hell: Alleluia!

Death in vain forbids His rise; Alleluia!

Christ has opened paradise. Alleluia!

Lives again our glorious King; Alleluia!

Where, O death, is now thy sting? Alleluia!

Once He died, our souls to save; Alleluia!

Where thy victory, O grave? Alleluia!

**Soar we now where Christ has led, Alleluia!
Foll'wing our exalted Head; Alleluia!
Made like Him, like Him we rise; Alleluia!
Ours the cross, the grave, the skies, Alleluia!**

✦PRAYER OF ADORATION

✦GREETINGS

GOSPEL READING I Corinthians 15:21-22

✦RESPONSE: "Were You There? WERE YOU THERE?

Were you there when they crucified my Lord?
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?
Oh! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?

Were you there when they nailed Him to the tree?
Were you there when they nailed Him to the tree?
Oh! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.
Were you there when they nailed Him to the tree?

Were you there when they pierced Him in the side?
Were you there when they pierced Him in the side?
Oh! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.
Were you there when they pierced Him in the side?

Were you there when they laid Him in the tomb?
Were you there when they laid Him in the tomb?
Oh! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.
Were you there when they laid Him in the tomb.

Effie Johnson, soloist

Congregation joins:

**Were you there when He rose up from the dead?
Were you there when He rose up from the dead?
Oh! Sometimes I feel like shouting glory, glory, glory!
Were you there when He rose up from the dead?**

HOMILY

Resurrection: Epicenter of Life

A. Mitchell Moore

✦HYMN OF PRAISE: "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee". ODE TO JOY

**Joyful, joyful, we adore Thee, God of glory, Lord of love;
Hearts unfold like flowers before Thee, opening to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness, drive the dark of doubt away;
Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day.**

**All Thy works with joy surround Thee, earth and heaven reflect Thy rays,
Stars and angels sing around Thee, center of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain, flowery meadow, flashing sea,
Chanting bird and flowing fountain, call us to rejoice in Thee.**

**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, 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.**

✠BENEDICTION

BAGPIPE POSTLUDE

Instrumentalists: Donny Plunk, bagpipes; James Westermann, guitar; Rebecca Yu, violin

✠Indicates congregation standing

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The Memphis Sunrise Service is hosted by Second Presbyterian Church.

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