



Worship for Easter Sunrise Service

6:30 am Sunday April 20, 2014
at Alcyon Park Pavilion, Pitman, NJ

Greetings and Prayer

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Opening Hymn (attached) "Christ is Risen Shout Hosanna!"

Reading from Genesis 1

Response: **Almighty God who wonderfully created, yet more wonderfully restored, the dignity of human nature, grant that we may share the divine life of him who humbled himself to share our humanity, through Jesus Christ our Lord we pray. Amen.**

Reading from Exodus 14:10-15:1

Response: **God our Savior, as once you delivered by the power of your mighty arm your chosen Israel through the waters of the sea, so now deliver your church and all the peoples of the earth from bondage and oppression to rejoice and serve you in freedom, through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.**

Reading from Ezekiel 37: 1-14

Response: **Eternal God, you raised from the dead our Lord Jesus and by your Holy Spirit brought to life your church. Breathe upon us again with your spirit and give new life to your people through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Responsive Easter Proclamation

One: Rejoice, heavenly powers! Sing choirs of angels! Exult all creation around God's throne! Jesus Christ is risen. Sound the trumpet of salvation.

All: Rejoice, O earth, in shining splendor, radiant in the brightness of our King! Christ has conquered! Glory fills us! Darkness vanishes.

One: Rejoice, O church! Exult in glory! The risen Savior shines upon us. Let this place resound in joy echoing the mighty song of all God's people.

All: **May the morning star which never sets find this flame still burning: Christ, the Morning Star, who came back from the dead, and shed peaceful light on all creation. Thanks be to God who lives and reigns forever and ever. Amen.**

The Gospel Matthew 28:1-10

Closing Hymn (attached) "Jesus Christ is Risen Today"

Benediction We Share the Peace of Christ