

# EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE

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WYCKOFF  
REFORMED CHURCH

Worshiping God,  
Making Disciples of Jesus,  
Living Missionally

## HOSPITALITY NOTES

These resources are also available at [www.wyckoffreformed.org/worshipguides](http://www.wyckoffreformed.org/worshipguides).

If you need to use a restroom, they are available through the right-hand door at the front of the sanctuary.

**Bold sections will be read aloud together.**

We gather in darkness and silence.

## VOTUM

Our help is in the name of the Lord,  
who made heaven and earth, Amen.

## HYMN

"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 the sun refused to shine?...

MATTHEW 28:2-10

Look, there was a great earthquake, for an angel from the Lord came down from heaven. Coming to the stone, he rolled it away and sat on it. Now his face was like lightning and his clothes as white as snow. The guards were so terrified of him that they shook with fear and became like dead men. But the angel said to the women, "Don't be afraid. I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. He isn't here, because he's been raised from the dead, just as he said. Come, see the place where they laid him. Now hurry, go and tell his disciples, 'He's been raised from the dead. He's going on ahead of you to Galilee. You will see him there.' I've given the message to you."

With great fear and excitement, they hurried away from the tomb and ran to tell his disciples. But Jesus met them and greeted them. They came and grabbed his feet and worshipped him. Then Jesus said to them, "Don't be afraid. Go and tell my brothers that I am going into Galilee. They will see me there."

For Christ has died, but Christ is risen! **He is risen, indeed. Alleluia!**

## HYMN

"WERE YOU THERE?"

Were you there when God raised him from the tomb?...

## WELCOME

### HYMN

"CHRIST THE LORD IS RISEN TODAY"

Christ the Lord is ris'n today alleluia  
Sons of men and angels say alleluia  
Raise your joys and triumphs high alleluia  
Sing ye heavens and earth reply alleluia

Love's redeeming work is done alleluia  
Fought the fight the battle won alleluia  
Death in vain forbids Him rise alleluia  
Christ has opened paradise alleluia

Lives again our glorious King alleluia  
Where O death is now thy sting alleluia  
Dying once He all doth save alleluia  
Where thy victory O grave alleluia

### PRAYER FOR RENEWAL

"Almighty God, in raising Jesus from the grave, you shattered the power of sin and death. We confess that we still live like we were captive to doubt, fear, and shame, bound by the ways that lead to death. We overlook the poor and the hungry and pass by those who mourn; we are deaf to the cries of the oppressed and indifferent to calls for peace; we despise the weak and abuse the earth you made. Forgive us, God of mercy. Help us to trust your power to change our lives and make us new, that we may know the joy of life abundant given in Jesus Christ, the risen Lord. Amen."

### WORDS OF ASSURANCE

COLOSSIANS 2:13-15

When you were dead in trespasses, God made you alive together with him, when he forgave us all our trespasses, erasing the record that stood against us with its legal demands. He set this aside, nailing it to the cross. He disarmed the rulers and authorities and made a public example of them, triumphing over them in it.

## SCRIPTURE LESSON

ROMANS 6:1-11

This is the Word of the Lord, Thanks be to God, Amen!

## REFLECTION

### CONFESSION OF FAITH

#### APOSTLES' CREED

We join our voices together with Christians throughout the ages and across the world to proclaim these words:

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church,

the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,

the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

### EASTER PRAYER

Adapted from Ann Siddall

O God, with faces touched by the light of a new day, and hearts warmed by our prayers and praises, we come before you to pray for the needs of our world.

Into the light of Easter morning, we raise those who are struggling with illness, with despair over their lives, or with the breakdown of relationships.

Lord, we pray: **May the light of Christ shine upon them.**

Into the light of Easter morning, we bring those places in our world where war, violence, poverty and need are the experiences of everyday life.

Lord, we pray: **May the light of Christ shine upon them.**

Into the light of Easter morning, we bring the headline news of this weekend. We hold in our hearts the pain of those suffering violence, bereavement or conflict.

Lord, we pray: **May the light of Christ shine upon them.**

And into the light of Easter morning, we bring ourselves, the private struggles, the heart's yearnings, the hidden dreams, the weight of shame.

Lord, we pray: May the light of Christ shine upon them.

O Christ, we thank you for your light which shines in darkness and which the darkness cannot overcome. Continue to shine your light into the world that all people may know you and love you. We pray all this in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord, who taught us to pray, saying:

**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.**

**Forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.**

**Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the Kingdom and the power and the glory forever, Amen.**

## **HYMN**

**"IN CHRIST ALONE"**

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

**SENDING AND BLESSING**



**WYCKOFF**  
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**WORSHIPING GOD**

We believe that we were created to worship God!  
Join us every Sunday at 9:30am for worship live or online  
Childcare is available for all services,  
as well as Sunday School for children Pre-K through 8th Grade.

**MAKING DISCIPLES OF JESUS**

We believe our calling is to make disciples of Jesus and there are many opportunities to explore who Jesus is and to seek to grow in your faith here at The Wyckoff Reformed Church. Connect with us for more info about weekly prayer gatherings, Bible studies, book groups, and other opportunities to grow in Christ. We also have Youth Groups for Junior and Senior High School students to build community and grow together.

**LIVING MISSIONALLY**

We believe that we exist to join what God is already doing in our homes, neighborhoods, and the world. There are many opportunities to serve, either here at church or in the community—everything from nursery care and greeting to our food pantry or Giving Garden. We'd love for you to join us!

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