

EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE
2018



April 1, 2018
6:00 a.m.
St. Andrew's By-The-Sea
Hyannisport, Massachusetts

GREETINGRev Stephen Trimble

CALL TO WORSHIP..... René King

Leader: Morning has broken, but this morning is different.

ALL: The birds are singing tunes of joy to the birds surrounding the graves. The flower buds are bursting in colors, vibrant around each stone.

Leader: We've come to visit the grave of a friend, but "he is not here".

ALL: The sun is rising in the East; the shadowed grays turn bright! The Son is risen in our hearts; darkness and death end in defeat. A new age is dawning, and death cannot harm us.

Leader: Now we understand what Christ said, what God did. Now we can proclaim:

ALL: Christ is risen! Alleluia!

Hymn..... Christ the Lord is Risen Today

Scripture Lesson.....Mark 16:1-8..... Rev Philomena Hare

Message.....Rev Philomena Hare

Hymn.....Alleluia, the Strife is O'er

Litany.....René King

Leader: Lord God, early in the morning, when the world was young, you made life in all its beauty and terror; you gave birth to all that we know.

Hallowed be your name.

All: Hallowed be your name.

Leader: Early in the morning, when the world least expected it, a newborn child crying in a cradle announced that you had come among us, that you were one of us.

Hallowed be your name.

All: Hallowed be your name.

Leader: Early in the morning, surrounded by respectable liars, religious leaders, anxious statesmen, and silent friends, you accepted the penalty for doing good, for being God: you shouldered and suffered the cross.

Hallowed be your name.

All: Hallowed be your name.

Leader: Early in the morning, a voice in a guarded graveyard and footsteps in the dew proved that you had risen, that you had come back to those and for those who had forgotten, denied, and destroyed you.

Hallowed be your name.

All: Hallowed be your name.

Leader: This morning, in the multicolored company of your church on earth and in heaven, we celebrate your creation, your life, your death and resurrection, your interest in us; so we pray,

All: Lord, bring new life, where we are worn and tired; new love, where we have turned hard-hearted; forgiveness, where we feel hurt and where we have wounded; and the joy and freedom of your Holy Spirit, where we are prisoners of ourselves.

(A brief moment of silence is observed)

Leader: To everyone and to each of us, where regret is real, anger is crippling and disappointment is overwhelming, Jesus pronounces his pardon and grants us the right to begin again. Thanks be to God!

All: Amen.

PASTORAL PRAYER.....Rev Jonathan Singer

THE LORD'S PRAYER: 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. Amen

HymnDay of Resurrection

Benediction.....Rev Stephen Trimble