

A Service of Light

GATHERING:

GREETING:

Grace and peace to you from Jesus Christ our Lord. My brothers and sisters in Christ: On this most holy morning in which Jesus Christ passed over from death to life, we gather as the church to watch and pray. This is the Passover of Christ, in which we share nChrist's victory over death.

PRAYER:

God of life, through Jesus Christ you have bestowed upon the world the light of life. Sanctify this new fire and gran that our hearts and minds may also be kindled with holy desire to shine forth with the brightness of Christ's rising, that we may obtain to the feast of everlasting light through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

SCRIPTURE:

Luke 24: 1-12

HYMN:

He Lives

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LIGHTING OF THE PASCHAL CANDLE

The light of Christ rises in glory, overcoming the darkness of sin and death. Christ is our light!

Easter Proclamation

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

***Rejoice! Sing choirs of angels! Jesus Christ our King is risen!**

Rejoice, O earth, in shining splendor, radiant in the brightness of our King! Christ has conquered! Glory fills you! Darkness vanishes forever! ***Response**

Rejoice, O holy Church! Exult in glory! The risen Savior shines upon you! Let this place resound with joy, echoing the mighty song of all God's people. ***Response**

For Christ has ransomed us with his blood and paid the debt of Adams sin to deliver your faithful people. **Response**

This is our Passover feast, when Christ the true lamb is slain. This is the morning when the pillar of fire destroyed the darkness of sin. This is the morning when Jesus broke the chains of death and rose triumphant from the grave. ***Response**

Accept this Easter candle, let it mingle with the lights of heaven, bravely burning to dispel the darkness! ***Response**

May Christ, the Morning Star which never sets, find this flame still burning. Christ, that morning star, who came back from the dead and shed his peaceful light on all creation, your son who lives and reigns forever. ***Response Amen.**

HYMN:

Jesus Walked

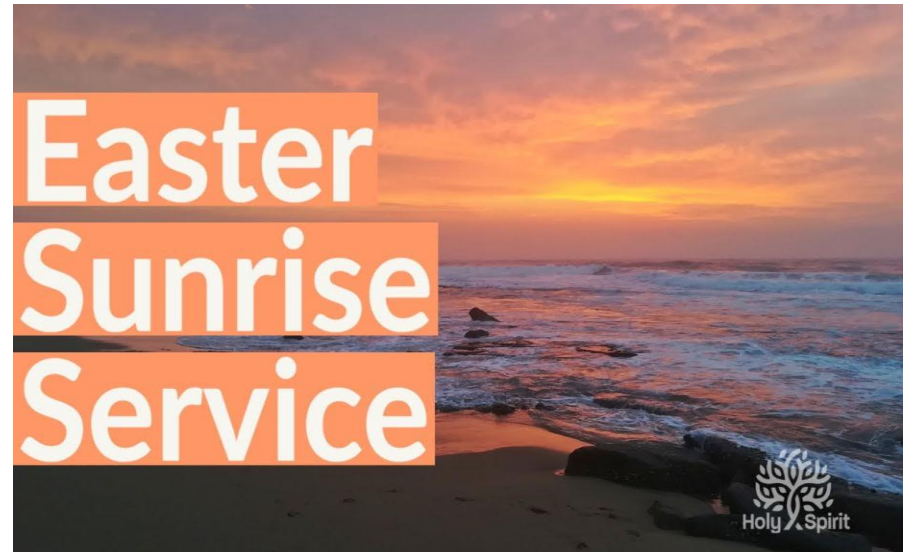
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He Lives

I serve a risen Savior; he's in the world today
I know that he is living, whatever foes may say
I see his hand of mercy, I hear his voice of cheer
And just the time I need him, he's always near
He Lives, He lives, Christ Jesus lives today
He walks with me and talks with me along life's narrow way
He lives, he lives, salvation to impart
You ask me how I know he lives, he lives within my heart

Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley

Jesus walked this lonesome valley
He had to walk it by himself
Oh, nobody else could walk it for him
He had to walk it by himself
Jesus died on Calv'ry's mountain
He died alone for you and me
Oh, nobody else could die for sinners
He had to die for you and me
Jesus rose from death's dark prison
He lives again for you and me
Oh, nobody else could bring us vict'ry
He's alive to set us free



Sun., April 5, 2026

Great Marsh Park

6:30 a.m.

Pastor Jim Pugh

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