New Song Easter



APRIL 17, 2022
9:00 AM

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

There have been times
when, after long on my knees
in a cold chancel, a stone has rolled
from my mind, and I have looked
in and seen the old questions lie
folded and in a place
by themselves, like the piled
graveclothes of love's risen body.

R.S. Thomas

The bulletin artwork is from Ecumenicus, St. John's Bible.

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CALL TO WORSHIP John 1:1-5
Steven Phillips

In the beginning was the Word,
and the Word was with God,
and the Word was God.
He was in the beginning with God.

All things came into being through him,
and without him not one thing came into being.
What has come into being in him was life,
and the life was the light of all people.
The light shines in the darkness,
and the darkness did not overcome it.

Easter has come
and we will celebrate!

Christ is risen!
Christ is risen, indeed!

SONGS OF WORSHIP

Jesus Christ Is Risen Today
Your Love Awakens Me

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Endlessly merciful God,
Forgive us for telling the Easter story
as though the miracle were finished and gone,
something that happened long ago.

Startle us, too, on the way to the grave.
Renew in us the claim of our baptism,
the joy of your call, the transforming gift of Easter.
Send us, fearlessly, into the world,
to love without measure.

(silent prayer)

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

THE PEACE OF CHRIST

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING Isaiah 25: 6-10a

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING John 20:1-18

SERMON *While It Was Still Dark*
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THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

SONGS OF RESPONSE

Great Are You, Lord
Did You Feel the Mountains Tremble

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