

Easter Proclamation

Hymn *Morning Has Broken, Like the First Morning*

VU 409

- 1 Morning has broken like the first morning,
blackbird has spoken like the first bird.
Praise for the singing! Praise for the morning!
Praise for them, springing fresh from the Word!
- 2 Sweet the rain's new fall sunlit from heaven,
like the first dewfall on the first grass.
Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden,
sprung in completeness where God's feet pass.
- 3 Ours is the sunlight! Ours is the morning
born of the one light Eden saw play!
Praise with elation, praise every morning,
God's recreation of the new day!

Welcome

Easter Jokes

An Easter Statement of Faith

Song: How Great is our God (Chris Tomlin)

The splendour of a King,
clothed in majesty
Let all the Earth rejoice
All the Earth rejoice

He wraps himself in light
And darkness tries to hide
And trembles at His voice
Trembles at His voice

*How great is our God, sing with me
How great is our God, and all will see
How great, how great is our God*

Age to age He stands
And time is in His hands
Beginning and the end
The Godhead Three in One
Father Spirit Son
The Lion and the Lamb
The Lion and the Lamb

*How great is our God, sing with me
How great is our God, and all will see
How great, how great is our God*
Name above all names
Worthy of our praise

My heart will sing
How great is our God

*How great is our God, sing with me
How great is our God, and all will see
How great, how great is our God*

A Time for All God's Children

Prayers

Lord's Prayer Song

Today's Scripture Reading Matthew 28: 1-10

After the Sabbath, as the first light of the new week dawned, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary came to keep vigil at the tomb. Suddenly the earth reeled and rocked under their feet as God's angel came down from heaven, came right up to where they were standing. He rolled back the stone and then sat on it. Shafts of lightning blazed from him. His garments shimmered snow-white. The guards at the tomb were scared to death. They were so frightened, they couldn't move. The angel spoke to the women: "There is nothing to fear here. I know you're looking for Jesus, the One they nailed to the cross. He is not here. He was raised, just as he said. Come and look at the place where he was placed. "Now, get on your way quickly and tell his disciples, 'He is risen from the dead. He is going on ahead of you to Galilee. You will see him there.' That's the message." The women, deep in wonder and full of joy, lost no time in leaving the tomb. They ran to tell the disciples. Then Jesus met them, stopping them in their tracks. "Good morning!" he said. They fell to their knees, embraced his feet, and worshiped him. Jesus said, "You're holding on to me for dear life! Don't be frightened like that. Go tell my brothers that they are to go to Galilee, and that I'll meet them there."

Hymn *I Danced in the Morning (Lord of the Dance)* VU 352

- 1 I danced in the morning when the world was begun,
 and I danced in the moon and the stars and the sun,
 and I came from heaven and I danced on the earth;
 at Bethlehem I had my birth.
 Dance, then, wherever you may be;
 I am the Lord of the dance, said he,
 and I'll lead you all, wherever you may be,
 and I'll lead you all in the dance, said he.

- 2 I danced for the scribe and the pharisee,

but they would not dance and they would not follow me;
I danced for the fishermen, for James and John;
they came with me and the dance went on. R

3 I danced on the Sabbath and I cured the lame;
the holy people said it was a shame;
they whipped and they stripped and they hung me high,
and left me there on a cross to die. R

4 I danced on a Friday when the sky turned black;
it's hard to dance with the devil on your back;
they buried my body and they thought I'd gone,
but I am the dance and I still go on. R

5 They cut me down and I leap up high;
I am the life that will never, never die;
I'll live in you if you'll live in me;
I am the Lord of the dance, said he. R

Sermon

Easter Benediction

"I am the resurrection and the life," says the Lord.
May Christ's rising lift your spirits and gladden your hearts.

Sing amen:

Amen, we praise your name, O God.

Sing amen:

Amen, we praise your name, O God.

Sing amen:

Amen, amen, amen, amen,

Amen, we praise your name, O God.

All those who believe in Christ will never perish.
May you pass with Christ from death to life.

Sing amen:

Amen, we praise your name, O God.

Sing amen:

Amen, we praise your name, O God.

Sing amen:

Amen, amen, amen, amen,

Amen, we praise your name, O God.

Christ has gone to prepare a place for us. May his resurrection bring you all joy and peace in believing so that you may abound in hope.

Sing amen:

Amen, we praise your name, O God.

Sing amen:

Amen, we praise your name, O God.

Sing amen:

Amen, amen, amen, amen,

Amen, we praise your name, O God.

Almighty God—Father, Risen Son, and Holy Spirit—
bless us now and forever.

Sing amen:

Amen, we praise your name, O God.

Sing amen:

Amen, we praise your name, O God.

Sing amen:

Amen, amen, amen, amen,

Amen, we praise your name, O God.