EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE OLD PRAIRIE TOWN / WARD MEADE APRIL 16, 2017 at 7:00 a.m.

Gathering Quietly in Anticipation of the Resurrection

Song "Were You There When They Crucified My Lord?" Were you there when they laid him in the tomb? Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?

Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble. Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?

Opening Proclamation

- When the Sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. They had been saying to one another,
- WOMEN: "Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?"
- When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man, dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. But he said to them,
- MEN: "Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him. ⁷ But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you."

[Whisper to your neighbors: "**He is risen**" until the word spreads around the circle of worshipers.]

Trumpet Voluntary

But the women fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid (Mark 16:1-8 (NRSV)).

ALL: We are not afraid to tell the Good News: HE is risen. He IS risen. He is RISEN!

Song "Morning Has Broken"

Lighting the Christ Candle –

- Sisters and Brothers in Christ, on this most holy morning, we gather with the whole company of God's people in heaven and on earth to share in Christ's victory over death.
- "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" (John 1:1-5).
- The Messiah was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him (John 1:10-11).
- But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God" (John 1:10-13).
- Jesus said, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness but will have the light of life" (John 8:12).
- Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning is now and will be forever: world without end. Amen and Amen.

Song "Christ the Lord is Risen Today"

Easter Prayer

Old Testament Scripture:

Jeremiah 31:1-6

New Testament Scripture: *Gospel Reading Colossians 3:1-4 Matthew 28:1-10

This is the Word of the Lord Thanks be to God

Dramatic Presentations "We Have Seen the Lord" Mary Magdalene, Mary of Zebedee, Thomas, Peter

Prayers of the People and 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 *sins*, as we forgive those who *sin against us*. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power and glory, forever.

*Invitation to the Table of the Lord

Leader: The Lord be with you. **People: And also with your spirit.** Leader: Lift up your hearts. **People: We lift them up to the Lord.** Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **People: It is right to give God thanks and praise**

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of hosts! Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest!

The Consecration of the Bread and the Cup – Your death, Lord Jesus, we proclaim! Your resurrection we celebrate! Your coming in glory we await!

The Lord's Supper – Intinction of the Bread into the Cup

Offering:

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*Song "Doxology"

*Closing Prayer & Benediction

An Easter Sunrise Service



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