

Easter Sunrise service

7:00 am in Gosport, April 20, 2025

**Hear these words from
the Gospel of John
Welcome**

Hymn: VU 412

This is the day, (this is the day)
that our God has made (that our God has made)
We will rejoice (we will rejoice)
And be glad in it (and be glad in it)
This is the day that our God has made
We will rejoice and be glad in it
This is the day, this is the day that our God has made

Open to us (open to us)
Your gates O God (your gates O God)
We will go in (we will go in)
To your holy place (to your holy place)
Open to us your gates O God!
We will go in to your holy place
Open to us, open to us your gates, O God!

You are our God, you are our God,
we will praise your name, we will praise your name;
we will give thanks, we will give thanks,
for your faithfulness, for your faithfulness.
You are our God, we will praise your name,
we will give thanks for your faithfulness.
You are our God, you are our God,
we will praise your name. (Repeat vs. 1)

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Prayer:

God of resurrection,
you have rolled the stone away
and the tomb of our world has been opened wide.
With the dawn has come a new creation.
Let our celebration today
empty our tombs,
renew our lives,
and release your power;
through the risen Christ we pray. Amen.

Reflection

Communion

.....We remember that at the end of the meal, he lifted a loaf of bread, blessed it, broke and said:

All: Take, eat, this is my body broken for you.

We remember that at the end of the meal he raised a glass of the fruit of the vine, blessed it, and shared it with his friends saying:

All: Take, drink, for this is the new promise of heaven, poured out in my blood.

...So we proclaim that mystery now, saying together

Christ has died

Christ is risen

Christ will come again

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. Lead us not into

temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

**Sing as we share communion:
Amazing Grace**

- 1 Amazing grace, how sweet the sound
 that saved a wretch like me!
 I once was lost, but now am found,
 was blind, but now I see.

- 2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
 and grace my fears relieved;
 how precious did that grace appear
 the hour I first believed.

- 3 Through many dangers, toils, and snares,
 I have already come;
 'tis grace that brought me safe thus far,
 and grace will lead me home.

- 4 The Lord has promised good to me,
 this word my hope secures;
 God will my shield and portion be
 as long as life endures.

- 5 When we've been there ten thousand years,
 bright shining as the sun,
 we've no less days to sing God's praise
 than when we'd first begun.

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Closing Prayer (from Voices United)

**God of grace and glory,
by the death and resurrection of your Beloved Child
your reign of wholeness has been unleashed
within our bent and broken world.
Open us to your empowering grace
that we may be bearers of your
world-redeeming love;
through the resurrected Christ,
our dignity, our power, and our peace. Amen.**

Closing Hymn: Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

- 1 Jesus Christ is risen today, hallelujah!
our triumphant holy day, hallelujah!
who did once, upon the cross, hallelujah!
suffer to redeem our loss. Hallelujah!
- 2 Hymns of praise then let us sing hallelujah!
unto Christ, our heavenly King, hallelujah!
who endured the cross and grave, hallelujah!
sinners to redeem and save. Hallelujah!
- 3 But the pains which he endured, hallelujah!
our salvation have procured; hallelujah!
now above the sky he's King, hallelujah!
where the angels ever sing. Hallelujah!
- 4 Sing we to our God above, hallelujah!
praise eternal as God's love; hallelujah!
praise our God, ye heavenly host, hallelujah!
praise the Son and Holy Ghost. Hallelujah

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