

EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE

APRIL 7, 2023



WYCKOFF
REFORMED CHURCH

Worshiping God,
Making Disciples of Jesus,
Living Missionally

"Come you all: enter into the joy of your Lord. You the first and you the last, receive alike your reward; you rich and you poor, dance together; you sober and you weaklings, celebrate the day; you who have kept the fast and you who have not, rejoice today. The table is richly loaded: enjoy its royal banquet. The calf is a fatted one: let no one go away hungry. All of you enjoy the banquet of faith; all of you receive the riches of his goodness. Let no one grieve over his poverty, for the universal kingdom has been revealed; let no one weep over his sins, for pardon has shone from the grave; let no one fear death, for the death of our Savior has set us free: He has destroyed it by enduring it, He has despoiled Hades by going down into its kingdom, He has angered it by allowing it to taste of his flesh."

John Chrysostom - Easter Homily

HOSPITALITY NOTES

These resources are also available at www.wyckoffreformed.org/worshipguides.

If you need to use a restroom, they are available through the right-hand door at the front of the sanctuary.

Bold sections will be read aloud together.

We gather in darkness and silence.

VOTUM

Our help is in the name of the Lord,
who made heaven and earth, Amen.

HYMN

"WERE YOU THERE?"

Were you there when they crucified my Lord?
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?
Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?

Were you there when the sun refused to shine?...

LUKE 24:1-1

"Very early in the morning on the first day of the week, the women went to the tomb, bringing the fragrant spices they had prepared."

Though we come in darkness, light has come.
Christ is risen! He is risen, indeed. Alleluia!

HYMN

"WERE YOU THERE?"

Were you there when God raised him from the tomb?...

WELCOME

HYMN

"CHRIST THE LORD IS RISEN TODAY"

Christ the Lord is ris'n today alleluia
Sons of men and angels say alleluia
Raise your joys and triumphs high alleluia
Sing ye heavens and earth reply alleluia

Love's redeeming work is done alleluia
Fought the fight the battle won alleluia
Death in vain forbids Him rise alleluia
Christ has opened paradise alleluia

Lives again our glorious King alleluia
Where O death is now thy sting alleluia
Dying once He all doth save alleluia
Where thy victory O grave alleluia

PRAYER FOR RENEWAL

Almighty God, in raising Jesus from the grave, you shattered the power of sin and death. We confess that we still live like we were captive to doubt, fear, and shame, bound by the ways that lead to death. We overlook the poor and the hungry and pass by those who mourn; we are deaf to the cries of the oppressed and indifferent to calls for peace; we despise the weak and abuse the earth you made. Forgive us, God of mercy. Help us to trust your power to change our lives and make us new, that we may know the joy of life abundant given in Jesus Christ, the risen Lord. Amen.

PROMISE OF GRACE

COLOSSIANS 2:13-15

“When you were dead in trespasses, God made you alive together with him, when he forgave us all our trespasses, erasing the record that stood against us with its legal demands. He set this aside, nailing it to the cross. He disarmed the rulers and authorities and made a public example of them, triumphing over them in it.”

SCRIPTURE LESSON

LUKE 24:1-12

This is the Word of the Lord, Thanks be to God, Amen!

REFLECTION

CONFESSION OF FAITH

APOSTLES' CREED

We join our voices together with Christians throughout the ages and across the world to proclaim these words:

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

EASTER PRAYER

FROM COMMON WORSHIP

We pray to Jesus who is present with us to eternity.
Jesus, light of the world,
bring the light and peace of your gospel to the nations ...
Jesus, Lord of life,
in your mercy, hear us.

Jesus, bread of life,
give food to the hungry ...
and nourish us all with your word.
Jesus, Lord of life,
in your mercy, hear us.

Jesus, our way, our truth, our life,
be with us and all who follow you in the way ...
Deepen our appreciation of your truth
and fill us with your life.
Jesus, Lord of life,
in your mercy, hear us.

Jesus, Good Shepherd who gave your life for the sheep,
recover the straggler,
bind up the injured,
strengthen the sick
and lead the healthy and strong to new pastures.
Jesus, Lord of life,
in your mercy, hear us.

Jesus, the resurrection and the life,
we give you thanks for all who have lived and believed in you ...
Raise us with them to eternal life.
Jesus, Lord of life,
in your mercy, hear us,

We pray all this in the name of the Jesus who taught us to pray saying:
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.
Forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. Lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil. For thine is the Kingdom and the power and the glory
forever, Amen.

HYMN

“THE STRIFE IS O’ER”

The strife is o'er, the battle done
The victory of life is won
The song of triumph has begun: Alleluia! Alleluia!

The powers of death have done their worst
But Christ their legions has dispersed
Let shouts of holy joy outburst: Alleluia! Alleluia!

Refrain: Alleluia, Alleluia
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

The three sad days are quickly sped
He rises glorious from the dead
All glory to our risen head: Alleluia! Alleluia!

He closed the yawning gates of hell
The bars from heaven's high portals fell
Let songs of praise His triumphs tell: Alleluia! Alleluia
Refrain

SENDING AND BENEDICTION



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WORSHIPING GOD

We believe that we were created to worship God!
Join us every Sunday at 9:30am for worship, live or online.
Childcare is available for all services,
as well as Sunday School for children Pre-K through 8th Grade.

MAKING DISCIPLES OF JESUS

We believe our calling is to make disciples of Jesus and there are many opportunities to explore who Jesus is and to seek to grow in your faith here at The Wyckoff Reformed Church. Connect with us for more info about weekly prayer gatherings, Bible studies, book groups, and other opportunities to grow in Christ. We also have Youth Groups for Junior and Senior High School students to build community and grow together.

LIVING MISSIONALLY

We believe that we exist to join what God is already doing in our homes, neighborhoods, and the world. There are many opportunities to serve, either here at church or in the community. We'd love for you to join us!

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