

EASTER MORNING
March 31, 2013
McDonald Chapel – 8:00 a.m.

Musical Prelude

+ The Call to Worship

Pastor: Why do you look for the living among the dead?
He is not here; the Lord has risen!

People: **He has risen indeed!**

Pastor: The Lord has risen!

He has risen indeed!

Where, O death, is your victory?

Where, O death, is your sting?

Death has been swallowed up in victory!

Christ is risen indeed!

Jesus said, "I am the resurrection and the life,

He who believes in me will live, even though he dies;

And whoever lives and believes in Me will never die."

Thanks be to God!

He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

The Lord has risen!

He has risen indeed! Hallelujah!

+ The prayer of Invocation

Hymn of Joy –

"Rejoice, The Lord is King"

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"If Easter be not True"

+ Please stand

+ Litany – "Healings from the Empty Tomb"

Pastor: People of God, why do you seek the living among the dead?

People: Because we are afraid, we are uncertain, we are uncomfortable here,
And we have doubts about this Man.

Pastor: Do not be afraid, for He has risen from the dead, He has broken
through the tomb, He has come back to life and He is here
among us now. People of God, why do you seek the living among
the dead?

People: Because we feel guilty, we feel lonely, and we feel lost, for we
deserted that Man.

Pastor: Do not carry your guilt any longer, for He has taken the guilt
Himself. He has buried it in His grave, He has lifted it to His cross,
and He has lifted it to His cross, and He is here among us now.
People of God, why do you seek the living among the dead?

People: Because our wounds are deep. We have torn away from that man ,
we have broken with Him and with our fellowmen.

Pastor: Do not dwell on your wounds for He has risen to heal you. He has
risen to forgive you, He has risen to change you all and bind us all
together. People of God, He is not here; He is risen.

People: Yes, He is risen!

Pastor: He is risen – and he is here!

People: Alleluia! And he is here!

+Hymn of the Resurrection –
"Redeemed"

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Morning Scripture

John 20:19-29

Message "Thomas, the Courageous Pessimist"

Dr. Hester

+Hymn of Affirmation
"Christ Arose"

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+ Prayer of Benediction and Blessing

+ Please stand

IF EASTER BE NOT TRUE

*“If Easter be not true,
Then all the lilies low must lie;
The Flanders poppies fade and die;
The spring must lose her fairest bloom
For Christ were still within the tomb –
If Easter be not true.*

*“If Easter be not true,
Then faith must mount on broken wing;
Then hope no more immortal spring;
Then hope must lose her mighty urge;
Life prove a phantom, death a dirge –
If Easter be not true.*

*“If Easter be not true,
‘Twere foolishness the cross to bear;
He died in vain Who suffered there;
What matter though we laugh or cry,
Be good or evil, live or die,
If Easter be not true?*

*“If Easter be not true –
But it is true, and Christ is risen!
And mortal spirit from its prison
Of sin and death with Him may rise!
Worth while the struggle, sure the prize,
Since Easter, aye, is true!”*

- Henry H. Barstow