

First Presbyterian Church
Mount Holly, North Carolina
Easter Sunrise Service

April 5, 2015

7:00 AM

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: Beloved church, behold the victory of our God: Jesus our Lord, has conquered the grave.

People: Christ has risen! Alleluia!

Leader: Sin and death shall reign no more.

People: Christ has risen! Alleluia!

Leader: Let this place resound with joy.

People: Christ has risen! Alleluia! Thanks be to God.

***HYMN (Insert)**

"Christ is Alive!"

OPENING PRAYER

THE READING OF SCRIPTURE

Matthew 28:1-10

A SUNRISE MEDITATION

Matthew 28:1-10

LITANY FOR EASTER

O Christ, after your resurrection you appeared to your disciples; you breathed on them, that they might receive the Holy Spirit. You gave joy and exultation to the whole creation. Through your victory, we pray to you:

Hear us, Lord of glory.

O Christ, after your resurrection you sent out your disciples to teach all nations and to baptize them in the name of the Father and the Son and of the Holy Spirit; you promised to be with them and us until the end of the world. Through your victory, we pray to you:

Hear us, Lord of glory.

O Christ, through your resurrection you lifted us up, and filled us with rejoicing. Through your salvation you enrich us with your gifts. Renew our lives and fill our hearts with joy. Through your victory, we pray to you:

Hear us, Lord of glory.

O Christ, you are glorified by angels in heaven, and worshiped on earth. On the glorious feast of your resurrection, we pray to you:

Hear us, Lord of glory.

Save us, O Christ our Lord, in your goodness, extend your mercy to your people who await the resurrection, and have mercy on us.

Hear us, Lord of glory.

O merciful God, you raised your beloved Son, and in your love you established him as head of your church, and ruler of the universe. By your goodness we pray:

Hear us, Lord of glory.

O God, you gave your Son to suffer death on the cross for our redemption, and by his glorious resurrection you delivered us from the power of death. Grant us so to die daily to sin, that we may evermore live with him in the joy of his resurrection

Jesus is the Lamb of God and his praises shall continually be in my mouth. He is Risen! Christ Lives! Alleluia!

PRAYER

***HYMN (Insert)**

"Christ Arose"

***PRAYER FOR BREAKFAST AND BENEDICTION**

* The Congregation will please stand.

The Congregation is invited to the Fellowship Hall immediately following this service for an Easter Breakfast prepared by the Presbyterian Men. Come enjoy the fellowship of your church family. *Please be seated in the Fellowship Hall until the Men of the Church are ready to serve the meal.*