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SEEKERS CHURCH

A Christian Community

In the Tradition of the Church of the Saviour

Easter 1997

Wondering If It's True...

Reflection

... the resurrection remains a historical enigma and an object of theological speculation until – at the breaking of bread, or while at prayer, or in the giving or receiving of unearned love – everything is suffused with the light of the resurrection.

Violence Unveiled,
Gil Bailie, p 233.

Prelude

Call To Worship

Unison:

On this day we celebrate resurrection.

Leader:

Friendships once killed by frosty misunderstanding
bloom again in warm reconciliation –

People:

– Hallelujah!

Leader:

Hopes glimmering and gone are rekindled
by expressions of caring –

People:

– Hallelujah!

Leader:

Faith, dulled by lack of exercise,
dances again to God's everyday rhythms –

People:

– Hallelujah!

Unison:

We come to worship the God
whose resurrection power lives on
in the Christ we serve. Hallelujah!

Invocation

Hymn

Word For The Children

Silence

Easter Litany

Leader:

On Easter morning,
they saw the stone rolled back,
the empty tomb.
Trembling, they doubted, feared, and wondered.

People:

We doubt. We fear. We wonder.

Leader:

Trembling, they approached the tomb,

place of death meeting life,
of endings and new beginnings.

People:

We approach the tomb.
We doubt. We fear. We wonder.

Leader:

Passing through betrayal and sorrow,
through death and defeat,
Trembling, they came to Easter morning.

Unison:

This Easter morning,
we see life bursting through death.
Trembling, we meet the risen Christ.

Silence

Prayers

Leader:

The risen Christ is among us,
therefore we can celebrate the festival of life.
Through the love of Christ we are made whole.

Common Confession

Leader:

Christ is among us,
but too often we are not aware of the resurrection.

People:

Resurrection can be so quiet, so unobtrusive
that we are not aware
of the powerful presence of Christ in our lives.

Unison:

Forgive us, Holy One,
for missing resurrection.

Individual Prayers Of Confession

Assurance (Leader)

*The risen Christ is among us,
therefore we can celebrate the festival of life.
Through the love of Christ we are made whole. Amen.*

PRAYERS OF THE COMMUNITY

Hymn

The Word

First Lesson

Silence

Gospel Lesson

Sermon

Silent Reflection

The first Sunday of each month we switch to a [Communion Liturgy](#) here.

Offering

Shared Reflections

Announcements

Hymn

Benediction (leader)

*Hallelujah!
The church is Easter!
Resurrection resounds through our community –*

Go forth in power. Amen.