

Easter 2006

Seeing New Promise

Seekers Church

A Christian Community

In the Tradition of the Church of the Saviour

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CIRCLE TIME

ENTRANCE

REFLECTION

Sometimes we become so focused on sustaining what we've been given and wanting to honor the traditions of the past that we miss the new thing that God might be trying to do today, something that will build on all that has come before. We miss the surprises that lie in store for us. To be channels of that playful Spirit of eternal newness, we must always be ready to let go of what *is* in order to receive what *will be*.

Gordon Cosby

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

People: Christ is risen indeed!

Leader: We gather here to celebrate God's promise kept:

Voice 1: God has handed us a mystery:
the risen Christ is here again,
calling us to something new.

Voice 2: We may not understand, but we are not alone.
The air is alive with the fresh scent of new
beginnings.

Leader: We come to pour out our spirits
into this vessel that is the church
so we can offer fresh Good News to everyone.

All: Alleluia! Christ is Risen!
Christ is risen indeed! Amen.

INVOCATION

HYMN

WORD FOR THE CHILDREN

SILENCE

RESPONSIVE READING

Leader: Christ is the source of illumination.

People: We see Christ in light, as light, as our light.

Leader: Jesus' life was enclosed by darkness,
the night of his birth and the eclipse at
his death.

People: Those who see in Christ the light of God
are illumined by faith.

All: Through faith, the world,
the renewed community and the self

are seen anew in the light of God.

SILENCE

PRAYERS

CONFESSION

Leader: Like Mary Magdalene,
we fear that they have taken you away
to a place unknown.

People: We see, we might believe,
but we do not understand.

Leader: Like Thomas, we doubt, even as you stand before
us.

People: We see, we might believe,
but we do not understand.

Leader: Like the hired hand, we turn and run
when the wolves of our culture come near.

People: We see, we might believe,

but we do not understand.

ASSURANCE

Leader: God loves each of us:

Let us love one another.

God chooses us.

Alleluia!

All: Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE COMMUNITY

JESUS PRAYER

HYMN

THE WORD

SCRIPTURE

SERMON

SILENT REFLECTION

OFFERING

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

SHARED REFLECTIONS

ANNOUNCEMENTS

HYMN

BENEDICTION

Leader: Christ is risen as God's new promise
to a troubled world.

Let us share the good news.

All: Alleluia! Amen.

WORSHIP RESOURCES

Responsive reading: Based on Gail Ramshaw, "Words around the Fire," pp 3-4.