

Easter Celebration

March 31, 2013

EASTER PROCLAMATION

Christ the Lord is risen!

He has risen indeed!

Today we celebrate our salvation!

Today we celebrate our new life in Christ!

In the midst of the darkness God's eternal light shows forth from the tomb.

In the midst of evil and sin the power of God's love produces victory.

In the midst of death the resurrection shatters all of history.

The tomb was empty! Christ had risen. God had triumphed!

Christ the Lord is risen!

He is risen indeed! Alleluia! Amen!

HYMN: "Were You There?"

Were you there when they crucified my Lord? (two times)

O-o-h! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.

Were you there when they crucified my Lord?

Were you there when they nailed him to the tree? (two times)

O-o-h! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.

Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?

Were you there when they laid him in the tomb? (two times)

O-o-h! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.

Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?

Were you there when he rose up from the grave? (two times)

O-o-h! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.

Were you there when he rose up from the grave?

PRAYER

SCRIPTURE

Mark 16:1-8

MEDITATION

PSALM OF JOY

Praise the Lord! Praise God in his sanctuary; praise him in his mighty firmament!

Praise him for his mighty deeds; praise him according to his surpassing greatness!

Praise him with trumpet sound; praise him with lute and harp!

Praise him with tambourine and dance; praise him with strings and pipe!

Praise him with clanging cymbals; praise him with loud clashing cymbals!

Let everything that breathes praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!

HYMN: “Christ Arose”

Low in the grave he lay, Jesus, my Savior!

Waiting the coming day, Jesus, my Lord!

Refrain: *Up from the grave he arose, with a mighty triumph o'er his foes;*

He arose a victor o'er the dark domain,

and he lives forever with his saints to reign;

He arose! He arose! Hallelujah! Christ arose!

Vainly they watched his bed, Jesus, my Savior!

Vainly they sealed the dead, Jesus, my Lord! (refrain)

Death could not keep his prey, Jesus, my Savior!

He tore the bars away, Jesus, my Lord! (refrain)

BENEDICTION