

**Prayers:** Love divine, in raising Christ to new life,  
You open the path of salvation to all peoples.  
Send us out with the joy of Mary Magdalene  
to proclaim that we have seen the Lord,  
so that all the world may celebrate with you  
the banquet of your peace. Amen.

**Closing Song: Jesus Christ is Risen Today**

Jesus Christ is risen today, alleluia  
Our triumphant, holy day, alleluia  
Who did once upon the cross, alleluia  
Suffer to redeem our loss, alleluia.

Hymns of praise then let us sing, alleluia  
Unto Christ our heavenly king, alleluia  
Who endured the cross and grave, alleluia  
Sinners to redeem and save, alleluia.

But the pains which he endured, alleluia  
Our salvation have procured, alleluia.  
Now above the sky he's king, alleluia,  
Where the angels ever sing, alleluia.

**Music:** Dan Berg, Claire Mason, Deane Zeeman  
**Fire:** Michael Mavis

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**Easter Sunrise Service**

'Do not be alarmed;  
you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth,  
who was crucified.  
He has been raised; he is not here.'

**Gathering:**                *Outside around the fire*

**Gathering Song: Open Our Eyes, Lord**

Open our eyes, Lord,  
we want to see Jesus.  
To reach out and touch Him,  
and say that we love Him.  
Open our ears, Lord,  
and help us to listen.  
Open our eyes, Lord,  
we want to see Jesus.

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**Gospel 1:**

When the sabbath was over,  
Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome  
bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him.  
And very early on the first day of the week,  
when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb.  
They had been saying to one another,  
'Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?'.  
When they looked up, they saw that the stone,  
which was very large, had already been rolled back.

**Monologue:** *Mary Magdalene*                (Deane Zeeman)

**Prayer:** Father, we share in the light of your glory  
through your Son, the light of the world.  
Sanctify this new fire, and inflame us with new hope. Purify our  
minds by this Easter celebration and bring us one day to the feast of  
eternal light. We ask this through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**Pascal candle lighting**

*Followed by lighting of individual candles from the Pascal Candle  
All process into the church*

**Dan:** The light of Christ.

**People: Thanks be to God** (3 times)

**Song: Exultet – Rejoice Heavenly Powers**

*Chorus:*

Rejoice heavenly powers,  
Sing choirs of angels,  
Exult all creation around God's throne.  
Jesus is risen,  
Sound the trumpet of salvation.  
Sing, dance and rejoice for Jesus lives.

*Response in the verses:* Rejoice! Rejoice!

**Gospel 2:**

As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man,  
dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right side;  
and they were alarmed.  
But he said to them,  
'Do not be alarmed;  
you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified.  
He has been raised; he is not here.  
Look, there is the place they laid him.  
But go, tell his disciples and Peter  
that he is going ahead of you to Galilee;  
there you will see him, just as he told you.'  
So they went out and fled from the tomb,  
for terror and amazement had seized them;  
and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

**Monologue:** *Peter*                                (Michael Mavis)