

## Christ Community Church

East Islip, NY



**Welcome!**

**Call to Worship** – Based on Romans 6:9-10

(Liturgist) Christ is risen from the dead. Alleluia!

**(Congregation) We know that since Christ was raised from the dead,**

(Liturgist) He cannot die again; death no longer has mastery over Him.

**(Congregation) The death He died, He died to sin once for all; but the life He lives, He lives to God.**

**Opening Prayer**

**Easter Litany** - 1 Corinthians 8:6, Heidelberg Catechism Q&A 45

(Liturgist) For us there is one God, the Father, from whom are all things and for whom we exist

**(Congregation) and one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom all things and through whom we exist**

(Liturgist) By His resurrection he has overcome death,

**(Congregation) so that He might make us share in the righteousness He obtained for us by His death.**

(Liturgist) By His power we too are already raised to a new life.

**(Congregation) Christ's resurrection is a sure pledge to us of our blessed resurrection**

**Sharing of God's Peace**

**Song of Praise – LUYH #181 See, What a Morning**

**Verse 1**

See, what a morning, gloriously bright, with the dawning of hope in Jerusalem

Folded the grave clothes, tomb filled with light,

as the angels announce "Christ is risen!"

See God's salvation plan, wrought in love, borne in pain, paid in sacrifice

Fulfilled in Christ the Man, for He lives, Christ is risen from the dead.

**Verse 2**

See, Mary weeping, "Where is he laid?" -

as in sorrow she turns from the empty tomb

Hears a voice speaking, calling her name;

it's the Master, the Lord, raised to life again!

The voice that spans the years, speaking life, stirring hope, bringing peace to us

Will sound 'til He appears for He lives; Christ is risen from the dead

### **Verse 3**

One with the Father, Ancient of Days, through the Spirit who clothes faith with certainty  
Honor and blessing, glory and praise to the King crowned with power and authority  
And we are raised with Him, death is dead, love has won, Christ has conquered  
And we shall reign with Him for He lives Christ is risen from the dead

### **LUYH #361 Because He Lives**

God sent His son, they called Him Jesus, He came to love, heal and forgive  
He lived and died to buy my pardon, an empty grave is there – to prove my Savior lives  
Because He lives, I can face tomorrow, because He lives, all fear is gone  
Because I know, He holds the future, and life is worth the living, just because He lives

### **Confession of Faith (*Nicene Creed*)**

We believe in one God,

the Father almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ,

the only Son of God,  
begotten from the Father before all ages,  
God from God,  
Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made;  
of the same essence as the Father.

Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven;  
he became incarnate by the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary,  
and was made human.

He was crucified for us under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered and was buried.

The third day he rose again, according to the Scriptures.

He ascended to heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again with glory  
to judge the living and the dead.

His kingdom will never end.

And we believe in the Holy Spirit,

the Lord, the giver of life.

He proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
and with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified.

He spoke through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.

We affirm one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

## **Song of Praise – LUYH #610 Lord, I Lift Your Name On High**

Lord, I lift Your name on high; Lord, I love to sing Your praises,  
I'm so glad You're in my life, I'm so glad You came to save us,  
You came from heaven to earth to show the way,  
from the earth to the cross, my debt to pay,  
from the cross to the grave, from the grave to the sky;  
Lord, I lift Your name on high

## **Scripture Reading – John 20:11-18 NIV**

11 but Mary stood outside the tomb crying. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb  
12 and saw two angels in white, seated where Jesus' body had been, one at the head and the  
other at the foot. 13 They asked her, "Woman, why are you crying?" "They have taken my  
Lord away," she said, "and I don't know where they have put him." 14 At this, she turned  
around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not realize it was Jesus. 15 "Woman," he  
said, "why are you crying? Who is it you are looking for?" Thinking he was the gardener, she  
said, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have put him, and I will get him."  
16 Jesus said to her, "Mary." She turned toward him and cried out in Aramaic, "Rabboni!"  
(which means Teacher). 17 Jesus said, "Do not hold on to me, for I have not yet returned to  
the Father. Go instead to my brothers and tell them, 'I am returning to my Father and your  
Father, to my God and your God.'" 18 Mary Magdalene went to the disciples with the news: "I  
have seen the Lord!" And she told them that he had said these things to her.

## **Sermon – *"Weeping and Joy"***

## **Hymn of Response – LUYH #182 Christ the Lord is Risen Today**

### **Verse 1**

Christ the Lord is risen today! Alleluia!  
All creation, join to say: Alleluia!  
Raise your joys and triumphs high; Alleluia!  
Sing, o heavens and earth, reply; Alleluia!

### **Verse 2**

Love's redeeming work is done! Alleluia!  
Fought the fight, the battle won; Alleluia!  
Death in vain forbids Him rise; Alleluia!  
Christ has opened paradise; Alleluia!

### **Verse 3**

Lives again our glorious King; Alleluia!  
Where, O death, is now your sting? Alleluia!  
Once He died, our souls to save; Alleluia!  
Where Your victory, O grave? Alleluia!

## **Benediction**