



Presbyterian Church of Western Springs

Sunday, April 4, 2021 | 6:15 A.M.

Easter Sunrise

Gathering Together in God's Name

WE GATHER OUTSIDE IN THE PREDAWN MORNING

Opening Sentences

*Grace and peace from Jesus Christ our Lord. And also with you.
Beloved people of God, on this most holy morning
when our Savior Jesus Christ passed from death to life,
we gather with the church throughout the world.
This is the Passover of our Lord Jesus Christ.*

**Through light and the word, and through the water,
we proclaim Christ's death and resurrection,
we share Christ's triumph over sin and death,
and we await Christ's coming again in glory.**

John 1:1, 4-5

*In the beginning was the Word,
and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.
The life of Christ is the light of all people.
The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness will not overcome it.*

THE NEW FIRE IS LIGHTED

*Eternal God, in Jesus Christ you have given the light of life to all the world.
Bless this new fire, and kindle in us the desire to shine with the brightness of Christ's rising, until we feast at the banquet of
eternal light; through the Sun of Righteousness, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

THE CHRIST CANDLE IS LIGHTED FROM THE NEW FIRE

*The light of Christ rises in glory,
casting out the shadow of sin and death.
Christ is risen! Christ is risen indeed!*

Proclaiming the Word of God

The Scripture & Homily

The New Fire

The Rev. Erik P. Khoobyarian

Responding to God's Word

REAFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM

*Just as the body is one and has many members,
and all the members of the body, though many,
are one body, so it is with Christ.*

1 Cor. 12:12-13, 27

**In the one Spirit we are all baptized into one body.
We are the body of Christ,
and individually members of it.**

Profession of Faith

With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

Do you believe in God the Father?

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Thanksgiving for Baptism

Eternal and gracious God, we give you thanks.

In countless ways you have revealed yourself in ages past, and have blessed us with signs of your grace. We praise you that through the waters of the sea you led your people Israel out of bondage, into freedom in the land of your promise.

We praise you for sending Jesus your Son, who for us was baptized in the waters of the Jordan, and was anointed as the Christ by your Holy Spirit. Through the baptism of his death and resurrection you set us free from the bondage of sin and death and give us cleansing and rebirth.

We praise you for your Holy Spirit, who teaches us and leads us into all truth, filling us with a variety of gifts, that we might proclaim the gospel to all nations and serve you as a royal priesthood.

We rejoice that you claimed us in our baptism, and that by your grace we are born anew.

By your Holy Spirit renew us, that we may be empowered to do your will and continue forever in the risen life of Christ, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all glory and honor, now and forever. Amen.

Reaffirmation of Baptism

Remember your baptism and be thankful.

In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Passing the Peace of Christ

Go in God's Name

Charge and Benediction

*The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. Alleluia!*

2 Cor. 13:13

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord in the power of his resurrection. Amen.

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Christ is risen! Christ is risen indeed!

Alleluia! Amen.

