

## SERVICE OF WORSHIP FOR THE LORD'S DAY

April 5, 2026

Easter Sunrise Service

6:30am

† People May Stand

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### † Call to Worship

Olanma Kalu

The Lord is risen!

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### † Opening Hymn

“Morning Has Broken”

Morning has broken like the first morning,  
Blackbird has spoken like the first bird.  
Praise for the singing! Praise for the morning!  
Praise for them, springing fresh from the Word!

Sweet the rain's new fall sunlit from heaven,  
Like the first dewfall on the first grass.  
Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden,  
Sprung in completeness where God's feet pass.

Mine is the sunlight! Mine is the morning  
born of the one light Eden saw play!  
Praise with elation, praise every morning,  
God's recreation of the new day!

### Scripture Reading

Matthew 28:1-10

Bryony Banner

### Easter Message

“Hallelujah!”

Rev. Dr. Ruth L. Boling

### † Hymn of Joy

“I Danced in the Morning”

I danced in the morning when the world was begun,  
and I danced in the moon and the stars and the sun,  
and I came down from heaven and I danced on the earth;  
at Bethlehem I had My birth.

**Refrain:**

*Dance, then, wherever you may be; I am the Lord of the Dance, said He,  
and I'll lead you all, wherever you may be, and I'll lead you all in the dance, said He.*

I danced for the scribe and the Pharisee,  
but they would not dance and they would not follow Me;  
I danced for the fishermen, for James and John;  
They came with Me and the dance went on. **Refrain**

I danced on the Sabbath and I cured the lame;  
The holy people said it was a shame.  
They whipped and they stripped and they hung Me high,  
And left Me there on a cross to die. **Refrain**

I danced on a Friday when the sky turned black;  
It's hard to dance with the devil on your back.  
They buried My body and they thought I'd gone:  
But I am the dance and I still go on. **Refrain**

They cut Me down and I leap up high;  
I am the life that will never, never die;  
I'll live in you if you'll live in Me:  
I am the Lord of the Dance, said He. **Refrain**

**Approaching the Easter Cross**

*After the singing, you are invited to come forward to select a seed packet or gladiola bulbs  
from the Easter cross.*