

# Easter Dawn Ecumenical Service

## Churches of the Borough

Anglican, Catholic and Uniting Faith Communities

Welcome / Acknowledgement of Country

Gathering (Sr Nola Morrissy)

*Early in the morning, when the world was young,*

*life came into being in all its beauty and terror;*

**life gave birth to all that we know and don't know**

**Sometimes, many times, I am led into the unknown**

*Early in the morning, when the world least expected it,*

*a newborn child crying in a cradle reminds us*

**That all birth is a manifesting of God, our source, our substance and our unfolding.**

**Sometimes, many times, I am led into the unknown**

*Early in the morning, a voice in a graveyard, a presence in a Cave*

*gave light in darkness,*

**The intersection of death and life, fear and hope**

**Sometimes, many times, I am led into the unknown**

*This morning, as a gathered and scattered community*

**we celebrate all creation, all life, all death and resurrections**

**Sometimes, many times, I am led into the unknown**

*We are alive... And who is this aliveness I am*

**If not the Holy Blessed one**

*Christ is risen, Alleluia!*

**Christ is risen indeed, Alleluia!**

Gathering Song

Lai, lai, lai lai, lai, lai lai lai lai I am Alive

And who is this aliveness I am

If not the Holy Blessed One

(Rabbi David Zeller)

Gathering around the light of the fire (Uniting Community)

*Light is an amazing phenomenon.*

**By it we see the wonders of nature, measure the distance to far stars and galaxies, and gain warmth and heat.**

*In gratitude for the light of dawn on this Easter Sunday,*

**we reflect upon the origin of this marvelous creation that made possible the first day.**

*In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. The earth was without form and void, and darkness was over the face of the deep.*

**And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters.**

*And God said, "Let there be light," and there was light.*

**And God saw that the light was good.**

Gospel Reading Luke 24: 1 – 12 (Anglican Community)

Poem Narrative #2 Pádraig O'Tuama (Uniting Community)

Word of Reflection (Mthr Jo White)

Remembering our Baptism (Rev Greg Crowe)

*As we celebrate this resurrection day, we remember that in baptism we are raised to new life. We now reaffirm our faith.*

**In turning to the Sun we turn again to Christ,**

**we turn to God as a people of the way**

**we turn away from evil and injustice**

**we will love others as ourself**

**we turn to Justice and Peace, Freedom and Dignity for all people**

*(We collect the water from the Sea)*

*In the beginning the Spirit of God moved over the waters, birthing new life. Over the Sea God lead his people to freedom. In the waters of the Jordan Jesus was Baptised by John. May the creating, birthing, living, flowing Spirit of God bless this water that we might be renewed to life again*

**Mothering God, Source of our Breath; renew our birth in the bright morning of this Easter Day**

*(We bless the waters to remind us of our Baptism)*

*(We bless the sacred waters of the earth)*

*(There will be two blessing spaces. If you would like to remember your baptism and place the sign of the cross on your forehead, there will be an area with receptacles to choose from. If you are not religious or would prefer simply to be reminded that all life comes from the waters of life, there will be a couple of receptacles available to pour water on your forehead)*

Responsive Song     *Down to the Waters to Pray*

As I went down to the waters to pray  
Studying about that good old way  
And who shall wear the robe and crown  
Good Lord, show me the way!

O sisters let's go down  
Let's go down, come on down  
Come on sisters let's go down  
Down to the waters to pray

As I went down to the waters to pray....

O brothers let's go down...

As I went down to the waters to pray...

O children let's go down...

As I went down to the waters to pray.....

All people let's go down...

(Alison Krauss, adapted)

Silent Prayers for our World

Blessing (Sr Nola Morrissy)

Song                    *Here comes the Sun*

Here comes the sun  
Here comes the sun  
And I say, it's all right

Everybody  
The nights are slowly growing longer  
Everybody  
It seems a year since we've been here  
    Here comes the sun  
    Here comes the sun  
    And I say, it's all right

Everybody  
The smiles returning to our faces  
Everybody  
It seems a year since it's been here  
    Here comes the sun  
    Here comes the sun  
    And I say, it's all right

Sun, sun, sun, here it comes  
Sun, sun, sun, here it comes  
Sun, sun, sun, here it comes  
Sun, sun, sun, here it comes  
Sun, sun, sun, here it comes

Everybody  
I feel the ice is slowly melting  
Everybody  
It seems a year since it's been clear  
    Here comes the sun  
    Here comes the sun  
    And I say, it's all right

    Here comes the sun  
    Here comes the sun  
    And I say, it's all right

(George Harrison, adapted)

Go in peace....