

*now above the sky he's King, Alleluia!
where the angels ever sing. Alleluia!*

- 4** *Sing we to our God above Alleluia!
praise eternal as his love; Alleluia!
praise him, all ye heav'nly host, Alleluia!
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!*

CLOSING PRAYER (together)

Risen with Christ, may we know the reassurance of God's presence. Risen with Christ, may we accept the challenge to work in God's way. Risen in Christ, may we be living proof that God's love will never die. Amen.

BLESSING:

God of Easter, send us forth to live the power of resurrection, that we and all creation might be one with the living Christ; to whom with you and the Spirit, one holy God, be honour and praise, now and forever. Amen.



**EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE
SAINT JAMES UNITED CHURCH
APRIL 19, 2019**

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Christ has risen!

All: Christ has risen indeed!

Leader: God is alive...

All: new birth is given.

Leader: Hope is alive...

All: a new age is dawning.

Leader: Joy is alive...

All: redemption is here.

Leader: Love is alive...

All: death cannot harm us.

Leader: We are alive...

All: new life is within us.

Leader: The church is alive...

**All: God's Spirit is within us. Let us celebrate the
God of resurrection!**

OPENING PRAYER (together)

**O God, you came to the disciples and offered them
Easter assurance. You came to Thomas and offered
him resurrection hope. Come to us in this time of
worship and fill us with faith, hope and love. Amen**

HYMN-Morning Has Broken VU 409

- 1** Morning has broken like the first morning,
blackbird has spoken like the first bird.
Praise for the singing! Praise Forth morning!
Praise for them springing fresh from the Word!
- 2** Sweet the rain's new fall, sunlit from heaven,
like first dewfall on the first grass.
raise for the sweetness of the wet garden,
prune in completeness, where God's feet pass.
- 3** Ours is the sunlight! Ours is the morning,
of the one light Eden saw play.
raise with elation, praise every morning,
God's recreation of the new day!

REFLECTION

HYMN-I Danced in The Morning VU

- 1** 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.*

- 4** 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]**
- 5** 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]**

PASTORAL PRAYER/LORD'S PRAYER

HYMN-Jesus Christ Has Risen Today VU 155

- 1** Jesus Christ is ris'n today, Alleluia!
our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!
who did once upon the cross Alleluia!
suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!
- 2** Hymns of praise then let us sing Alleluia!
unto Christ our heav'nly King, Alleluia!
who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia!
sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia!
- 3** But the pains which he endured, Alleluia!
our salvation have procured; Alleluia!

