

**April 17, 2022
Easter Sunday**

Flowering the Cross of Good Friday

Gathering Hymn: MV 58 We Sing of Your Glory

Candle

They went to the tomb, just as the sun was beginning to rise. The tomb was empty, even darkness and despair were not to be found within. Not the shadow of death, but new light! As an Easter people, we follow the light of Christ!

Call to Worship

There are alleluias in the air, **that fill silence with song**, that fill fear with hope, **that fill injustice with compassion**, that fill worn out things with new life. **It is God's special word: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!** Let us worship amidst the alleluias! ****Celtic Alleluia***

The Holy City

Opening Prayer

Our eyes are barely open, the sky has hardly brightened, the morning has just begun, and we see you have already done a new thing. Praise be to you, O God. Your ways are beyond our understanding, your mystery is too vast for words, yet on this day, we dare to believe that you are making us into new creations. Alleluia!

Hymn: VU 164 The Day of Resurrection

**Prayers for Grace & Transformation/
Words of Assurance**

**There is only one assurance we need today:
Christ is risen! Christ is with us! Alleluia.
Amen**

The Peace

Scripture

Prayer for Illumination

Gospel **Luke 24: 1-12**
****Celtic Alleluia***

Reflection

***Hymn: VU 574 Come, Let Us Sing of a
Wonderful Love***

Invitation to the offering/Doxology (VU 541)

Offertory Prayer

Announcements

Prayers of Hope/Lord's Prayer

***Every Time I Feel the Spirit Moving in My
Heart I Will Pray***

Benediction/Commissioning

Closing Hymn: VU 173 Thine Is the Glory

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