

FIRST READING (Evy) **Psalm 118:14-24**

GOSPEL READING (Terry) **Matthew 28:1-10**

HYMN *Christ Arose* insert

HOMILY (Terry) ***DO NOT BE AFRAID!***

EASTER PRAYER (Paul)

HYMN *He Lives!* Insert

BENEDICTION (Paul)

PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST (Paul)



Participants

Rev. Paul Adkins, Congregational Church of South Dennis
Rev. Phil Jackson, First Congregational Church of Yarmouth
Rev. Terry Martinson, Dennis Union Church
Ms. Evy Nickerson, Northside Methodist Church

We thank the members of Northside Methodist Church for providing the refreshments this morning.

EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE
CORPORATION BEACH – DENNIS
APRIL 1, 2018 @ 6:15 A.M.

"Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia!"

GREETING (Terry)

CALL TO WORSHIP (Phil)

With joy and thanksgiving, we cry out, "Christ is risen!"

He is risen indeed! Alleluia

Early in the morning darkness hugs the hills,

Water laps the shore, an eerie stillness, a quiet moment.

God is at work, awakening hope, wiping away tears, calling our name.

God is at work this Easter morning.

Christ is risen! Alleluia!

Christ is risen indeed!

HYMN ***Christ the Lord Is Risen Today***

Christ the Lord is risen today, alleluia!

Children of God and angels say, alleluia!

Raise your joys and triumphs high, alleluia!

Sing ye heavens, and earth reply, alleluia!

Sing we to our God above, alleluia!

Praise eternal as God's love, alleluia!

Praise God, all ye heavenly host, alleluia!

Creator, Christ and Holy Ghost, alleluia!

UNISON PRAYER OF INVOCATION (Phil)

***Loving God, as the day begins to brighten, shine your light
into our lives. Chase the corners of sadness, expose our fears,
and bring us to the light of new hope, the dawn of possibility.
Open us to your resurrection power that knows no boundaries.
Fill us with incredible joy, everlasting peace, and unquenchable
hope this day and always. We pray in the name of the Risen
One. Amen.***

LORD'S PRAYER (Phil) ("debts" and "debtors")

LITANY FOR EASTER (Evy)

Lord God, early in the morning when the world was young, you made life in all its beauty and terror; you gave birth to all that we know.

Hallowed be your name.

Early in the morning when the world least expected it, a newborn crying in a cradle announced that you had come among us, that you were one of us.

Hallowed be your name.

Early in the morning, surrounded by respectable liars, religious leaders, anxious statesmen, and silent friends, you accepted the penalty for doing good, for being God: you shouldered and suffered the cross.

Hallowed be your name.

Early in the morning, a voice in a guarded graveyard and footsteps in the dew proved that you had risen, that you had come back to those and for those who had forgotten, denied, and destroyed you.

Hallowed be your name.

This morning, in the company of your church on earth and in heaven, we celebrate your creation, your life, your death and resurrection, your love for us; so we pray,

***Lord, bring new life, where we are worn and tired;
new love, where we may have turned hard-hearted;
forgiveness where we feel hurt and where we have wounded;
and joy and freedom of your Holy Spirit, where we are
prisoners of ourselves.***

To all and to each, on his community and on his friends, where regret is real, Jesus pronounces his pardon and grants us the right to begin again. Thanks be to God!

Amen.