

# Easter Sunrise Service From Darkness to Light\*

April 1, 2018

Early Morning – Not Quite Dawn

## CALL to WORSHIP

Our eyes surveyed the cross upon which our Lord died.  
Our Lord lies in the cold tomb, waiting; but for what?

We saw his head, his hands, his bleeding side.  
As we await the breaking of a new day, what will its dawning bring?

HYMN No. 158 (Vs. 1, 3):  
“When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”

## FOUR STORIES:

Thomas  
Peter  
The Beloved Disciple  
Mary Magdalene

## RESURRECTION – THE LIGHT BURSTS FORTH

SCRIPTURE READING: John 20:1-10

## PROCLAMATION

Christ is Risen!  
Christ is risen Indeed!  
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HYMN No. 166: “Christ Arose!”

## Morning Has Broken – I have Seen the Lord

## FOUR STORIES

Thomas  
Peter  
The Beloved Disciple  
Mary Magdalene

Hymn No. 167: “He Lives”

## PRAYER of PRAISE and BENEDICTION

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# “The Nails of the Cross”

*By Martha Conaway*

We would never crucify Christ, Each of us would say,  
Yet there are many different nails,  
We hammer in Him every day.

There is the nail of Envy, Jealousy and greed,  
Let's remove those deadly nails,  
We have everything we need.

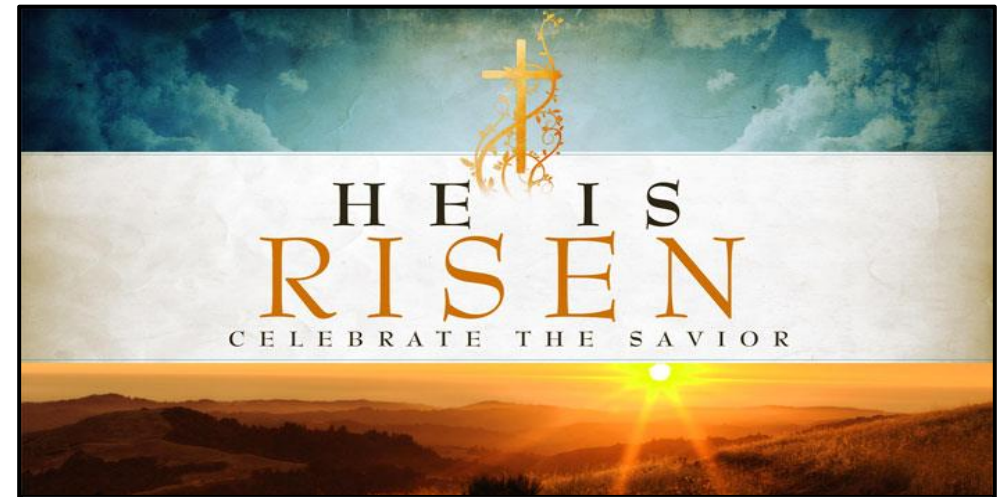
We hammer in the nail of Pride, Thinking we're in control,  
But we must confess our sins to God,  
If we want Him to save our soul.

Unfaithfulness is another nail,  
It wounds him when we stray,  
But He is willing to take us back,  
He loves us come what may.

Then there's the nail of Cruelty, of apathy and neglect,  
We surely hang Him on the cross,  
When Jesus we reject.

Another nail is Indecision, Shall I proclaim Him Lord?  
Or shall I worship worldly things,  
And forfeit my reward?

But none of these nails could hold Him,  
On that cross at Calvary,  
He arose triumphant from the grave,  
To bring Salvation to you and me!



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