

do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. [John 14:12, NRSV]

Q: Thank you, Lord, for bringing us into your body, the church. What a wonderful task you have entrusted to us, to embody you in the world. But we need your strength to do this—our eyes need to be opened. How will we know you?

A: Luke 24:15-35

Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;

Praise him, all creatures here below;

Praise him above, ye heavenly host:

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Benediction

NISKAYUNA REFORMED CHURCH

Easter Sunrise Service

6:30 am

April 1, 2018

At the Tomb

L: Whom do you seek?

P: We are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified on Friday. They have taken away our Lord, and we do not know where they have laid him.

L: Do not be afraid. I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. He is not here, for he has risen. Go and tell his disciples.

P: Word of Jesus' Resurrection Spreads

The Light of the Resurrection

Sisters and brothers in Christ, on this most holy morning, we gather with the whole company of God's people in heaven and on earth to share in Christ's victory over death.

The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.
The light of Christ. (*light Christ candle*)

Thanks be to God!

The Glory of the Risen Christ

Christ is risen! **Christ is risen, indeed!**

Chorus

Christ the Lord is risen today! Alleluia!

All creation, join to say: Alleluia!

Raise your joys and triumphs high; Alleluia!

Sing, O heavens, and earth, reply: Alleluia!

Easter Prayer

Glory to you, O God:

On this day you won victory over death, raising Jesus from the grave and giving us eternal life.

Glory to you, O Christ:

For us and for our salvation you overcame death and opened the gate to everlasting life.

Glory to you, O Holy Spirit:

You lead us into the truth.

Glory to you, O blessed Trinity, now and forever. Amen.

Scripture Lesson

Matthew 28:1-10

Encountering the Risen Lord

[During this portion of the service, five preselected members from the congregation stand at various times and challenge or ask Questions of the leader. The leaders answers are primarily a collection of interwoven Scripture verses.]

Q: Yes, but what about us? Where do we see Jesus?

A: John 20:24-29

Q: But Lord, sometimes we need to see to believe. Where can we see you?

A: Matthew 25:35-40

Q: Sometimes Lord, we need guidance. We need your wisdom and advice. How will we know your leading then?

A: John 14:16-18,26-27

Q: Thank you, Lord, for sending us your Holy Spirit. But how will the world know? How will they see Christ?

A: You are the body of Christ, and individually members of it. For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one spirit. [1 Corinthians 12:12-13, NRSV]

But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth. [Acts 1:8, NRSV]

Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I