

From our Churches

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From Darkness to Light

Order of Worship

Early Morning - Not Quite Dawn

(begin service in darkness. The front still has the cross with black cloth and black cloths over all the tables. Candles are still extinguished from Good Friday)

Foyer Prelude "Early Bird Singers"

Welcome

Call to Worship

Hymn HWB #259 When I Survey the wondrous cross

4 Monologues

Thomas

Peter

The Beloved Disciple

Mary Magdalene

Resurrection – The Light Bursts Forth

Scripture Reading John 20:1-10

Proclamation! (3 times, louder each time!)

Leader: Christ is Risen!

Cong: Christ is Risen Indeed!

The Light Bursts Forth! (replace black table cloths with white, light candles, congregation

brings forward flowers, etc)

Hymn HWB #273 Low in the Grave He Lay

Morning has Broken – I have Seen the Lord

4 Monologues

Mary Magdalene

Thomas

The Beloved Disciple

Thomas

Hymn HWB #280 Christ the Lord is Risen Today

Offering

Sending Hymn HWB #269 Thine is the Glory

Blessing STS #179