



Brookline Community Church  
Easter Sunrise Service

March 31, 2024

### CALL TO WORSHIP<sup>1</sup>

Leader: Beloved Redeemer, we come to you in the morning of the resurrection.  
We expect to find you among the tombs and the grave clothes of our  
world,

**All: but you are alive.**

Leader: Sin cannot hold you

**All: Death cannot bind you.**

Leader: And just as we have been weeping and mourning that you have been  
taken from us,

**All: you meet us in the garden of new life. You are risen indeed.**

Leader: Be present with us as daystar, miracle and mystery,

**All: and as the tender hands of grace. Alleluia. Amen.**

### **HYMN #362 “Morning Has Broken” (see attached)**

SCRIPTURE Isaiah 25:6-9 and Mark 16:1-8

### MEDITATION

#### LORD’S PRAYER:

**Our Father who art in heaven hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy  
will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and  
forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And  
lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.**

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<sup>1</sup> Inspired by Maren Tirabassi’s “Invocation for Easter” in *Touch Holiness*, edited by Ruth C. Duck and Maren Tirabassi, (New York: Pilgrim Press, 1990), 79.

## **HYMN #384 “This Is My Father’s World” (see attached)**

### **CLOSING PRAYER<sup>2</sup>**

**O God of glory,  
in the Easter dawn  
you raised Jesus from death to life.  
As we are united with him in death,  
so unite us with him in resurrection,  
that we may walk in the newness of life. Amen.**

*Deep thanks to Paul Andres, John Weidman and the Andres Institute of Art for hosting us. This very special place makes this unique service even more powerful.*

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Worship Sept – June: 10:00am; July & August: 9:00am

### **Household Prayers**

Prayer is a spiritual exercise that helps build a personal relationship with God. It is also an opportunity to both speak with and listen to God.

Sometimes the words come naturally, sometimes they don't. For the times when they don't, it's nice to have something already written to start with.

Not every prayer will resonate with every person every week. But when they do, they can help each of us build a life of meaning and purpose in relationship with God.

Each week, we post household prayers on our website ([www.bccnh.org](http://www.bccnh.org), click on “Worship” on the left and then “Household Prayers”). Here are this week’s:

#### **Household Prayer: Morning<sup>3</sup>**

Heavenly God, our Father, I am full of thanks for a night of rest and for this new day and all that now awaits me. I go forward toward encounters with family and friends, work and play, and all that will bring me into contact with strangers, certain that you are with me. Lead and guide me in the way of a resurrected life. Help me to see the risen Lord today; in Jesus’ name. Amen.

#### **Household Prayer: Evening**

Holy God, our Mother, you are my comfort at the end as at the beginning of each day. You pull me toward the goodness you desire for me. I give you thanks for all that has come my way this day, and I ask your enveloping power to watch over me this night. Give rest to all your people. Wherever there is pain and struggle, may your holy angels bring peace; in Jesus’ name. Amen.

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<sup>2</sup> Inspired by Consultation on Common Texts, *Revised Common Lectionary Prayers*. (Minneapolis, MN: Fortress Press, 2002), 105.

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### **Morning Has Broken #362**

Morning has broken like the first morning, blackbird has spoken like the first bird. Praise for the singing! Praise for the morning! Praise them, springing fresh from the Word!

Sweet the rain's new fall sunlit from heaven, like the first dewfall on the first grass. Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden, sprung in completeness where his feet pass.

Mine is the sunlight! Mine is the morning born of the one light Eden saw play! Praise with elation, praise every morning, God's recreation of the new day!

### **This Is My Father's World #384**

This is my Father's world, and to my listening ears all nature sings, and round me rings the music of the spheres. This is my Father's world: I rest me in the thought of rocks and trees, of skies and seas – his hand the wonders wrought.

This is our Father's world: O let us not forget that though the wrong is great and strong, God is the ruler yet. He trusts us with his world, to keep it clean and fair – all earth and trees, all skies and seas, all creatures everywhere.

This is my Father's world: he shines in all that's fair; in the rustling grass I hear him pass, he speaks to me everywhere. This is my father's world: why should my heart be sad? The Lord is King, let heaven ring! God reigns; let earth be glad!