

Worship Program for  
First Church in Pembroke

## EASTER SUNDAY

Sunday April 9th, 2023

PRELUDE:

MEDITATION PRAYER:

“That at the name of Jesus, every knee shall bow, of things in heaven, and things in the earth, and things under the earth; And that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.” (Philippians 2:10-11)

SPECIAL MUSIC FROM OUR CHOIR:

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Meet & Greet:

CALL TO CONTEMPLATION:

CALL TO WORSHIP:

P: Jesus Christ is risen! So lift up your head, my people, on this Easter Morning. Lift up your head in reverence of the 'Blessed Hope.'

C: The angel said, “He is not here, for he is risen!” So today, on this Easter Morning, we, the children of God, lift up our heads in anticipation of our Blessed Hope and Redeemer.

P: Jesus is alive! The grave could not hold him down. No weapons formed against him could destroy him! His bones could not be broken! Together, we pronounce in liberty the everlasting reign of the King of Kings and Lord of Lords!

C: Jesus arose from the dead with a mighty power! Therefore, “At the Name of Jesus, every knee shall bow, and every tongue shall confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.” Amen. (Excerpts from Philippians 2).

OPENING HYMN: #182 (Red Hymnal) “Christ The Lord is Risen Today”

PRAYER OF INVOCATION:

It is written in the scriptures that “Christ gave yourself up for our sins to deliver us from this present evil age.” Today, as believers in Christ, we seek to

please our Lord and Savior, who made it known to the world that the blood of bulls and goats could not save us. We truly believe that Christ saved us by his own blood, and entered once into the holy place, and obtained eternal redemption for us by his death on the cross! Hallelujah! These are liberating words, and today we praise our Risen Lord, whose love continues to surpass us. On this Easter Sunday, Lord, we seek your presence, and we pray that our hearts will remain comforted and knit together in love to all the riches of the full assurance of your magnificence. Risen Savior, in you, are hidden all treasures of wisdom and understanding; therefore, equip us with a fraction of your wisdom. Encourage us to beware of all vain philosophies and the rudiments of this world, and may we forever hold on to You, the 'Rock of our Salvation.' Amen.

HYMN: #245 (Black Hymnal) “The Day of Resurrection”

SCRIPTURE READING: Luke 24:1-12

SERMON: 'Abandoned Sepulcher, Eternity Rising' (by Minister Miriam Theodore)

OFFERTORY INVITATION:

“Blotting out the handwriting of ordinances that was against us, which was contrary to us, and took it out of the way, nailing it to his cross. And having spoiled principalities and powers, he made a show of them openly, triumphing over them in it.” (Colossians 2:14-15)

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

A TIME OF SILENT PRAYER

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

MUSICAL RESPONSE

CLOSING HYMN: #195 (Red Hymnal) “All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name”

BENEDICTION:

POSTLUDE: