

Easter Sunrise Service at Home

This Easter, due to social distancing, any celebrating will have to be a home-based event. Many will have access to virtual Easter services, but there is something special about the Easter Sunrise (Sonrise) Service that is a meaningful tradition.

The following is a simple family-friendly sunrise service outline and activity that can be experienced by members of the household. Here is what you may find helpful for your service:

- Be prepared to start at sunrise (Around 6:20 AM This year)
- Bible
- Your yard, or sit around the kitchen table
- Download or write out the following discussion cards
- An Easter basket, gift bag, or any handy receptacle to place the discussion cards into.

To begin your service, sing a song that may be known to everyone. Possible suggestion:

Lord, I Lift Your Name on High

Lord, I lift your name on high,
Lord, I love to sing your praises,
I'm so glad you're in my life,
I'm so glad you came to save us.
You came from heaven to earth
To show the way.
From the earth to the cross
My debt to pay.
From the cross to the grave,
From the grave to the skies,
Lord, I lift your name on high.

Prayer: Someone can pray their own prayer, or everyone pray the following:

Thank you, Lord, for coming to earth. You showed us how to love God and live a holy life. Your death on the cross paid for all our sins. Your rising from the dead proved that we can follow in your footsteps and live eternally with our Heavenly Father someday too. Amen.

Scripture Reading: Mark 16:1-7

Easter Conversation Cards: These can be found on the next page. Print the page and cut along the lines

Choose someone to close in prayer.



What do you think heaven will be like?



Say to your group enthusiastically, "Christ is risen!" and everyone responds, "He is risen, indeed!" Practice a few times.



If you could give an Easter basket to someone who would it be, what would you put in it and why?



Act out your best impression of Mary when she discovered the empty tomb.



Everyone looks for items from around the yard and place it in the shape of a cross. Or find items in your room and create a cross from all the things.



The night before Jesus died, he spent a long time in prayer. Hold hands with everyone and pray a prayer thanking God for his Son's gift of eternal life.



Turn to someone and say, "Jesus died for you because he loves you."



Can you or someone in your group recite John 3:16? (Or for a fun challenge, add a marshmallow Peep while saying it).



When Mary entered the tomb where Jesus was buried, Jesus was not there, but an angel was. What did he tell Mary? (Mark 16:6)



Who did the angel instruct Mary to tell about Jesus' resurrection? Who can you tell?

