The Rosicrucian Fellowship
Easter Sunrise Service
From Home

Sunday, April 12, 2020
6:30 AM - SUNRISE
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Opening Music: 3rd Verse of TRF Opening Hymn (May Sing or read aloud)

Let's strive to know that we may do.  
What lifts, ennobles, is right and true.  
With love to all and hate to none,  
Let’s shun no duty that should be done.  
For knowing how to act aright,  
And doing it from morn till night,  
From day to day and year to year,  
We conquer self and sin and fear.

A.) Let us say The Lords Prayer:

Our Father who art in heaven, 
Hallowed be thy name.  
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done  
In 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

B.) A Reading from “St. Matthew 28:1-20 “Easter Morning”

1. After the Sabbath, as the first day of the week began to dawn, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary came to see the tomb.  
2. And behold, there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord descended from heaven, and came and rolled back the stone from the door, and sat on it.
3. His countenance was like lightning, and his clothing as white as snow.
4. And the guards shook for fear of him, and became like dead men.
5. But the angel answered and said to the women, “Do not be afraid, for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified.
6. He is not here; for He is risen, as He said. Come, see the place where the Lord lay.
7. And go quickly and tell His disciples that He is risen from the dead, and indeed He is going before you into Galilee; there you will see Him. Behold, I have told you.”
8. So they went out quickly from the tomb with fear and great joy, and ran to bring His disciples word.
9. And as they went to tell His disciples, behold, Jesus met them, saying, “Rejoice!” So they came and held Him by the feet and worshiped Him.
10. Then Jesus said to them, “Do not be afraid. Go and tell My brethren to go to Galilee, and there they will see Me.”
11. Now while they were going, behold, some of the guard came into the city and reported to the chief priests all the things that had happened.
12. When they had assembled with the elders and consulted together, they gave a large sum of money to the soldiers,
13. saying, “Tell them, ‘His disciples came at night and stole Him away while we slept.’
14. And if this comes to the governor’s ears, we will appease him and make you secure.”
15. So they took the money and did as they were instructed; and this saying is commonly reported among the Jews until this day.
16. Then the eleven disciples went away into Galilee, to the mountain, which Jesus had appointed for them.
17. When they saw Him, they worshiped Him; but some doubted.
18. And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, “All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth.
19. Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit:
20. Teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age Amen.

C.) Short Easter Reading From Chapter 5 - Mystical Interpretation of Easter. Max Heindel

Again, the earth has reached the vernal equinox in its annual circle dance about the Sun, and we have Easter. The spiritual ray sent out by the Cosmic Christ each fall to replenish the smoldering vitality of the earth about to ascend to the Father’s Throne.
Thus the great World Drama is acted and re-enacted from year to year, an eternal event between life and death; each in turn becoming victor and being vanquished as the cycles roll on. As Christ walked day by day over the hills and the valleys of Judea and
Galilee, teaching the multitudes, all were benefited. But He communed most with His Disciples, and they, of course, grew apace each day. The bond of love became closer as time went on, until one-day ruthless hands took away the beloved Teacher and put Him to a shameful death. They had hoped so much, they had entertained such high aspirations, and through the verdant glory was as fresh upon the sun-kissed landscape as before, He went, the earth seemed cold and dreary, for desolation gnawed at their hearts.

Thus it is also with us who aim to walk after the spirit and to strive with the flesh, though the analogy may not have been previously apparent. When the “fall” of the Christ ray commences in autumn and ushers in the season of spiritual supremacy, we sense it at once, and commence to lave our souls in the blessed tide with avidity. We experience a feeling akin to that of the apostles when they walked with Christ. And as the season wears on it becomes easier and easier to commune with Him, face to face, as it were. In the annual course of events, Easter and the Ascension of the “risen” Christ ray to the Father leave us in the identical position of the apostles when their beloved Teacher went away.

There is thus a certain obligation to pass on what we have of knowledge, and “to whom much is given of him, much will be required.” If we hoard the spiritual blessings we have received, evil is at our door, so let us imitate the earth at this Easter time. Let us bring forth in the physical world of action the fruits of the spirit sown in our souls during the past wintery season. So shall we be more abundantly blessed from year to year.

D.) Let us all conclude by rising and singing: “Christ is Risen” (May sing or read out loud)

Love’s redeeming work is done, HA-A-A-A-A Al-le-lu-u-ja!
Fought the fight, the battle won, HA-A-A-A-A Al-le-lu-u-ja!