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POMPTON REFORMED CHURCH

April 5, 2026

10:00 am

Happy Easter!

Welcome

The Christ Candle: He is risen. He is risen indeed.

Opening Easter Litany

The Tomb Is Empty: *A Reflection from Mars Hill Church*

As the dark, cold earth gives way to warmth and new life,

We celebrate the resurrection.

That while it was still dark,

Death had already been defeated.

And this triumph was Good News:

For those who entered the tomb,

And for those who didn't.

For those who believed

And those who didn't—and still don't—understand.

This resurrection power was at work

And still is today:

In the ground and in the world.

In the Church and in our lives.

In us, the broken and the healed.

Rejoice, for He is Risen!

And this power is in us yesterday,

Today, and for all the days to come.

Glory to The Father, and to The Son, and to The Holy spirit.

As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Opening Song-Blue #234 *“Christ the Lord is Risen Today”*

Call To Confession

Almighty God of grace and glory,

Easter Sunday is a declaration: that death is not the end, that light overcomes the darkness, and that love has won. Because of you, there is always a new beginning.

Forgive us, Lord, when we don't extend that new beginning to others. Forgive us for hanging on to resentment, for allowing hatred and bitterness to creep into our hearts. **Help us to see Your goodness in this world. Help us to know Your love. Fill us with Your love and goodness, so that we might love one another, and lift up one another in grace and peace. Amen.**

Words of Assurance

Hear these words from Psalm 40

"I am sure I shall see the goodness of our God in the land of the living.

Wait for the Lord; be strong, and let your heart take courage; wait for the Lord!"

Know that you do not wait alone. **God has given us one another for this journey of faith.**

Know that you do not wait alone; **Christ is with us.**

Be encouraged, and encourage one another. Go and share the Good News.

Friends, may God's peace be with you. **And also with you.**

Living the Way of Jesus: The Prayer of St. Francis

Friends, we have been invited not simply to believe in the resurrection, but to live the resurrection. When we reflect on the The Prayer of St. Francis, we can see what the resurrection life actually looks like. Join me in this prayer:

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace:

where there is hatred, let me sow love;

where there is injury, pardon;

where there is doubt, faith;

where there is despair, hope;

where there is darkness, light;

where there is sadness, joy.

O divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek

to be consoled as to console,

to be understood as to understand,

to be loved as to love.

For it is in giving that we receive,

it is in pardoning that we are pardoned,

and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.

Amen.

Announcements

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

Offering

Offertory Choir Anthem – Blue #254 "Alleluia"

Ed Harris

Doxology Blue # 243 "Christ is Alive" verse 5

Sermon: Death Could Not Hold Him

Scripture Passage: Luke 23:50-54; 24:1-10 (screens)

Easter Litany Before Communion

Christ is Risen! **Christ is Risen Indeed!**

Hallelujah! **On this day we celebrate resurrection.**

The power of life has overcome the power of death. **Hallelujah!**

The light of love has shattered the darkness of fear. **Hallelujah!**

The way of peace has prevailed against the violence of empire. **Hallelujah!**

We come to worship the God whose resurrection power lives on in the Christ we serve. Hallelujah!

Communion Liturgy

Communion Song – Green # 152 *“I Am the Bread of Life”*

Closing Song-Blue #229

“Lift High the Cross” verse 1,&,5

Benediction