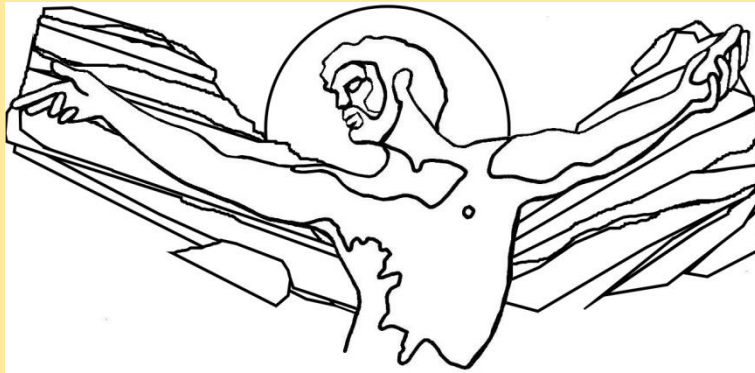


# THE SEVENTY-THIRD ANNUAL EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE



## RED ROCKS AMPHITHEATRE

Morrison, Colorado

Sunday, April 12, 2020

Virtual Worship Service

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### Program Participants

**Presiding:** Adrian Miller, CCC Executive Director, and a member of Campbell Chapel African Methodist Episcopal Church, Denver, CO.

**Morning Prayer and Offertory:** Rev. Dr. Scott Schiesswohl, Pastor, St. James United Methodist Church, Central City, CO.

**Scripture Reading and Benediction:** Rev. Olivia Hudson Smith, Stated Clerk, Presbytery of Denver.

**Preacher: Rev. Dr. Miguel De La Torre** is an ordained Southern Baptist preacher and a Professor of Social Ethics and Latinx Studies at the Iliff School of Theology in Denver, Colorado. In addition, Rev. Dr. De La Torre is a scholar-activist, critically-acclaimed author, internationally-sought-after speaker, and a slam poet.

### Entertainment and Performances

Father Michael Nicosia, Vicar to the Rocky Mountain Region, Ecumenical Catholic Communion, Lisa Cardwell (Calvary Baptist Church, Denver, CO), and Stephanie Garvey.

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**God willing, we'll see you next  
year at Red Rocks!**

# EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE

*\*Those who are able, please stand*

**PRE-SERVICE MUSIC** Father Michael Nicosia

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP** Adrian Miller

**Leader:** Easter takes us by surprise, early in the morning. The obstacles we expect to face have been rolled away.

**People:** **Where once death and despair laid locked in time, now the bright light of hope sprouts wings.**

**Leader:** And all who encounter the Risen One will join the Resurrection Procession.

**People:** **Some of us will sing.  
Some of us will silently soak it all in.  
All of us will experience the joy.**

**Leader:** Christ is Risen!

**People:** **Christ is Risen Indeed!**

**\*CONGREGATIONAL HYMN** *Christ the Lord is Risen Today*  
Stephanie Garvey

**Christ the Lord is risen today, Alleluia!  
All creation, join to say, Alleluia!  
Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia!  
Sing, O heavens, and earth reply, Alleluia!**

**Lives again our glorious King, Alleluia!  
Where, O death, is now your sting? Alleluia!  
Jesus died, our souls to save, Alleluia!  
Where your victory, O grave? Alleluia!**

**Love's redeeming work is done, Alleluia!  
Fought the fight, the battle won, Alleluia!  
Death in vain forbids him rise, Alleluia!  
Christ has opened paradise, Alleluia!**

**Soar we now where Christ has led, Alleluia!  
Following our exalted Head, Alleluia!  
Made like him, like him we rise, Alleluia!  
Ours the cross, the grave, the skies, Alleluia!**

**WELCOME** Adrian Miller

**MORNING PRAYER** Rev. Dr. Scott Schiesswohl

**\*THE 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,  
for ever and ever. Amen.**

**MUSICAL SELECTION** "Ever Be" Lucie Cardwell

**\*THE EASTER GOSPEL** Rev. Olivia Hudson Smith

**SERMON** "Being Hope" Rev. Dr. Miguel De La Torre

**\*CONGREGATIONAL HYMN** *Amazing Grace* Stephanie Garvey

**Amazing Grace, how sweet the sound,  
That saved a wretch like me.  
I once was lost but now am found,  
Was blind, but now I see.**

**T'was Grace that taught my heart to fear,  
And Grace, my fears relieved.  
How precious did that Grace appear,  
The hour I first believed.**

**When we've been there ten thousand years,  
Bright shining as the sun.  
We've no less days to sing God's praise,  
Than when we've first begun.**

**BLESSING & SENDING FORTH** Adrian Miller

**POSTLUDE** "Hallelujah"

**We have gathered to worship!  
We now go forth to serve!**

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