

THE SEVENTY-FOURTH ANNUAL

Easter

SUNRISE SERVICE



RED ROCKS AMPHITHEATRE
Morrison, Colorado

Sunday, April 4, 2021
6:00 a.m.

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The Colorado Council of Churches
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The Right Reverend Kimberly (Kym) Lucas was ordained and consecrated as the eleventh bishop of the Episcopal Church in Colorado in 2019. Lucas became the first woman bishop as well as the first African American bishop in the diocese's 132-year history. Prior to her election as bishop, Lucas served as Rector of St. Margaret's Episcopal Church in Washington, D.C. since January 2012, and as the Rector of St. Ambrose Episcopal Church in Raleigh, N.C., from 2005 to 2011. Bishop Lucas and her husband, Mark Retherford, have four children.

Program Participants

Presiding: Adrian Miller, Executive Director, CCC, and a member of the African Methodist Episcopal Church.

Morning Prayer: Bishop Karen Oliveto, Mountain Sky Conference, United Methodist Church.

Scripture Reading: Rev. Denise Pass, Executive Presbyter, Presbytery of Plains and Peaks.

Preacher: Bishop Kym Lucas, Episcopal Church in Colorado.

Benediction: Adrian Miller

Musical Worship Leaders

Pre-Worship Service: Stephanie Garvey (violin), Sue Wedaa (vocal), Andrea L. Meyers (cello), and Barb Nickerson I

Worship Service: Spirit of Grace—Larea Edwards, Joseph Brown, Christin Grant and Kenneth Woods; Rev. Matt Nelson, Rev Alice Horner Nelson, and Tiffany Pickett

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EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE

**Those who are able, please stand*

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC Stephanie Garvey, et. al.

***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"

**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 Bishop Karen Oliveto

***THE LORD'S PRAYER** Adrian Miller

**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 SELECTIONS Spirit of Grace

INVITATION TO OFFERING Adrian Miller

***THE EASTER GOSPEL** Rev. Denise Pass
Matthew 28:1-10

SERMON Bishop Kym Lucas

***CLOSING SONG** "Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)"

Amazing grace how sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me
I once was lost but now I'm found
Was blind but now I see

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear
And grace my fears relieved
How precious did that grace appear
The hour I first believed

Chorus
My chains are gone I've been set free
My God my Savior has ransomed me
And like a flood His mercy rains
Unending love amazing grace

The Lord has promised good to me
His word my hope secures
He will my shield and portion be
As long as life endures

Chorus x2

The earth shall soon dissolve like snow
The sun forbear to shine
But God who called me here below
Will be forever mine
Will be forever mine
You are forever mine

BLESSING & SENDING FORTH Adrian Miller

POSTLUDE Jubilate! Sacred Singers

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

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