Thursday

Call to Worship*
We worship God:
who has taken what we call an absurdity and turned it into possibility.....
who has coaxed us to sing springtime alleluias even in the midst of a gray dawn,
who has called us out of the bleakness of our reality into an undreamed of tomorrow,
we praise you for this day.
Come, Risen Christ, in newness and hope on this Eastertide day. Amen.

Music
Contemporary
I Speak Jesus  Here Be Lions
https://youtu.be/g9n0xFzzlak

Traditional
Rise Up My Love, My Fair One  James McCray – West Valley College Chamber Singers
https://youtu.be/XEmTnEyh-0w

Scripture Reading
Song of Solomon 2:8-15
https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Song+of+Solomon+2%3A8-15&version=NRSV

Colossians 4:2-5
https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Colossians+4%3A2-5&version=NRSV

Personal Reflection

Prayer**
Risen Christ of new life and new hope, we come to you in humble prayer and joyous song. Help us remember – Easter has changed our lives. We are no longer frightened people – because you live, we have courage to face what life puts in front of us and courage to face death as well. We are no longer lonely people – because you live, we can accept ourselves and reach out to each other. We are no longer scattered people – because you live, we come together to worship and to witness in our weakness and our strength. We are Easter people. Amen.

Benediction**
Because Christ lives our lives can be full,
so go into every day, every place, every situation
as people overflowing with the love of God.
Be graceful in spirit, hopeful in word, faithful in deed.
Live for the risen Christ as Christ lives in you.
Alleluia

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