



EASTER SUNDAY

IMPARTIAL GOD, IMPARTIAL WITNESSES

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THE COMMUNITY GATHERS

APPROACHED TO GOD

Before the service, meditate and speak to God. During the service let God speak to you. After the service talk to each other and the wider community about God.

KEYS

Words printed in **ALL CAPS & bold** are spoken or sung by everyone.

At places marked with the “✝,” you are invited to stand, as you are able.

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Order of Worship

INTROIT: **Were You There (vs 5 & added vs 6) VU #144**

Were you there when the saviour rose again?

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Oh! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.

Were you there when the saviour rose again?

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF TERRITORY AND RECONCILIATION

As we gather today, we recognize that the first peoples lived here for countless generations before we did. We acknowledge that we are on the unceded traditional lands of the Splats'in First Nation, and we celebrate their faithful stewardship.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENT!

CENTERING HYMN: **Morning Has Broken VU #409**

LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

One: The risen Christ lives today!

All: We are witness to these things.

One: We sing Praise to God incarnate.

All: May Christ's love burn within us!

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Christ is risen!

All: He is risen indeed!

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All: He is risen indeed!

One: Hallelujah!

OPENING HYMN: This is the Day MV #122

OPENING PRAYER

God of grace and power.

We have longed and prepared for this joyous day:

On Ash Wednesday we humbled ourselves before you.

On Mandy Thursday we learned a new commandment.

On Good Friday we cried at the foot of the cross.

On Holy Saturday we kept vigil.

*And on this blessed Sunday we rejoice
in the risen power of love, hope, and new life.*

Make this rising real in our own lives.

Let us be a people of love, hope, and new life.

*Let us be a people of joy. **Amen.***

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of grace,

Despair, pain, and fear are part of life;

Sometimes we let them guide us.

Sometimes we let them hold us back from living your way,

And we lose sight of your strong love.

Help us to be a brave and holy people, living beyond fear.

*Teach us to trust in your steadfast love. **Amen***

AFFIRMATION

One: This is the good news: God raised Jesus from death, turning sorrows into joy and despair into hope.

ALL: Hallelujah!

SPEACIL SELECTION: The Spring Has Come VU#187

MINISTRY OF THE WORD

- **Psalm 113**
- **Acts 10:34-44**

REFLECTION/SERMON

HYMN: I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me VU# 575

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

One: As purple gives way to gold, hear our prayers for times of suffering in a world that is unjust for too many people.

All: May we live towards wholeness.

One: As thorns give way to crowns, hear our prayers for oppressions in our land by trade that is imbalance.

ALL. May we live towards liberation for all.

One: As tombs give way to gardens, hear our prayers for worries that keep us from flourishing in your care.

All: May we live toward your Shalom.

One: As yesterday gives way to tomorrow, hear our prayers for the future that holds too many uncertainty or loneliness.

All: May we live towards your vision.

Let us pray together the prayer Jesus taught in the version found in the *New Zealand Prayer Book*.

Eternal Spirit

Earth-Maker, Pain-bearer, Life-giver,

source of all that is and that shall be,

Father and Mother of us all.

*Loving God, in whom is heaven.
The hallowing of your name
echoes through the universe!*

*The way of your justice be followed
by the peoples of the earth!
Your heavenly will be done
by all created beings!*

*Your commonwealth of peace and freedom
sustain our hope and come on earth.
With the bread we need for today, feed us.*

*In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us.
In times of temptation and test, spare us.
From the grip of all that is evil, free us.
For you reign in the glory of the power that is love,
now and forever. Amen.*

Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Give Thanks VU #179

THANK YOU & BLESSING

*May the love of the risen Christ nourish and sustain us.
May the eternal light of the world renew
and inspire us to lives of care and compassion.
May we go forward and be the body of the risen Christ. Amen.*

DOXOLOGY: Halle, Halle, Halle VU #958



THANK YOUS & CREDITS

Thank you for participating in today's worship, I pray you have been greatly blessed.

Remember, for those we are unable to connect with any reason; call to buoy up their spirits, and/or pray for them and entrust them to the care of the divine.

Due to physical distancing caused by the Corona Virus, COVID 19, all church activities that require physical contact are suspended until further notice.

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Those of you who are on PAR and those who mailed in the gifts and offerings thank you.

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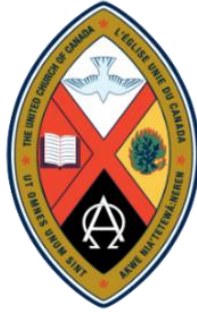
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