



ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Saskatoon, Saskatchewan

THE MINISTRY OF WORSHIP

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Easter Sunday/Communion

"When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory" –Colossians 3: 4

Welcome and Announcements

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

Call to Worship:

This is the Good News – the light shines in the darkness and the darkness will never overcome it.

All: Hallelujah! Christ is risen.

This is the Good News: once we were no people; now we are God's people.

All: Hallelujah! Christ is risen.

This is the Good News – the grave is empty and Christ is risen.

All: Hallelujah! Christ is risen.

Let us worship God with Easter joy!

Prayer of Adoration

Praise: "Jesus Christ is Risen Today" #243

Jesus Christ is risen today, hallelujah! Our triumphant holy day, hallelujah! Who did once upon the cross, hallelujah! Suffer to redeem our loss, hallelujah!

Hymns of praise then let us sing hallelujah! Unto Christ our heavenly King, hallelujah! Who endured the cross and grave, hallelujah! Sinners to redeem and save, hallelujah!

But the pains which he endured hallelujah! Our salvation have procured; hallelujah! Now above the sky he's King, hallelujah! Where the angels ever sing, hallelujah!

Sing we to our God above, hallelujah! Praise eternal as his love; hallelujah! Praise him, all ye heavenly host, hallelujah! Father, Son and Holy Ghost, hallelujah!

Prayer of Confession:

God of mystery, we confess that faith does not come easily every Easter. When we face loss in our own lives, we sometimes lose track of the promise in Christ's resurrection. Sorrow can weigh us down. Our challenges can feel like a stone too heavy to roll away. Forgive us, O God, and let the joy of this day assure us that the power of your love will never let us go. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Scripture Readings:

Psalm 118: 1-2, 14-24

John 20:1-18

Sermon:

"Our Salvation"

RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Offering our Gifts to God*

Solo: "I Know That My Redeemer Liveth" Handel

Prayers of the People

Leader: God, in your mercy...

All: Hear our prayer.

GOD'S WORD MADE VISIBLE



Invitation to the Table

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Praise: "Let us Talents and Tongues Employ" #563

Let us talents and tongues employ, reaching out with a shout of joy: bread is broken, the wine is poured, Christ is spoken and seen and heard. Jesus lives again, earth can breathe again, pass the Word around: loaves abound!

Christ is able to make us one; at the table he set the tone, teaching people to live to bless, love in word and in deed express. Jesus lives again, earth can breathe again, pass the Word around: loaves abound!

Jesus calls us in, sends us out bearing fruit in a world of doubt, gives us love to tell, bread to share: God (Immanuel) everywhere! Jesus lives again, earth can breathe again, pass the Word around: loaves abound!

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving:

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

The prayer opens with thanksgiving to God: "... in joy and thanksgiving for all that you have done for us, we praise your Holy Name, saying:"

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Thanksgiving continues for the work of Jesus Christ. "... hear us now as we proclaim the blessed mystery of our faith:"

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The presence of the Holy Spirit is invoked followed by a doxology and 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 debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but

deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Breaking of the Bread and Sharing of the Cup

Prayer after Communion:

Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us.

Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit, to give ourselves for others

in the name of Jesus Christ and to proclaim the Good News that "He is risen! Hallelujah! Christ is risen indeed!". Amen.

Praise: "This Joyful Eastertide" #259

This joyful Eastertide, away with sin and sadness! My love, the crucified, has sprung to life in gladness. Had Christ, that once was slain, ne'er burst his three-day prison, our faith had been in vain, but now has Christ arisen, arisen, arisen, arisen.

My body, too, at last shall rest within God's keeping: until, with trumpet blast, the dead shall wake from sleeping. Had Christ, that once was slain, ne'er burst his three-day prison, our faith had been in vain, but now has Christ arisen, arisen, arisen, arisen.

Death's flood hath lost its chill, since Jesus crossed the river, and love shall reach me still, and shall my soul deliver. Had Christ, that once was slain, ne'er burst his three-day prison, our faith had been in vain, but now has Christ arisen, arisen, arisen, arisen.

Benediction

Amen, Amen, A - - men.



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