



Resurrection of The Lord - C  
Sunrise Communion  
April 17, 2022

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John 20:1



**Welcome and Announcements**

**19 April, 6:00pm** - Potluck Prayers, Church Hall

**20 April, 9:30am** - Bible Study.

**Ukrainian Fundraiser** - Soup and Sandwich Lunch Fundraiser on Tuesday, April 26th from 11:00 am -1:00 pm.

**Seniors' Luncheon** - Wednesday, 15 June. We hope to accommodate up to 50 Folk with a light meal, entertainment, Worship and Fellowship.

We are having a **Mega Yard Sale on June 25th.**

**Acknowledging Traditional Territory**

**Call to Worship**

Hallelujah! On this Day of Resurrection, let us shine with joy!

**Christ has led us from death to life.**

On this Day of Resurrection, let us live with hope!

**Christ has led us from earth to heaven.**

Christ has risen. Hallelujah!

**He has risen indeed! Hallelujah!**

### **Opening Prayer**

Gracious, life-giving God,  
maker of all things visible and invisible,  
on the first day of the world,  
you spoke and out of chaos came creation.

Out of the shadows came light.

On the first day of the week,  
Jesus was resurrected by your grace,  
and out of death came life.  
And you always come to us through the Holy Spirit,  
to shine light on our way forward,  
offering your gift of new life in Christ Jesus.

Praise and honour and blessing be to you,  
Creator, Christ and Holy Spirit,  
this day and every day,  
now and always.

### **Prayer of Confession**

**Almighty God,**

**You raised Jesus from the grave,  
and shattered the power of sin and death.**

**We confess that we remain captive to fear,  
and bound to habits that hold us from enjoying new life.**

**Indifference deadens our hearts,  
and we seek comfort rather than justice.**

**We cling to hurt, resentment, and disappointment  
and refuse the freedom that comes with forgiveness.**

**Forgive us, O God,  
and restore us to the joy and new possibility  
promised to us in Christ, our Risen Lord. Amen.**

### **Words of Assurance**

This Easter Day, God has turned mourning into joy!  
God has taken our sackcloth and clothed us with light!

We are God's forgiven people.

Let us be at peace with God, with one another, and with ourselves,  
through the undying mercy of our Risen Jesus. Amen.

**Scripture**                      John 20:1-18

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him." Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. Then the disciples returned to their homes.

But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. They said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them,

“They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him.” When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?” Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, “Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away.” Jesus said to her, “Mary!” She turned and said to him in Hebrew, “Rabbouni!” (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, “Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, ‘I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.’” Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, “I have seen the Lord”; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

## **Reflection**

### **A Prayer of Great Thanksgiving for Easter Communion**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts!

**We lift our hearts to God.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

Holy One,

On this joyful Easter day,

we offer you our gratitude and praise with hearts full of love,

for we have seen your grace and power,

rolling away the stone of sorrow and despair,

bursting from the tomb in the gift of new life.

And so we join our voices with all your creatures high and low,

with all the saints before us and beside us,

in heaven and on earth,  
to celebrate your resurrecting power:

**Sung response**      Holy, Holy, Holy

**Holy, holy, holy! Lord God almighty!  
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee;  
holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty,  
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!**

Receive our praise and joy this day.

Your resurrection promises that there are new possibilities  
for us and our weary world.

Even when we falter in discouragement,  
even if we hesitate at the news  
that your great love has come back to embrace us,  
You will not let us go.  
You call us by name to assure us of your love.  
You open your arms to welcome us back to your side.  
You have spread this table for us,  
offering us not only the bread and wine,  
but your very self, present with us here and  
everywhere.

In anticipation of receiving these gifts,  
we proclaim our faith and our hope as we say -

**Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.**

Spirit of Life, rising in us and around us,

Breathe upon us now and upon this bread and wine.

May they be for us Christ's body and blood,  
gifts of new life,

with the power to make us whole.

As this bread and wine become a part of us,

may we become a part of you, Lord Jesus,  
united with you and with each other in love.

Dare us to live for justice and joy,

trusting that all things will work together for good

through the power of love that raised you from the dead,  
the power of the love we share in your name.

### **Prayers of the People**

God of power and possibility,

You broke open the tomb that held our Lord.

Now break open your church,

tense and tired after months of pandemic restrictions,  
worried over differences and disagreements,  
uncertain about the way ahead in mission and service.

Guide us with your wise and creative Spirit.

Resurrect, renew and revive your people.

**Hear our prayer.**

God of resurrection and new life,

You broke into the hearts of Jesus' fearful friends.

Now break into our relationships with one another.

Where they are vibrant and life-giving, nurture them.

Where they are strained by misunderstanding or neglect,  
reconcile them.

Heal us with your merciful and engaging Spirit.

Resurrect, renew and revive your people.

**Hear our prayer.**

God of might and mercy,

You broke open the schemes of those who stood in the way of your love.

Now break open the governance of your world.

Stir the minds and hearts of leaders to work for justice and equitable sharing.

Where laws are corrupt, where deceptions masquerades as truth, and where people suffer under the schemes of those who lust for power,

confront people with your Spirit of truth and compassion.

Resurrect, renew and revive your people.

**Hear our prayer.**

God of healing and hope,

You broke the bonds of death which tried to shackle new life.

Now break into situations of illness, pain, grief, and loss.

Wherever people are sick in body, mind, or spirit, and wherever people mourn the loss of a loved one or a cherished future,

embrace each one with your Spirit of comfort and courage.

Resurrect, renew and revive your people.

## **Hear our prayer.**

God of Easter Renewal and Resurrection,  
You have broken into our lives again this day.

Break into all our moments of celebration and joy,  
As well as the circumstances we name in silence before you.

By your Spirit, give us gratitude, generosity  
and the grace to understand each other.

Resurrect, renew and revive your people.

## **Hear our prayer.**

Now we pray in one voice the words that Jesus gave us -

## **The Lord's Prayer**

### **Benediction**

Scattered from one another,  
we can still go with God.

**We will offer healing and hope to all  
who wander in the shadows of life.**

Separated from one another,  
we can still go with Jesus.

**We will listen to the ignored;  
we will speak for the forgotten.**

Together we can join the Spirit  
in offering steadfast love.

**We will hold up the fallen;  
We will embrace our community with Prayer.**