

The Lord's Prayer

Closing Hymn 703 (VU):

In the bulb there is a flower; in the seed an apple tree;
in cocoons, a hidden promise: butterflies will soon be free!
in the cold and snow of winter there's a spring that waits to be,
unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.

There's a song in every silence, seeking word and melody,
there's a dawn in every darkness, bringing hope to you and me.
from the past will come the future; what it holds, a mystery,
unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.

In our end is our beginning; in our time, infinity;
in our doubt there is believing; in our life, eternity.
in our death, a resurrection; at the last, a victory,
unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.

Sending Forth and Blessing

At the empty tomb, a wonderful surprise,
the stone has been rolled away!

**God's wonderful surprise,
death is no longer the end of it all.**

Jesus in the garden,
recognized by Mary as her well-loved friend.

**Jesus will be recognized
in our just and compassionate action.**

Let us go forth from this time to share
this wonderful good news that brings hope to all!

The Peace

The peace of the risen Christ be with you.

And also with you.

THE UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA

Pembina Parish

Zion-Calvin & St. Paul's



Easter Day

Sunday April 12th, 2020

Call to Worship

Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed!

Let joy break forth and alleluias be sung!

This is the day of resurrection glory!

**Life, we may live in hope;
death, we no longer fear.**

For Christ is risen, risen indeed!

Alleluia! May our hearts be filled with joy!

Opening Hymn 155 (VU):

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 God's love, hallelujah!
Praise our God, ye heavenly host, hallelujah!
Praise the Son and Holy Ghost. Hallelujah!

Welcome and Sharing

Lighting of the Christ candle

Opening prayer

Living and life-giving God,
on our lips this day is a song,
and the joy of a risen Lord.

Today we celebrate:

life that death cannot defeat,
love that hatred cannot conquer,
hope that fear cannot overrule.

O God, as we celebrate the mystery
of the resurrection this day,
draw us into the joy of that first Easter morning.

Fill our lives with your healing grace and power,
that we may know the wonder of your love. Amen.

Time of Sharing

Gospel Reading: John 20: 1 – 18

Mary Magdalene encounters the risen Jesus.

“This is the Gospel of Christ.”

“Praise to Christ, our Life.”

Faith Reflections

Hymn 166 (VU):

*Refrain: Joy comes with the dawn,
joy comes with the morning sun;
joy springs from the tomb
and scatters the night with her song,
joy comes with the dawn.*

Weeping may come;
weeping may come in the night,
when dark shadows cloud our sight.

Sorrow will turn,
sorrow will turn into song,
and God's laughter make us strong.

We will rejoice,
we will rejoice, and give praise,
to the One who brings us grace.

The Offering

Prayers of the People

We offer our prayers of gratitude this day for the hope of Easter, for the joy of the risen Christ in our lives, for the assurance of faith, and for all the gifts and blessings we daily receive: our families and friends, our church family, food and clean water, our homes and places of shelter and support in the midst of this uncertain time....

We offer our prayers for all those in need in our world, especially those with COVID-19 and their loved ones, those who have died from the disease and their grieving families, for health care workers, essential workers, for those who are most vulnerable in this crisis: the poor, older persons and those with underlying health issues, for those who are struggling with being at home, and those for whom we have special concern.....