

Order of Service – 31/03/2024, Dawn Service

Opening verse:

When the sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. Mark 16:1

BY THE INDIGENOUS GARDEN

Gathering – Within our darkest night

*Within our darkest night,
you kindle the fire that never dies away, never dies away.
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you kindle the fire that never dies away, never dies away.*

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Welcome

Saïde

Today we gather just after the dawn, as the women did, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome who came to the tomb to anoint Jesus' body. We gather in memory of this vulnerable group of first witnesses who carried spices for burial, faithfully prepared to honour someone that they had followed and loved, to honour Jesus, their beloved leader and friend. As we prepare to worship please come and take a selection of spices from the bowls, we will carry them with us into the Gathering Space.

Gospel reading: Mark 16:1-8

Gen

When the Sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of James and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. They had been saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?" When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man dressed in a white robe sitting on the right side, and they were alarmed. But he said to them, "Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him. But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you." So they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them, and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

For these words of witness and for Christ the Word

Thanks be to God

Lighting the fire

Cath

*The fire pit is set by the Indigenous Garden
The fire is lit as we sing the Taize chant again*

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Let us pray:

Eternal God, in Jesus Christ
you have given the light of life
to all the world.

Sanctify this new fire,
and inflame us with a desire to shine forth
with the brightness of Christ's rising,
until we feast at the banquet of eternal light;
through Jesus Christ, the Sun of Righteousness.

Amen.

Let us carry the light together as we sing and move into the gathering space and light the Christ candle

Saide, Gen and Cath light tapers and lead the way in and gather around the Christ candle.

Procession into the Gathering Space

Taizé Within Our Darkest Night (Jacques Berthier)

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GATHERING SPACE

Lighting the Christ Candle

Cath

Christ is the light of the world.

All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being⁴ in him was life,^[a] and the life was the light of all people.⁵ The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overtake it.

Cath, Gen and Saide light the Christ candle together

Easter Proclamation

Cath

Christ is risen:

he is risen indeed!

This is the day that the Lord has made:

we will rejoice and be glad in it!

Come and place your spices on the table as we sing Alleluia

Song – Alleluia

*Alleluia alleluia. Alleluia.
Alleluia alleluia. Alleluia.*

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A New Creed

Saide

We are going to say a creed together in a moment. But before we do I wonder if you know what a Creed is? Quite simply it is a formal statement of Christian belief. We have ancient creeds – the Apostles' Creed and the Nicene Creed. During Lent we have been reading and paying attention to Mark's gospel in which the theme of abandonment is explored. The creed that we are going to share now comes to us from the United Church of Canada. It is called 'A New Creed'. Notice the words as you say them. What do they have to say about abandonment? How do they speak to you in your faith on this Easter morning?

We are not alone,
we live in God's world.

We believe in God:
who has created and is creating,
who has come in Jesus,
the Word made flesh,
to reconcile and make new,
who works in us and others
by the Spirit.

We trust in God.

We are called to be the Church:
to celebrate God's presence,
to live with respect in Creation,
to love and serve others,
to seek justice and resist evil,
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,
our judge and our hope.

In life, in death, in life beyond death,
God is with us.
We are not alone.

Thanks be to God.

A New Creed is a brief and well-loved affirmation of faith used widely in our worship (1968; rev. 1980, 1995).
<https://united-church.ca/community-and-faith/welcome-united-church-canada/faith-statements/new-creed-1968>

Song – Joyful the morning, TiS 383

Let's sing 'Joyful the morning' and remember – we are not alone. Jesus Christ is risen. We are not alone.

*1. Joyful the morning when Jesus Christ is risen!
Golden light is dawning, the dayspring radiant shines
all the hosts of heaven raise on high their psalms divine*

*O let us too be happy, rejoice and cry out 'Hallelujah!'
He is risen and opens heav'n for all those who believe.*

*2. Now earth awaking is raising shouts of praise.
'Jesus now is risen!' All creatures now rejoice
they are in the care again of their triumphant Lord.*

3. *All peoples living in lands washed by the seas
nations under all four directions of the wind
can be joyful in the resurrection of the Lord.*

SONG: *Joyful the morning*, traditional Torres Strait Islands hymn, from *Together in Song*, Harper Collins *Religious*

Remembrance of Baptism

Cath

Brothers and sisters,
as we celebrate again the resurrection
of Christ Jesus,
we remember that through the mystery
of his suffering and death
we have died
and been buried with him in baptism.

In our baptism,
we were also raised with him to new life.
So let us turn again
to Jesus Christ
who has defeated
the power of sin and death
and brought us new life.

Let us commit ourselves anew to God,
reaffirming our baptism,
trusting in Jesus Christ as Saviour
and in the Holy Spirit as God's
power and presence along the way.

Come, Risen Lord Jesus,
refresh the lives of all your faithful people.
Sisters and brothers:
Always remember you are baptised,
and be thankful.

Song: In the Lord I'll be ever thankful

Cath

*Invitation to remember baptism by dipping hand in the font, trace a cross on your hand or
forehand and then create a standing circle as we sing*

*In the Lord I'll be ever thankful,
In the Lord I shall rejoice,
look to God, do not be afraid,
lift up your voices, the Lord is here.
lift up your voices, the Lord is here*

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Prayers of the People

Gen

Come let us pray for we are followers of Jesus called to be a covenant community of love.
Come as you are ready to light a taper and offer a prayer for the world, for the church, for those
you love. Come for today we celebrate the risen Christ. Alleluia.

After everyone has lit tapers ...

And now let us pray together, in the name of Christ, in the words he taught his people to say.

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and for ever. Amen.**

Sending Song – Jesuchristo reina reina ya!, TiS 728

(Jesus Christ reigns!)

1. *Jesucristo reina, reina, ya!
Jesucristo reina, reina, ya!
Jesucristo reina, reina, ya!
Aleluya, amen! Aleluya, amen! Aleluya, amen!*

(Jesus Christ heals)

2. *Jesucristo sana, sana, ya!*

(Jesus Christ loves.)

3. *Jesucristo ama, ama, ya!*

(Jesus Christ lives.)

4. *Jesucristo vive, vive, ya!*

(Jesus Christ saves.)

5. *Jesucristo salva, salva, ya!*
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SONG: [Jesucristo Reina Ya](#), Anon. (from Argentina),
from [Together in Song](#), Harper Collins *Religious*, PUBLIC DOMAIN

Blessing

C Christ is risen!
He is risen indeed.

C May we rise with you, Lord Jesus
and find ourselves ever more brave,
more free, and more hopeful
than we might ever imagine we could be.

G May we rise with you, Lord Jesus,
that when we fear and doubt
we might receive new life,
new ideas and renewed faith.

Cath, Saide, Gen

S May we rise with you, Lord Jesus,
that when we are low,
feeling inadequate, or ashamed, or wounded,
we may know your healing, energy and grace,
to lift our hearts and send us out with joy.

C Friends know the blessing of
Easter Peace, Easter Hope, Easter Joy and Easter Love.
In the name of God,
Mother of creation,
Word of faithfulness
and Spirit of life.

Go in peace to celebrate the risen Christ.
Amen.

Greet one another with an Easter greeting

Christ is risen!
He is risen indeed.

Easter Day Eucharist

invitation to breakfast and/or return for 9:30 worship

Cath

Thankyous

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Closing verse

Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Mark 16:6b