



## **Easter Sunrise Service ~ 2021**

### **Faith Covenant Church**

Thank you for joining us! The Good News of Jesus' resurrection and the hope it brings to all creation is a word that has been passed down from one person, family, friend, co-worker and classmate to another. May we find ourselves overwhelmed with joy; brimming with faith, hope and love as we share the Risen Christ!

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**Music of preparation** – (winnipegcovenant.ca) *Play as people gather*

*Leader: Provide a word of welcome and any instructions you deem necessary.*

**Opening Prayer** (Leader or appointed person prays)

Almighty God,

By the resurrection of Jesus Christ you broke the power of death and opened the way to eternal life.

As the empty tomb stands witness to his triumph over death, make your church to be a bold testimony to his enduring victory in life, that all we do may proclaim to the world, “He is risen, indeed!”

Through Christ, who lives with you and the Holy Spirit now and forever. Amen.

*Leader: Christ is Risen!*

*Congregation: **Christ is Risen Indeed!***

**Scripture Reading** – Mark 16:1-8 (NLT)

*Leader: Saturday evening, when the Sabbath ended, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome went out and purchased burial spices so they could anoint Jesus’ body. <sup>2</sup>Very early on Sunday morning, just at sunrise, they went to the tomb. <sup>3</sup>On the way they were asking each other,*

*Women: “Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?”*

*Leader:* <sup>4</sup>But as they arrived, they looked up and saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled aside.

<sup>5</sup>When they entered the tomb, they saw a young man clothed in a white robe sitting on the right side. The women were shocked, <sup>6</sup>but the angel said,

*Youngest willing reader present (or if a child is present have them repeat after an adult):* “Don’t be alarmed. You are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He isn’t here! He is risen from the dead! Look, this is where they laid his body. <sup>7</sup>Now go and tell his disciples, including Peter, that Jesus is going ahead of you to Galilee. You will see him there, just as he told you before he died.”

*Leader:* <sup>8</sup>The women fled from the tomb, trembling and bewildered, and they said nothing to anyone because they were too frightened.

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**Song of Worship – Great Things** ([winnipegcovenant.ca](http://winnipegcovenant.ca))

Come let us worship our King, come let us bow at His feet  
He has done great things  
See what our Savior has done, see how His love overcomes  
He has done great things  
He has done great things

Oh, hero of Heaven, You conquer the grave  
You free every captive and break every chain  
Oh God, You have done great things  
We dance in Your freedom, awake and alive  
Oh Jesus, our Savior, Your name lifted high  
Oh God, You have done great things

You've been faithful through every storm, You'll be faithful forevermore

You have done great things

And I know You will do it again, for Your promise is "Yes and amen"

You will do great things

God, You do great things

Hallelujah God, above it all

Hallelujah God, unshakable

Hallelujah, You have done great things

Hallelujah God, above it all

Hallelujah God, unshakable

Hallelujah, You have done great things

You've done great things

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### **Words of Witness – What does the resurrection mean to you?**

*Take turns reading responses of your sisters and brothers as they answered this question.*

"It means that death isn't final. Jesus has power over the grave!"

"The light has already beat back the dark!"

"Resurrection is truth and hope. The hope is this – God is in control!"

"The resurrection sparks a deep sense of peace: life after death, hope after loss, perseverance through struggle."

“It means that it is possible for the blind to see, for the deaf to hear, for those who are dead in their sin and their endless cycles of self-destruction to rise in newness of life...”

“A rebirth and a new life await us, a second chance for a hope to thrive in us again.”

“That even when it seems all hope has been lost, abandoned or worn down to nothing... When the worst of life is on the horizon... When I feel despised and forgotten...that STILL. NOTHING is impossible with God.”

“Because he was raised, my sins and failures won’t be raised back to haunt me.”

“It means a mess like me has a chance at freedom, life to the full – forgiveness!”

“It gives me a reason to try to not be a jerk. It gives me a reason to strive for better.”

“Bright hope for tomorrow!”

“Getting through the mess gloriously!”

“Resurrection means that scars will not be reminders of pain but of God’s transforming power. He makes all things new!”

“It means that this upside-down Kingdom of God really does exist and it is more full of grace than I can even comprehend.”

“We are inextricably joined to a global community of Christ followers.”

“Resurrection is hope. Hope now, hope for the future!”

“It is hope that God has and is making all things right.”

“It is hope but not just individual hope – collective hope!”

“Endless hope from a promise fulfilled.”

“Eternal life with Jesus.”

“Freedom”

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**Song for Reflection – Jesus We Love you**

(winnipegcovenant.ca)

*Take some time to consider what the resurrection means to you as this song is played.*

**Apostles Creed (Read together)**

I believe in God the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, dead, and buried.

He descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again.

he ascended into heaven,

is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and will come again 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.

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*Congregation:* **Christ is Risen Indeed!**

### ***Benediction***

*Leader reads plain text, congregation reads bold*

Since Christ was raised from the dead, he cannot die again;  
death no longer has any power over him.

**The life he lives, he lives to God. Alleluia!**

Because of our sins, he was handed over to die;  
and he was raised to life in order to put us right with God.

**The life he lives, he lives to God. Alleluia!**

May the God of peace,  
who raised from the dead our Lord Jesus,  
provide us with every good thing we need  
in order to do his will;  
and the blessing of almighty God, Father, Son and Holy  
Spirit,  
be with us now and forever.

**Amen.**

Go in peace, as witnesses of the risen Lord.

**In the name of Christ. Amen.**

Optional Closing Song if you are a singing bunch – “Christ  
the Lord is Risen Today” (on the last page)

## Easter Hymn – “Christ the Lord is Risen Today”

*Sing or read aloud.*

1. Christ the Lord is ris'n today, Alleluia!  
Earth and heaven in chorus say, Alleluia!  
Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia!  
Sing, ye heav'ns, and earth, reply, Alleluia!

2. Love's redeeming work is done, Alleluia!  
Fought the fight, the battle won, Alleluia!  
Death in vain forbids His rise, Alleluia!  
Christ hath opened paradise, Alleluia!

3. Lives again our glorious King, Alleluia!  
Where, O death, is now thy sting? Alleluia!  
Once He died our souls to save, Alleluia!  
Where thy victory, O grave? Alleluia!

4. Soar we now where Christ hath led, Alleluia!  
Foll'wing our exalted Head, Alleluia!  
Made like Him, like Him we rise, Alleluia!  
Ours the cross, the grave, the skies, Alleluia!

5. Hail the Lord of earth and heaven, Alleluia!  
Praise to Thee by both be given, Alleluia!  
Thee we greet triumphant now, Alleluia!  
Hail the Resurrection, thou, Alleluia!

6. King of glory, Soul of bliss, Alleluia!  
Everlasting life is this, Alleluia!  
Thee to know, Thy pow'r to prove, Alleluia!  
Thus to sing, and thus to love, Alleluia!