

Beaverlodge-Wembley-Hythe Pastoral Charge  
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**Easter Sunday - April 20, 2025**

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**WELCOME**

Alleluia! Christ is risen!  
**Christ is risen indeed!**

**LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**LIGHTING OF CANDLES**

As we light the candle today, we are reminded of Jesus' triumphant victory over death where sorrow turns into joy, and despair turns into hope. The darkness is varnished. Christ is risen today.  
**The bonds of death could not hold him. Christ is risen. Hallelujah!**

**CALL TO WORSHIP** [adjusted from Celebrate God's presence 8F006 p. 192]  
Look, this is the dawn of Easter:  
**the celebration of resurrection,**  
the festival of hope,  
**the promise of new beginnings,**  
the dance of faith,  
**the song of joy,**

the music of gladness,  
**the hymn of love.**

Let us joyfully worship our life-giving God with Hallelujahs giving thanks to the risen Christ.

**OPENING PRAYER**

**THE LORD'S PRAYER**

Let's join in the Lord's Prayer:

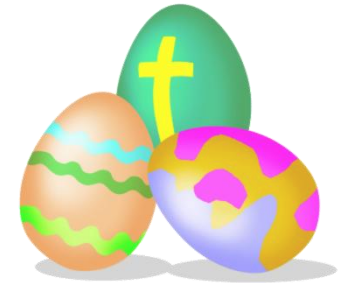
**Our Creator, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name.**

**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 trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.**

**And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil:**

**for thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory  
forever and ever. Amen.**



**\*\*OPENING HYMN:** VU # 409 "Morning has Broken."

**CHILDREN'S TIME:**

**\*\*CHILDREN'S HYMN:** MV # 121 "Hey Now! Singing Hallelujah!"

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION** [in unison]

**God of Easter morning, resurrect any part of our being  
that might have been dead and remove any barrier that  
would block us from seeing that there is life in us.**

**Brighten our lives with the light of Easter so we can see your restoration and reality of the resurrection. Amen!**

**SCRIPTURE READING:** LUKE 24:1-12

The word of God to us, God's people.

**REFLECTION:** "LIVING THE RESURRECTION."

**\*\*HYMN:** VU # 155 "Jesus Christ is Risen Today. "

**MINUTE OR MISION STORIES:** "Renewing Hope and Growing Love."

**INVITATION FOR OFFERING**

**\*\*OFFERING HYMN:** MV # 191 "What Can I Do."

**PRAYER OF DEDICATION** [in unison]

**Dear Lord, through your resurrection, we are taught the value of giving and gratitude. Today, we ponder what gift would be most pleasing to you. Yet, we know that you accept all offerings, be they financial or from the heart, for your mission and creation. Therefore, we give not just our finances but our entire beings in devotion to you to further your mission. Amen.**

**PRAYERS FOR THE PEOPLE:** MV # 85 "Take, O Take Me as I Am" \*2

**COMMUNION**

*Let us prepare ourselves for the banquet at the table.*

**HYMN:** MV # 97 "Listen, God is Calling." \*2

God be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to God.**

Let us give thanks to God.

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

Leader: Lord God, we gather at your table to celebrate your victory over death rejoicing in the light of your resurrection. We share in your grace recalling your love for all the people in the world. And so, we raise our voices to proclaim your 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.**

On the night he was betrayed our Lord Jesus Christ took bread.

and after giving thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to his disciples. And said, "Take, eat this is my body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." After supper he took the cup of wine; and after giving thanks, gave it to them, and said,

“Drink this, all of you: this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.

Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.”

Gracious God, by the death of your child you have destroyed the power of death, and by raising him to life you have given us life for evermore.

Therefore, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come Again.**

As we share at the table the lamb of God who takes away the world's sins, we seek mercy and grace. May you sanctify the bread we partake in and the cup of blessings we drink. Amen.

All are welcome to commune with the rest as we symbolically celebrate the risen Christ Jesus.

Bread for the Journey

Cup of blessing

**Communion Hymn:** VU # 466 “Eat This Bread.”

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION** [In unison]

**The God of Resurrection brings people back from their dead ways to everlasting life. We are grateful for the power of Your redeeming grace, which sustains us. You have nourished us and given us life in its fullness. May Your continued presence accompany us wherever we go as a community, enabling us to love as we have been loved and to provide nourishment as we have been fed. Amen.**

**\*\*CLOSING HYMN:** MV # 115” Behold, Behold, I Make all Things New.”

**BENEDICTION & SENDING FORT**

As you embrace the signs of new beginnings, may you step out today knowing that God is doing something new in your life. Hallelujah Christ is risen today!

**We go forth with the joy of resurrection, bringing light to a new life where we can live and love as Christ does.**

**Hallelujah Christ is risen today! Amen! Amen! Amen!**

**[sung]**



**Christ is risen indeed!**

**Hallelujah!**

