

EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE
Sunday April 16, 2017
7:00 am
Little Lake Park, Midland



Ministers:
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Midland, Ontario

WORDS OF WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP:

One: Christ is Risen!

All: Christ is Risen Indeed! Alleluia!

OPENING HYMN: CHRIST THE LORD IS RISEN TODAY

Christ the Lord is risen today, Alleluia!
all creation join to say; Alleluia!
raise your joys and triumphs high; Alleluia!
sing, O heavens, and earth reply: Alleluia!

Love's redeeming work is done, Alleluia!
Fought the fight, the battle won Alleluia!
Lo, our sun's eclipse is o'er! Alleluia!
Lo, he dwells in death no more! Alleluia!

Lives again our glorious king: Alleluia!
Where, O death, is now your sting? Alleluia!
Once he died, our souls to save: Alleluia!
Where your victory, O grave? Alleluia!

Hail, the Lord of earth and heaven, Alleluia!
Praise to you by both be given! Alleluia!
Every knee to you shall bow, Alleluia!
Risen Christ, triumphant now Alleluia!

OPENING PRAYER

THE SERVICE OF THE WORD

SCRIPTURE READING: [Matthew 28:1-10](#)

MESSAGE

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

(All are welcome to join us for communion.)

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING AND CONSECRATION

BREAKING OF THE BREAD AND POURING OF THE CUP

SHARING THE BREAD AND THE CUP

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION:

All: On this Easter morning, O God, as we have gathered, we thank you that you are indeed risen. May the bread and wine we have tasted remind us always of your love and grace. You are the bread of life and the new vine.
Amen

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

COMMISSIONING AND BENEDICTION

SUNG BENEDICTION:

Halle, Halle, halle-lu-jah!
Halle, Halle, Halle-lu-jah!
Halle, Halle, Halle-lu-jah!
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

Thank you for joining us this morning.

Following the service, all are invited to
St. Paul's United Church at 308 King Street
for a complimentary breakfast.

Please come and join us for hot coffee, a chance to warm up,
and to meet each other from our various churches.

Our thanks to Bea Nayduk and St. Paul's crew
for organizing the breakfast.