

EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE

Sunday April 01, 2018
7:00 am
Little Lake Park, Midland



An Ecumenical Service
Celebrating Together the Joy of Easter

WORDS OF WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP:

One: Christ is Risen!

All: Christ is Risen Indeed! Alleluia!

OPENING HYMN: Low in The Grave He Lay

Low in the grave He lay, Jesus my Saviour!

Waiting the coming day, Jesus, my Lord!

Refrain:

Up from the grave He arose,
With a mighty triumph o'er His foes!
He arose a victor from the dark domain,
And He lives forever with His saints to reign:
He arose! He arose! Alleluia! Christ arose!

Vainly they watch His bed, Jesus my Saviour!

Vainly they seal the dead, Jesus, my Lord!

Refrain

Death cannot keep his prey, Jesus my Saviour!

He tore the bars away, Jesus, my Lord!

Refrain

OPENING PRAYER

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 indeed the bread of life and the new vine. Amen

PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

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!

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 308 King St, for a complimentary breakfast. Please come and join us for hot coffee, a chance to warm up and meet with others from our various churches.

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