

April 12, 2020

EASTER SUNDAY

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsive):

This is God's miraculous new day! Rejoice in Easter's hope!

God has raised Jesus from the dead. Therefore, death does not have the final word.

Christ lives! The grave could not hold him! And he is here with us now!

Praise God for the victory of life over death that we celebrate today! Let us worship the Lord!

MUSIC *Bethany or Wendy*

#INVOCATION (Unison):

God of awesome mysteries and unexpected surprises, we have come here with open ears and receptive hearts to hear the good news of Easter, to be filled with its hope, and to reflect on the transformative potential it has for our lives. This morning we celebrate how, after three days of darkness and despair, you acted in such a powerful and overwhelming way that good triumphed, life won, and salvation came to all people through Jesus' resurrection. Be present with us on this most holy and festive day, dear Lord, and inspire such Easter joy and love to radiate from us that, through our words and our witness, others will come to know that Christ is risen; he is risen indeed! We ask these things in the name of our resurrected Savior, who taught us to pray like this, saying...

#PRAYER OF OUR SAVIOR (Unison)

Our Father 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 debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.

MUSIC *Suzanne Morin*

SCRIPTURE READING: I Corinthians 15:12-26 (Bible page?)
Matthew 28:1-10 (Bible page?)

EASTER MESSAGE "Ifs and Buts" Rev. Gagnon

MUSIC *Bethany or Wendy*

EASTER PRAYER

BENEDICTION (Responsive):

The days of sorrow and despair are over. God has acted, and death has been destroyed!

Jesus has been raised from the dead, the first-fruits of those who have fallen asleep.

May your faith in the risen Christ sustain you and bring you hope.

And may the love of Almighty God who raised Christ from the dead fill your hearts.

Go now in peace, and allow the joy of Easter to inspire your lives from this day on.

POSTLUDE