



Osler Mennonite Church

*A Welcoming Community for Peace
Following Jesus on the Path of Reconciliation*

10:00 a.m. Worship Service

March 31, 2024

Easter Sunday

Christ is Risen! He is Risen Indeed!

Prelude

Choir *Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia*

Welcome/Land Acknowledgement/Announcements

Call to Worship:

One: When it is still dark, we come seeking Jesus.

Many: The risen Christ is here among us!

One: The stone has been rolled away, walls torn down.

Many: The risen Christ is here among us!

One: The burial cloth removed, his body transformed.

Many: The risen Christ is here among us!

One: Mary Magdalene, Simon Peter, and John see and believe.

All: We find the risen Christ among us who has made all things new! The tomb is empty, the way of Love has prevailed!

One: Christ is risen!

Many: Christ is risen indeed, Alleluia, Alleluia

Prayer of Invocation

Hymns of Praise: VT #346 Christ the Lord Is Risen Today

VT # 333 Low in the Grave He Lay

Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 25:6-9 (Inclusive Bible)

On this mountain, God Omnipotent will prepare for all peoples a banquet of rich food, a banquet of fine wines, food rich and succulent, and fine, aged wines. On this mountain God will remove the mourning veil covering all peoples, the shroud covering all nations, destroying all death forever. God will wipe away the tears from every cheek, and will take away the shame of God's people on earth, wherever they live. On

that Day it will be said, This is our God, this is the One for whose liberation we waited. This is the One in whom we had hoped!

Children's Gathering Song: Today Earth is Singing VT #510
Story for All Ages: Luke

Prayer of Rejoicing

One: Risen Jesus, you make all things new.

Many: You call us by name to come to you.

One: You come preaching peace and forgiving sins.

Many: You prepare a feast for us and wipe away all tears.

**All: You bring life everlasting. We rejoice in your salvation,
Lord of all!**

Offering Prayer/Music for Meditation

Sharing Joys and Concerns/Prayer of the Church

Prayers – for joyful family get togethers
-for a safe travel over the holidays

Easter wishes to the congregation from the staff and board members of
MCC Saskatchewan. Christ is risen!

Hymn: VT #166 Your Love Is Washing Over Me

Gospel Reading: John 20:1-18 (UNRSV)

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him." Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, and the cloth that had been on Jesus's head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed, for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. Then the disciples returned to their homes.

But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb, and she saw two angels in white sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. They said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping?” She said to them, “They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him.” When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?” Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, “Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away.” Jesus said to her, “Mary!” She turned and said to him in Hebrew, “Rabbouni!” (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, “Do not touch me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, ‘I am ascending to my Abba and your Abba, to my God and your God.’ ” Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, “I have seen the Lord,” and she told them that he had said these things to her.

Scripture Response:

Leader: For the word of God in Scripture,
For the word of God among us,
For the word of God within us.

People: Thanks be to God.

Hymn: VT #355 Thine Is the Glory

Sermon: Finding Hope

Hymn: VT #332 In Christ Alone

Benediction: Christ is risen! Death is swallowed up! All is made new!
Christ lives among us! Alleluia! Alleluia!

*Offerings can be done via e-transfer to osler.mc.treasurer@gmail.com

TODAY’S WORSHIP March 31 Easter Sunday

Speaker: Patty Friesen Worship Leader: Luke Bushman

Song Leaders: Anna, Ben, Kathryn Accompanist: Naomi

Story: Luke Sound: Benjamin Ushers: Lane/Carl

Sunday School Leader: No Children’s Sunday School

Offering Counter Team: Carl Martens-Funk, Matthew Braun

Office Hours: 8:30 am – 12:30 pm Wednesday and Friday

Pickle ball: Wednesdays at 1:00 p.m.

Coffee at the office on Friday @ 10:00 am

Patty's Week: Holidays April 1-8 in Moose Jaw

Luke's Week: holidays April 1-4; Office Fri.

Birthdays: March 31 – Ava Boldt; April 5 – Anna Neufeld

Gathering Room Coffee Schedule: April 7 ???

NEXT SUNDAY April 7

Speaker: George Janzen Worship Leader: Terry Stefaniuk

Song Leader: Kathryn Accompanist: Lynette

Story: Kathy Sound: Doug Ushers: Lane/Carl

Sunday School Leader: Lynette, Helpers: Nora, Anna

Offering Counter Team: Susan Braun, Garry Boldt

CALENDAR

Sun. Mar. 31 10:00 am Patty Friesen speaking *Easter Sunday*

11:00 am Easter Brunch – Group C-M helping

Sun. Apr. 7 10:00 am George Janzen speaking

11:00 am Deacon mtg Patty's office

Sun. Apr. 14 10:00 am Luke Bushman speaking

11:00 am Forum MCC – Women Will Renew

12:00 am Worship mtg Patty's office

12:00 Second Sunday Lunch Bunch (for all) at Osler

"On April 12th, from 6:30-9:00, the OMC Youth Group is planning to do a progressive supper. We are looking for volunteers in the Osler area to host, and potentially some drivers. Please talk to Luke if you are interested in opening your home to some hungry youths, it is a great chance to get to know the awesome young people at our church."

Shekinah summer camp is looking for kitchen volunteers for the week of July 7th - 12th. Specifically we're looking for 4 volunteers Monday - Wednesday, 3 cooks for Thursday, 2 for Friday. Please let Kaytee know if you're interested and want more information. 306-221-1729

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