

Sunday, April 21, 2024,
We Gather to Celebrate God's Presence

Welcome
Family Life and Work
Family Celebrations
Lighting of the Christ Candle:
Acknowledgment of the Land:

Introit: This Day God Gives Me

VU 410 vs 1

**This day God gives me strength of high heaven,
sun and moon shining, flame in my hearth,
flashing of lightning, wind in its swiftness,
deeps of the ocean, firmness of earth.**

Call to Worship:

One: We gather this morning to worship God; to sing God's praises; to hear God's Word.

ALL: WE COME AS AN EASTER PEOPLE, CALLED TO LIVE IN THE LIGHT AND HOPE OF THE RESURRECTION.

One: We come to proclaim the mystery of our faith:

**ALL; CHRIST HAS DIED. CHRIST IS RISEN. CHRIST WILL COME AGAIN.
ALLELUIA !**

Opening Hymn: O Jesus, I Have Promised

VU 120

- 1 O Jesus, I have promised to serve you to the end;
remain for ever near me, my Saviour and my friend:
I shall not fear the journey if you are by my side,
nor wander from the pathway if you will be my guide.**
- 2 O let me feel you near me: the world is ever near;
I see the sights that dazzle, the tempting sounds I hear;
my foes are ever near me, around me and within;
but, Jesus, then draw nearer and shield my soul from sin.**
- 3 O let me hear you speaking in accents clear and still,
above the storms of passion, the murmurs of self-will;
O speak to reassure me, to hasten or control;
now speak, and make me listen, O guardian of my soul.**
- 4 O Jesus, you have promised to all who follow you,
that where you are in glory your servant shall be too.
And Jesus, I have promised to serve you to the end;
O give me grace to follow, my Saviour and my friend.**

Prayer of Approach: **(unison)**

**LOVING GOD, MAY OUR WORSHIP TODAY REFLECT OUR EASTER JOY. AND
MAY WE BE RENEWED AND STRENGTHENED, THROUGH OUR WORSHIP, TO
FAITHFULLY SERVE YOU IN THE WORLD. WE ASK THIS IN
JESUS' NAME, AMEN**

The Lord's Prayer (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 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 for ever and ever. Amen**

Psalm 23 The Lord's My Shepherd

Double Treble

Children's Time:

Gospel: John 10: 11 - 18

We Listen

Gradual Hymn: Spirit, Open My Heart

MV 79

**Chorus:
Spirit open my heart
To the joy and pain of living
As you love may I love
In receiving and in giving Spirit,
open my heart**

**1 God, replace my stony heart
with a heart that's kind and tender.
All my coldness and fear
to your grace I now surrender.**

**2 Write your love upon my heart
as my law, my goal, my story.
In each thought, word, and deed,
may my living bring you glory.**

**3 May I weep with those who weep,
share the joy of sister, brother.
In the welcome of Christ,
may we welcome one another.**

Meditation: My Sweetie

Musical Offering: Gratitude – Double Treble

Nichole Nordeman

We Respond

Offertory: For the Gift of Creation

VU 538

**For the gift of creation, the gift of your love,
and the gift of the Spirit by which we live,
we thank you and give you the fruit of our hands.
May your grace be proclaimed by the gifts that we give.**

Offertory/Prayer of Dedication:

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Intercession

Closing Hymn: How Firm a Foundation

VU 660 vs 1,3,5

**1 How firm a foundation, you servants of God,
is laid for your faith in God's excellent word!
What more can be said than to you has been said,
to you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?**

**3 'When through the deep waters I call you to go,
the rivers of sorrow shall not overflow;
for I will be with you, your troubles to bless,
and sanctify to you your deepest distress.**

**5 'The soul that on Jesus has leaned for repose
I will not - I will not desert to his foes;
that soul, though all hell should endeavour to shake,
I'll never - no, never - no, never forsake!'**

Benedictions and Commissioning

Choral Benediction: May the Road Rise to Meet You

(A Gaelic Blessing)

Music - Derek Jordan

**May the road rise up to meet you,
May the wind be ever at your back.
May the sun shine warm upon your face,
And the rain fall soft upon your fields (on your fields).
Until we meet again,
May the Lord hold you in the palm (of his hand) of his hand**