

 **The Presbyterian Church in Canada**

**Elmvale Presbyterian Church  
Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> March  
Easter Sunday Service**



***Easter Blessings to you and your family from  
the Session and Congregation of Elmvale  
Presbyterian.***



**Minister: Rev. Tom Mason M.DIV**

**Please Rise if you are able for the entry of  
the Bible.**

**Moment of Quiet Reflection as we Prepare our  
Hearts for Worship**

Christ is Risen, Hallelujah! Spirit of power and new possibility, open our minds to understanding, our hearts to loving, and our wills to carrying out the mission of the Risen Christ, who is God's Living Word. **Amen**

**Announcements:** Marlene Lambie, Clerk of Session

**Responsive Call to Worship** Linda Murray

One: O Day of Resurrection, we lift our hearts with joy!

**All: Christ has led us from death to life.**

**Hallelujah!**

One: O Day of Resurrection, we will with hope!

**All: Christ has led us from earth to heaven.**

**Hallelujah!**

One: Christ is risen from the dead. Hallelujah!

**All: Hallelujah! He is risen indeed.**

**Hymn # 254 – Jesus is Risen from the Grave**

**Prayer of Adoration (In Unison)**

God of Resurrecting power,  
you lift our hearts with joy  
when we see the tomb is empty.  
God of Resurrecting hope,  
you fill us with excitement  
when we hear that Christ is risen.  
God of Resurrecting love,  
you embrace us with courage  
when we trust in the power of new life

that you promise in the Risen Christ.  
We offer you all glory, honour and praise  
with hearts overflowing in Jesus' name. **Amen**

### **The Prayer of Confession (In Unison)**

God of Resurrecting joy,  
we confess it's not easy to sustain Easter hope.  
We let discouragement, fear and frustration to  
settle in  
and we let anger and anxiety turn our hearts away  
from you.  
Resentment and disappointment cling to us  
and we forget your great mercy and love.  
Forgive us.  
Restore within us the joy and hope you promise us  
in Christ, our Risen Lord, who taught us to Pray...

#### **The Lord's Prayer**

*...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, forever. Amen*

### **Assurance of Pardon (In Unison)**

Hear the good news! Who is in a position to  
condemn us? Only Christ –  
And Christ died for us; Christ rose for us, Christ  
reigns in power for us, Christ prays for us. Believe  
the good news of the gospel. In Jesus Christ, we are  
forgiven and set free for new life by God's  
resurrecting grace.

**Choir Anthem: Crown Him Lord this Easter Day**

**Family Time: Our Easter Skit – “What Happened in the Garden”**

**Narrator:** Linda Murray

**Flowers:** Devon Giffen, Aubrey Giffen, Annie Stroud

**Mary 1:** Meghan Ritchie

**Mary 2:** Isabelle Kirton Fletcher

**Salome:** Leslie Stroud

**Angel:** Brad McGrady

**Hymn #132 - He Lives (Chorus)**

**Scripture Readings** Linda Murray

**1 Peter 1:3 (Responsive)**

**The People: Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.**

**And**

**John 3:16 (Responsive)**

**The People: For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.**

**The Gospel Reading:** John 20: 1-18

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

**Message: "Our Hope in Ages Past, Our Hope in Years to Come"** by Rev Tom Mason

**Hymn #330 - O God, Our Help in Ages Past**

**The Prayers of the People** Linda Murray

**Invitation to the Offering**

On Easter Day, we celebrate God's most precious gift to us in Christ's dying and his rising. As we present our gifts to God this morning, may our generosity reflect God's goodness, and the hope we have in Christ Jesus, our Risen Lord.

**Doxology**

**Prayer of Dedication**

Generous God, this day we recognize how much you have given us in Christ Jesus, and what that gift has cost. Bless these gifts so they may offer the hope and joy we feel today to the world you love so dearly. In the name of your greatest gift, Jesus Christ, we pray. **Amen.**

**Hymn #243 – Jesus Christ is Risen Today**

**Benediction**

Go now, with wonder at the empty tomb to amaze you, with the joy Mary felt in the garden to lift your hearts,  
and with the disciples' hope of the news that Jesus had risen to encourage you.

And may God's resurrecting love open the future for you, empowered by the Spirit and embraced by Jesus Christ, our Risen Lord.

**Amen.**

**"Walk now in Faith"**

**May the good Lord Bless and Keep you and your family and fill you with the Hope and Joy that only Easter brings.**

**Upcoming Events**

**Wed April 3** – Craft Group at 9 am

**Thurs April 4** – Choir at 7 pm

**Sat April 13** – Games Afternoon at 2 pm

**Sat April 27** - We will be hosting a Chili Lunch during the Maple Syrup Festival. Sign-up sheets downstairs.

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