



The Presbyterian Church in Canada

Elmvale Presbyterian Church

Sunday April 20, 2025

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 stand for the entry of the Bible if you are able.

**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**

Welcome & Announcements Marlene Lambie, Clerk of Session

Responsive Call to Worship Sarah Covey

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 #249 The Day Of Resurrection

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.

Family Time & Kids Church

Hymn #254 Jesus Is Risen From The Grave

Choir Anthem

Scripture Readings 1 Peter 1:3 (Responsive) Sarah Covey

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.

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 Luke 24:1-12

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord. **All: Thanks be to God.**

Message: "The Risen Lord" by Rev Tom Mason

Hymn #255 Now Let The Vault Of Heaven Resound

The Prayers of the People Sarah Covey

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.

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;

Doxology #79 praise him, all creatures here below:

praise him above, ye heavenly host;

praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

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.**

Go Now In Peace

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

Congregation Announcements

Wed April 23 – Session 7pm

Thurs April 24 – Coffee Party 9:30-11 am

Thurs April 24 – Choir 7 pm

Sat April 26 - Once again we will be serving chili at Maple Syrup Festival. There are sign-up sheets in the Social room for chili, sweet treats and help.

"Willing Workers/WMS would like to announce an ongoing project... the collection of used (cancelled) postal stamps. We ask that you either collect the envelope with the cancelled stamp intact or remove the stamp from the envelope leaving a 1/4 inch of paper around the stamp. These stamps will be used to fundraise and support the Christian Salvage Mission bringing Christian literature to the world."

Thanks to your generosity and that of the community, the Food Bank is sufficiently stocked for now except for these few items: canned mixed vegetables, canned peas, canned potatoes and jams.

"The Mission and Revitalization Team of Presbytery of Barrie"

are inviting you all to a vital conference about how we can care for those in our congregation, and their families, who are living with

Alzheimers and Dementia in all its forms. How we can support them, both in our Church, and in the community. I know for a fact that many who are not able to make day to day decisions, are still able, and enjoy, the hymns they have sung over the years. How can we accommodate them within the Church?

How can we augment the services they get from government programmes? This is not just for the Elders, but for all involved with Emmanuel, and other churches in our area.

Costs are being covered by this team, with one main Speaker, and 3 following workshops. Lunch and Breaks are provided, with a Q&A in the early afternoon, and draws for assorted gifts.

The workshops are:

A. Caring for the Caregivers

B Best Practices for Pastoral Care

C. Understanding Dementias and Sourcing Resources

Registration Deadline is extended to April 24, 2025. Please sign up either by contacting your Rep Elder (add name and phone number) or by emailing Sheila McNeice at mcneice.family@sympatico.ca. Include your workshop preference and any allergies.

See the poster in the foyer for more details.

We hope to see you there.



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