



Welcome to Willowdale Christian Reformed Church

April 20, 2025, 10:00 a.m.
Easter Resurrection Sunday

*In worship, God speaks to us through his Word,
and we respond with praise and prayer.*

About the service:

Worship spaces: In the church Sanctuary and on ZOOM

Worship leader and preacher: Pastor Greg Sinclair

Elder of service: Pastor Sylvie Charliekaram

Worship musicians: Nelly Sinclair (violin), Hye-jin Im (piano)

Simultaneous translation: Pastor Sylvie Charliekaram

Sound/Slides operators: Elisa P, Kuroosh R, Ali B

Zoom host: Alana Yoneyama

Slides prepared by: Leanne Grauds

Greeter: Cici L.

*Please rise in body or in spirit.

After the service:

We invite you to join us for coffee and refreshments in the Fellowship Hall after the service.

If you would like to meet with Pastor Greg, please send an email to pastorgreg@willowdalecrc.com or call: 289-925-4390.

Reflection

We who name the name of Christ are still profoundly shocked when death confronts us, yet we can cherish the hope of life beyond with God.

– Mildred Tengbom

Prelude — “*Alleluia! Alleluia! Hearts to Heaven*” (EBENEZER)

— Thomas J. Williams, Arr. by Larry Shackley

***Welcome and introduction** — Pastor Greg Sinclair

***Call to worship** — Pastor Greg Sinclair

Leader: Christ the Lord is risen!

All: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Leader: The Lord is our strength and our song; he has become our victory!

All: You are our God, and we will praise you; You are our God, and we will exalt you.

Leader: This is the day the Lord has made!

All: We will rejoice, and be glad in it!

***Song of praise** — LUYH 181— *See, What a Morning*

1. See, what a morning, gloriously bright,
with the dawning of hope in Jerusalem;
folded the grave-clothes, tomb filled with light,
as the angels announce, “Christ is risen!”
See God’s salvation plan,
wrought in love, borne in pain, paid in sacrifice,
fulfilled in Christ the Man,
for he lives: Christ is risen from the dead.

2. See Mary weeping, “Where is he laid?” —
as in sorrow she turns from the empty tomb.
Hears a voice speaking, calling her name;
it’s the Master, the Lord, raised to life again!
The voice that spans the years,
speaking life, stirring hope, bringing peace to us,
will sound ‘til he appears
for he lives: Christ is risen from the dead.
3. One with the Father, Ancient of Days,
through the Spirit who clothes faith with certainty.
Honour and blessing, glory and praise
to the King crowned with power and authority.
And we are raised with him;
death is dead, love has won, Christ has conquered.
And we shall reign with him,
for he lives: Christ is risen from the dead.

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***Prayer of praise** — Pastor Greg Sinclair

***God’s Greeting** — Pastor Greg Sinclair

***Easter Psalm** — Psalm 105: LUYH 200 — *Praise the Lord, the Day Is Won*

1. Praise the Lord, the day is won!
Glory, hallelujah!
God for us great things has done.
Sing, shout hallelujah!
Now let all the earth proclaim
resurrection wonder;
in God’s all-enduring name,
death is cast asunder!

2. Loosed from chains by bondage cast;
glory, hallelujah!
God has freed our souls at last.
Sing, shout hallelujah!
Slaves held captive for so long,
scarred by sin and sadness,
lift anew their victory song,
filled with joy and gladness!
3. As God's Spirit moved the sea;
glory, hallelujah!
set our hearts at liberty.
Sing, shout hallelujah!
In our darkest, dreadful day,
crushed by grief and mourning;
God will roll the stone away,
radiant love adorning.
4. God's great covenant is sealed!
Glory, hallelujah!
Our salvation is revealed.
Sing, shout hallelujah!
Plagues no more confound the flock,
flames nor flood assail us;
sure as water from the rock,
God will never fail us!
5. Faithful in the Lord rejoice.
Glory, hallelujah!
Raise to God your new-found voice.
Sing, shout hallelujah!
Crowned with full redemption's light,
by God's grace befriended;
life, behold the glorious sight;
death, your reign is ended!

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Call to confession & Prayer of confession — Pastor Greg Sinclair

Assurance of forgiveness — Pastor Greg Sinclair

*Easter song — LUYH 186 — *Low in the Grave He Lay*

1. Low in the grave he lay—
Jesus, my Saviour;
waiting the coming day—
Jesus, my Lord.

Refrain

Up from the grave he arose,
with a mighty triumph o'er his foes.
He arose a victor from the dark domain,
and he lives forever with his saints to reign!
He arose! He arose!
Hallelujah! Christ arose!

2. Vainly they watch his bed—
Jesus, my Saviour;
vainly they seal the dead—
Jesus, my Lord.

Refrain

3. Death cannot keep its prey—
Jesus, my Saviour;
he tore the bars away—
Jesus, my Lord.

Refrain

Words: Robert Lowry, 1874, alt, P.D.

Children's story — Ms. Betty, Sunday School children

He is Risen!

He is Risen Indeed!

Mark 16:6-7(International Children's Bible)

But the man said, "Don't be afraid. You are looking for Jesus from Nazareth, the one who was killed on a cross. **He has risen from death. He is not here.**

Look, here is the place they laid Him. Now go and tell His followers and Peter, 'Jesus is going into Galilee. He will be there before you. You will see Him there as He told you before.'"

Easter Song — *Risen for Me* — Sunday School children

Lyrics by Angie Killian

Music by Angie Killian & Monica Scott

***The Lord's Prayer** — Amir

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name.

Your kingdom come; your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one.

For yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever.

Amen.

Sunday School Dismissal

All children ages 3-12 are invited to join us for Bible stories, crafts, and games (completed registration required).

Prayer of illumination — Pastor Greg Sinclair

Scripture reading — Matthew 27:57-28:10 (NIV) — Pastor Greg Sinclair

27 ⁵⁷ As evening approached, there came a rich man from Arimathea, named Joseph, who had himself become a disciple of Jesus. ⁵⁸ Going to Pilate, he asked for Jesus' body, and Pilate ordered that it be given to him. ⁵⁹ Joseph took the body, wrapped it in a clean linen cloth, ⁶⁰ and placed it in his own new tomb that he had cut out of the rock. He rolled a big stone in front of the entrance to the tomb and went away. ⁶¹ Mary Magdalene and the other Mary were sitting there opposite the tomb.

⁶² The next day, the one after Preparation Day, the chief priests and the Pharisees went to Pilate. ⁶³ "Sir," they said, "we remember that while he was still alive that deceiver said, 'After three days I will rise again.' ⁶⁴ So give the order for the tomb to be made secure until the third day. Otherwise, his disciples may come and steal the body and tell the people that he has been raised from the dead. This last deception will be worse than the first."

⁶⁵ "Take a guard," Pilate answered. "Go, make the tomb as secure as you know how." ⁶⁶ So they went and made the tomb secure by putting a seal on the stone and posting the guard.

28 After the Sabbath, at dawn on the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to look at the tomb.

²There was a violent earthquake, for an angel of the Lord came down from heaven and, going to the tomb, rolled back the stone and sat on it. ³His appearance was like lightning, and his clothes were white as snow. ⁴The guards were so afraid of him that they shook and became like dead men.

⁵The angel said to the women, “Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. ⁶He is not here; he has risen, just as he said. Come and see the place where he lay. ⁷Then go quickly and tell his disciples: ‘He has risen from the dead and is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see him.’ Now I have told you.”

⁸So the women hurried away from the tomb, afraid yet filled with joy, and ran to tell his disciples. ⁹Suddenly Jesus met them. “Greetings,” he said. They came to him, clasped his feet and worshipped him. ¹⁰Then Jesus said to them, “Do not be afraid. Go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me.”

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon — *Easter Hope* — Pastor Greg Sinclair

***Song of response** — LUYH 182 — *Christ the Lord is Risen Today*

1. Christ the Lord is risen today! Alleluia!
All creation, join to say: Alleluia!
Raise your joys and triumphs high; Alleluia!
Sing, O heavens, and earth, reply: Alleluia!
2. Love’s redeeming work is done, Alleluia!
Fought the fight, the battle won; Alleluia!
Death in vain forbids him rise; Alleluia!
Christ has opened paradise. Alleluia!
3. Lives again our glorious King; Alleluia!
Where, O death, is now your sting? Alleluia!
Once he died, our souls to save; Alleluia!
Where your victory, O grave? Alleluia!

4. Soar we now where Christ has led, Alleluia!
Following our exalted Head; Alleluia!
Made like him, like him we rise; Alleluia!
Ours the cross, the grave, the skies. Alleluia!
5. Hail the Lord of earth and heaven! Alleluia!
Praise to you by both be given; Alleluia!
Risen Christ, triumphant now; Alleluia!
Every knee to you shall bow. Alleluia!

Words: Charles Wesley, 1739, alt., P.D.

Prayers of God's people — Pastor Sylvie Charliekaram

Offering of our gifts

1st Offering, Church Ministries (red bag)

2nd Offering, Diaconate, please read the **Willowdale Weekly** for more information about this offering cause.

Offering of music

Prayer over the offering — Deacon

***Celebration of Lord's supper** — Pastor Greg Sinclair

Apostles' Creed

Leader: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts

All: We lift them up to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give Him our thanks and praise.
Christ has died, Christ has risen,
Christ will come again.

*You are invited to come forward to receive the elements.
Bread wrapped in plastic is gluten free.*

Communion songs — LUYH 183 — *Alleluia*

— LUYH 357 — *In the Lord I'll Be Ever Thankful*

1. Alleluia. Alleluia.
Alleluia. Alleluia.
Alleluia. Alleluia.
Christ the Lord is risen indeed.
2. Alleluia, alleluia. (3x)
Christ, the firstfruits from the grave.
3. Alleluia, alleluia. (3x)
Christ has given us new life.
4. Alleluia, alleluia. (3x)
Glory, love, and praise to God.

Words: traditional

In the Lord I'll be ever thankful;
in the Lord I will rejoice!
Look to God; do not be afraid.
Lift up your voices, the Lord is near;
lift up your voices, the Lord is near.

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***Benediction** — Pastor Greg Sinclair

***Easter song** — LUYH 227 — *He Is Lord*

1. He is Lord, he is Lord,
he is risen from the dead, and he is Lord!
Every knee shall bow, every tongue confess
that Jesus Christ is Lord.
2. He is King, he is King,
he will draw all nations to him; he is King!
And the time shall be when the world shall sing
that Jesus Christ is King.
3. He is Love, he is Love,
he has shown us by his life that he is Love!
All his people sing with one voice of joy
that Jesus Christ is Love.
4. He is Life, he is Life,
he has died to set us free, and he is Life!
And he calls us all to live evermore,
for Jesus Christ is Life.

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Postlude

