

Lyrics and Prayers
Ralph Connor Memorial United Church
Worshipping in Banff



EASTER SUNDAY
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Hymn: Voices United #166
“Joy Comes with the Dawn”

~Gordon Light~

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Chorus:

Joy comes with the dawn,
joy comes with the morning sun;
joy springs from the tomb and
scatters the night with her song,
joy comes with the dawn.

1. Weeping may come;
weeping may come in the night,
when dark shadows cloud our sight.
*Joy comes with the dawn,
joy comes with the morning sun;
joy springs from the tomb and
scatters the night with her song,
joy comes with the dawn.*

2. Sorrow will turn,
sorrow will turn into song,
and God's laughter make us strong.
*Joy comes with the dawn,
joy comes with the morning sun;
joy springs from the tomb and
scatters the night with her song,
joy comes with the dawn.*

3. We will rejoice,
we will rejoice, and give praise,
to the One who brings us grace.
*Joy comes with the dawn,
joy comes with the morning sun;
joy springs from the tomb and
scatters the night with her song,
joy comes with the dawn. -end-*

Re-lighting the Christ Candle

In the darkest hours of our lives

Light and life come together in Christ.

As we welcome the light into our worship today

We celebrate that Christ's life cannot be
extinguished!

Hymn: Voices United #352
“I Danced in the Morning”
(Lord of the Dance)

words: Sydney Carter

music: Shaker melody/ Sydney Carter

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1. I danced in the morning when the world
was begun

And I danced in the moon and the stars and the sun

And I came down from heaven and I danced
on the earth

At Bethlehem I had my birth.

*Dance, then, wherever you may be
I am the lord of the dance, said he
And I'll lead you all, wherever you may be
And I'll lead you all in the dance, said he.*

2. I danced for the scribe and the Pharisee
But they would not dance,
And they would not follow me
I danced for the fishermen,
for James and John
They came with me and the dance went on.
*Dance, then, wherever you may be
I am the lord of the dance, said he
And I'll lead you all, wherever you may be
And I'll lead you all in the dance, said he.*

3. I danced on the Sabbath and I cured the lame
The holy people said it was a shame
They whipped, and they stripped,
and they hung me high
And left me there on a cross to die.

*Dance, then, wherever you may be
I am the lord of the dance, said he
And I'll lead you all, wherever you may be
And I'll lead you all in the dance, said he.*

4. I danced on a Friday when the sky
turned black

It's hard to dance with the devil on your back
They buried my body, and they thought I'd gone
But I am the dance, and I still go on.

*Dance, then, wherever you may be
I am the lord of the dance, said he
And I'll lead you all, wherever you may be
And I'll lead you all in the dance, said he.*

5. They cut me down and I leap up high --
I am the life that will never, never die
I'll live in you if you'll live in me
I am the Lord of the dance, said he.

*Dance, then, wherever you may be
I am the lord of the dance, said he
And I'll lead you all, wherever you may be
And I'll lead you all in the dance, said he.*

-end-

Easter Prayer: (*unison*)

God of resurrection, you have rolled the stone away
and the tomb of our world has been opened wide.
With the dawn has come a new creation.
Let our celebration today empty our tombs,
renew our lives, and release your power; through
the risen Christ we pray. Amen.

Hymn: More Voices # 59

“Alleluia, Praise to God”

*~Words and Music: traditional Yoruba song.
Nigeria, as taught by Emmanuel Badejo.
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altered More Voices, 2007.~*

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1. Alleluia, praise to God. Alleluia,
praise to God. Praises, high praises,
we bring you, O God. Alleluia, praise
to God.

**2. Songs of joy sing out to God.
Songs of joy sing out to God. Dancing
and singing we praise you, O God.
Songs of joy sing out to God.**

3. Beat the drums, sing out to God.
Beat the drums, sing out to God.
Praises, high praises, we bring you, O
God. Beat the drums, sing out to God.

-end-

The Offering is Received.

Offertory Hymn: More Voices #115

“Behold, Behold, I Make All Things New”

~John Bell, 1995~

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Behold, behold, I make all things new
beginning with you
and starting from today.

Behold, behold, I make all things new,
my promise is true,
for I am Christ the way. -end-

Closing Hymn: Voices United #155
“Jesus Christ is Risen Today”

~Lyra Davidica, 1708~
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**1. Jesus Christ is risen today, hallelujah!
Our triumphant holy day, hallelujah!
Who did once, upon the cross, hallelujah!
Suffer to redeem our loss, hallelujah!**

2. Hymns of praise then let us sing,
hallelujah!
Unto Christ, our heavenly King,
hallelujah!
Who endured the cross and grave,
hallelujah!
sinners to redeem and save, hallelujah!

**3. But the pains which he endured,
hallelujah!**

**Our salvation have procured, hallelujah!
Now above the sky he's King, hallelujah!
Where the angels ever sing, hallelujah!**

**4. Sing we to our God above, hallelujah!
Praise eternal as God's love, hallelujah!
Praise our God, ye heavenly host, hallelujah!
Praise the Son and Holy Ghost, hallelujah!**

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