



FIRST UNITED CHURCH

Swift Current, SK
Sunday, April 1, 2018

Easter Sunrise Service

Leading Worship: Rev. Annette Taylor
& Adele Heise
Guitarist: James McLaughlan

Early Morning – Not Quite Dawn
(We gather in the sanctuary in the dark)

Call to Worship

Hymn: VU #144 Were You There *(verses 1 & 5)*

Monologues:

(response VU #411)

O God we call, O God we call
from deep inside we yearn,
from deep inside we yearn,
from deep inside we yearn for you.

Thomas – Colleen MacBean

Peter – Mel Friesen

The Beloved Disciple – Adele Heise

Mary Magdalene – Staci Schaitel

Resurrection – The Light Bursts Forth

(We move to the brightly lit foyer)

Hymn: VU #415 God, We Praise You for the Morning
(verses 1-3)

Scripture Reading: John 20:1-10

Hymn: VU #415 God, We Praise You for the Morning
(verses 4-6)

Morning has Broken – I have Seen Jesus

Monologues:

(response VU #179 – chorus only)

Hallelujah, hallelujah,
Give thanks to the risen Christ;
Hallelujah, hallelujah,
Give praise to God's name.

Mary Magdalene – Staci Schaitel

The Beloved Disciple – Adele Heise

Peter – Mel Friesen

Thomas – Colleen MacBean

Closing Prayer

ONE: We leave this place, O God, our minds filled
with fresh memories of the miracle of resurrection.

ALL: Hallelujah! Christ is risen!

ONE: The previous hardships of our Lenten journey
are all but forgotten with this promise of new life.

ALL: Hallelujah! Christ is risen!

ONE: We are eager to learn about Jesus' new way of life
made possible through the power of God's love.

ALL: Hallelujah! Christ is risen!

ONE: May our hearts, minds, and lives be filled, we pray,
with the resurrecting power of the Easter story.

ALL: Hallelujah! Christ is risen!

Adapted from Fern Gibbard, *Gathering Lent/Easter 2018*, page 42.

Closing Hymn: VU #179 Hallelujah, Hallelujah
(chorus only)

Blessing

Monologues written by : Mark Diller Harder. St. Jacobs Mennonite Church
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