

Easter Sunday
April 4, 2021

Welcome – Bienvenue !

Where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there, I am there... (MV 14)

Candle

She went into the tomb, just as the sun was beginning to rise. What she found there shone in her life forever. Not the shadow of death, but the new light! **As Easter people, we follow the light of Christ!**
(Adapted from the words of Richard Bott, 2016.)

Call to Worship-Appel à la prière

Christ is risen! Alleluia! **We are Easter people, filled with hope and joy!** Hear the Good News! Mary came to an empty tomb and found the risen Christ. **Jesus died and rose again – God has had the final victory over death!** We are in God's presence and bear witness to God's love and the holy mystery of Christ's resurrection. **We experience God's love and power. We are part of the new thing that God is doing in the world around us.** Christ is Risen! Alleluia! **Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Opening Prayer

God of the empty tomb, we come into your presence looking for Jesus after his death on the cross. We find the risen Christ and are delighted and transformed. As the stone was rolled away on that first Easter morning, may we move any stones or obstacles in our hearts and minds so we may encounter You in the holy mystery of this day. Amen

Hymn: VU 155 Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

**Prayers for Grace & Transformation/La Confession
Words of Assurance/ Mots d'assurance**

I am there

The Peace *Based on the words of St. Patrick*

Scripture

Exegesis and Prayer for Illumination-

We Listen – Nous écoutons

John 20 : 1-18

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..... (MV 115)

Reflection

Hymn: VU 179 Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Give Thanks

**Invitation to the offering/ Invitation à l'offrande
Offertory Prayer-Prière d'offrande**

Announcements/Annonces

**Prayers of Hope/Prières universelles
Lord's Prayer/La prière du Seigneur
Sing, sing out! Sing a new song (MV 180)**

Extinguishing the Candle

Benediction/Bénédictio/Commissioning

Hymn: MV 120 The Canticle of the Turning