

# Order of Worship: Easter sunrise service, April 20, 2025

**10:00 am – In-person worship**

**Pastor: Jim Brown**

John 20:1-10

#273 HWB Low in the grave He lay

Reflection

#275 HWB Lift your glad voices

Breakfast!

Worship theme: Easter Sunday is the high point of the church year as we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus. But what if the resurrection is much more than a happy ending to a rough weekend for Jesus? What if the resurrection is meant to re-shape how we look at ourselves and everything around us?

Prelude

Welcome & Call to worship

Matthew 28:1-10 (NIV) *After the Sabbath, at dawn on the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to look at the tomb. There 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. His appearance was like lightning, and his clothes were white as snow. The guards were so afraid of him that they shook and became like dead men.*

*The angel said to the women, “Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. He is not here; He has risen, just as He said. Come and see the place where He lay. Then 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.” So the women hurried away from the tomb, afraid yet filled with joy, and ran to tell His disciples. Suddenly Jesus met them. “Greetings,” He said. They came to Him, clasped His feet and worshiped Him. Then Jesus said to them, “Do not be afraid. Go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see Me.”*

Opening prayer

Opening Hymn: #280 HWB - Christ the Lord is risen today

Prayer of Confession/Affirmation: # 713

Scripture: **Luke 24:36-43 (NIV)** *While they were still talking about this, Jesus Himself stood among them and said to them, “Peace be with you.” They were startled and frightened, thinking they saw a ghost. He said to them, “Why are you troubled, and why do doubts rise in your minds? Look at My hands and My feet. It is I Myself! Touch Me and see; a ghost does not have flesh and bones, as you see I have.” When He had said this, He showed them His hands and feet. And while they still did not believe it*

*because of joy and amazement, He asked them, “Do you have anything here to eat?” They gave Him a piece of broiled fish, and He took it and ate it in their presence.*

Hymn: #278 HWB - Christ is Alive

Scripture: **Colossians 1:15-20** (NIV) Gary B - *The Son is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. For in Him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things have been created through Him and for Him. He is before all things, and in Him all things hold together. And He is the head of the body, the church; He is the beginning and the firstborn from among the dead, so that in everything He might have the supremacy. For God was pleased to have all His fullness dwell in Him, and through Him to reconcile to Himself all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through His blood, shed on the cross.*

Message: *Not just a happy ending to a tough weekend ~ Pastor Jim*

Hymn of Response: #565 Red hymnal - I know that my Redeemer liveth

Sharing and Congregational Prayer

Announcements

Offering

Closing Hymn: The Lord is Risen to life [words in bulletin, on guitar]

Benediction

Postlude

**\*\*No sermon discussion/coffee time today**

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**Announcements**

**Rockway’s Founders’ Day Chapel, Soup Supper Fundraiser** and Alumni Sports Challenge originally scheduled for Friday, February 14 has been postponed to Friday, May 2. Please visit [www.rockway.ca/events](http://www.rockway.ca/events) for more information. We thank you for your continued prayers as our school continues to heal from the tragic loss experienced in our community. Thank you so much for your understanding and support, Jen on behalf of Rockway Admin - *Should you have questions, comments or suggestions about any of these, please feel free to reach out via email [jenhb@rockway.ca](mailto:jenhb@rockway.ca) or phone 519.743.5209 x3547*

**Spirit and screen.** Do not conform any longer to the pattern of Apple, Insta and Google.... *Canadian Mennonite* magazine invites you to do a digital detox experiment this Lent. Starting March 5, cut screens back in some way and fill the gap with something holy. Then be in touch. We'll bring detoxers together by teleconference during Lent and report stories in our June issue. If intrigued, see [canadianmennonite.org/detox](http://canadianmennonite.org/detox).

**Rockway Mennonite Collegiate** invites you to join us **Friday, May 2, 2025** for our 80th Anniversary Chapel featuring Ray Boehm '84, Mary Groh '49 and our BIG Announcement! That evening, enjoy a

delicious Soup Supper at our Trips Week Fundraiser and stick around for the Alumni Sports Challenge. Visit [rockway.ca/events](http://rockway.ca/events) to RSVP, pre-purchase your soup and learn more about our celebrations!

**Upcoming Worship Services:**

April 20: Pastor Jim – The Sunrise service starts at 8am followed by breakfast.

April 27: Renee Sauder

May 04: Pastor Jim

May 11: Pastor Jim

**Wilmot Ignited joint services**

May 18 - Hillcrest

June 29 - NV (Benedikt IB & Dann Pantoja share from the experience in Philippines)

Aug 3 - Wilmot

Aug 31 - St. Agatha

Oct 5 -

Dec 28 - Mannheim

**Future events**

\* Thank you everyone who helped with the church basement cleaning and the library cleaning/reorganizing!