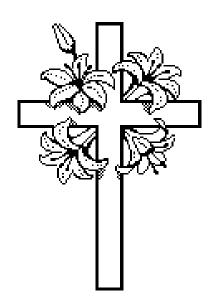
# Alleluía! Christ is Risen!



Sunday, April 20, 2025

## **Easter Sunday**

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# Order of Worship Setting Eight

Introduction: Today is a day of great joy! Our solemn Lenten reflections and somber remembrance of Jesus' betrayal and crucifixion have ended. Today is a day of joyful celebration of Christ's victory over the cross and the hope of eternal life that He has given us by dying on that cross. Today we re-light the Christ Candle and *today* we can truly say with joyful exuberance:

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Introduction by Leronna Buttery

Prelude

Time for Silent Meditation

### Gathering\*

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen, indeed. Alleluia!

**Ancestral Land Acknowledgement** 

We begin this gathering by acknowledging and thanking our Indigenous neighbours, the Haudenosaunee and Anishinaabe peoples, for letting us cohabitate this land with them and for their sharing of resources and friendship.

Thanksgiving for Baptism

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen, indeed. Alleluia!

In the name of 

the One
who was, who is, and who is to come. **Amen.** 

Baptized into Christ's death and resurrection, and called to live the baptized life, let us give thanks for the gifts of baptism.

Holy God.

we give you thanks for the waters of baptism, waters that make a people your own, that restore to wholeness,

and empower us to be witnesses in your name.

Baptized into you, O Living One,

make us one as you are one.

We give you thanks for the waters of baptism, waters that strengthen believers and give new life to beloved servants of your church; waters that extend your boundless love and cross barriers of our own making.

Baptized into you, O Living One,

make us one as you are one.

We give you thanks for the waters of baptism, waters that open the hearts of believers and give a voice in the night to those in captivity; waters that set your people on a new path, rejoicing in the Spirit's power.

Baptized into you, O Living One,

make us one as you are one.

Grant us grace, love, and life, O Living One, that our every day is shaped by these waters that give us our very lives in you. We ask this in the name of Jesus, the Crucified and Risen One.

Amen.

Gathering Hymn... # 375...'Alleluia! Christ Is Arisen!

Greeting\*

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Kyrie ... page 175

Canticle of Praise ... page 176...This is the feast...

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Prayer of the Day\*

The congregation joins in the prayer of the day.

Let us pray.

A brief silence is kept before the prayer

God of mercy,

we no longer look for Jesus among the dead, for he is alive and has become the Lord of life. Increase in our minds and hearts the risen life we share with Christ, and help us to grow as your people toward the fullness of eternal life with you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

#### Word

First Reading ... Acts 10:34-43

God raised Jesus on the third day

The word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

Psalm...Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24...read responsively by whole verse "This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it."

(Psalm 118:24)

Second Reading ... 1 Corinthians 15:19-26

Christ raised from the dead, the first fruits

The word of the Lord Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation ... page 179...Alleluia

Gospel ... John 20:1-18

Seeing the risen Christ

Glory to you, O Lord.

The gospel is proclaimed, concluding:

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Silence for reflection follows the sermon.

Hymn of the Day ... # 382... 'Christ Is Risen! Alleluia!!'

The Nicene Creed... found inside the back cover of your hymnal

Let us confess our faith according to the Nicene Creed:

Prayers of Intercession

An assisting minister invites the assembly into prayer.

Each portion of the prayer ends with these or similar words.

God of grace,

hear our prayer.

The prayers conclude with these or similar words.

We commend these and all our prayers to you, O God, trusting that you are always with us; in the name of Jesus Christ, our risen Saviour.

Amen.

Meal

Offering

The gifts are brought forward as the Offertory is sung.

Offertory ... # 185 ... 'Create in Me a Clean Heart'

Offertory Prayer\*

The congregation joins in the offertory prayer.

Risen One,

you have gathered us around your table of grace along with these gifts we bring. Come among us again, breathe your life into us, and enliven us with this meal, that we may live as your risen body in the world. Amen.

Great Thanksgiving\*

The Lord be with you And also with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Sanctus...page 181 ...'Holy, holy, holy Lord.'

Eucharistic Prayer ... page 133 in hymnal

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again. Come, Holy Spirit...Come, Holy Spirit, ....Amen.

Lord's Prayer

Invitation to Communion\*

Come to the table of grace.

Receive the gift of new life.

Thanks be to God.

Everyone is welcome to commune at the Lord's table

Agnus Dei ... page 182 ... 'Lamb of God'

Communion Hymn ...# 473 ... 'Holy, Holy, Holy'

**Table Blessing** 

Post Communion Canticle ...# 205... 'Thankful Hearts'

Prayer after Communion\*

Living One,

in this feast you have made yourself known to us. Send us now to tell of your wonders, sing of your glory, and proclaim your risen life to a wounded and weary world. Amen.

Peace

Sending

Blessing

The triune God, who was, who is, and who is to come, Sovereign,  $\pm$  Saviour, and Spirit, light your way with resurrection dawn, now and always.

light your way with resurrection dawn, now and always. **Amen.** 

Sending Song ...# 857... 'Lord, I Lift Your Name on High'...2X

Dismissal

Alleluia! Christ is risen. Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia! Go in peace. In Christ you are made new. Alleluia! Alleluia! Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

#### Postlude

#### Announcements

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A Blessed, Happy Easter to all of you!

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The Easter Lillies on the stands are placed to the glory of God in celebration of Christ's resurrection and God's promise of eternal life and in thanksgiving to God for his many blessings.

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### Sunday, April 20 - Easter Sunday

- Sunday School 10:55 AM
- Holy Communion Worship Pr Kevin Powell 11:00 AM
  - Announcements
  - Coffee Hour

Thursday, April 24 - Bible Study 10:30 AM – 12 noon

Sunday, April 27 – Second Sunday of Easter

- Faith's Table Service
- Sunday School 10:55 AM
- Announcements
- Holy Communion Worship Pr Julio Romero 11:00 AM
  - Birthday Sunday Coffee Hour

**Thursday, May 1** - Bible Study 10:30 AM – 12 noon

Saturday, May 10 - Men's Breakfast 9:00 AM

**Sunday, May 4,** immediately after Service there will be a pizza lunch with beverages and dessert followed by Trivia, hosted by the Witness Committee. Stay and have some food, fellowship and fun. There will be a freewill offering to cover expenses.

### Saturday, May 10 - Men's Breakfast 9:00 AM

All men are welcome. Bring your Dads, sons, grandsons and friends. Let Barclay know if you will be attending. Cost: \$10

**Pastoral care** – If you are in need of pastoral care please call the church and leave a message (messages will be checked daily), or, in an emergency, call Pr. Julio on his cell phone 289-407-3993. If it is not an emergency please keep in mind that Saturday and Monday are his days off.

**Community Care** – Let us continue to remember the less fortunate by donating nonperishable items to the Food Bank. Community Care also needs other items such as hygiene products like travel size toothpaste, toothbrushes, toilet paper, diapers and gently used clothing.