

SEEKING GOD TOGETHER

PRELUDE Easter Morn (*from Sinfonia No.6*)
(J.S.Bach arr.L.Smith)

WELCOME & CONGREGATIONAL LIFE PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Acknowledgment of Territory/Every Child Matters
Laurie Bentolila

As we come into worship today, we acknowledge that we reside and worship on the traditional lands of the people of the Chippewas of Georgina Island First Nation...and acknowledge their stewardship of this land throughout the ages.

INTROIT Who Is There on This Easter Morning
(T.Dudley-Smith/French Trad. Carol arr. M.F.Shaw)

CALL TO WORSHIP

Christ is risen!

He is risen indeed!

God has raised Jesus from the dead.

**God welcomes us into a new world
filled with grace.**

God gives new life and new hope.

Let us sing our alleluias with joy.

Let us worship! (C.Jerret)

LITANY OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

Allison & Seth Backer

Today we celebrate the flame that God has rekindled.
We light the Christ candle, aware that the power of
the Resurrection has forever changed who we are and
given us the courage to boldly proclaim a living faith.

The Christ candle is lit.

**We celebrate new life, new joy, new possibilities.
Christ is risen. He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

***HYMN** Jesus Christ Is Risen Today VU 155

Jesus Christ is risen today, hallelujah!
Our triumphant holy day, hallelujah!
Who did once, upon the cross, hallelujah!
Suffer to redeem our loss. Hallelujah!

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!

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!

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!

PRAYER FOR RENEWAL

**While we are looking for you in wounded hands,
Loving God, you are sparking an Easter sunrise in our
world. While we hold on to fear and sadness, you are
taking us by our hands and lifting us into a new day!
Wake us up, that we would search for you, not only in
the past-of once was, but also in the renewal of our
spirits and our communities today. Shine your Easter
through us God, that we would know new life in you.
Amen.**

WORDS OF GRACE

Jesus Christ is risen today! God's love is all around us!
Thanks be to God!

SUNG RESPONSE Halle, Halle, Halle (*Iona*) VU 958
Halle, halle, halle-lu-jah! Halle, halle, halle-lu-jah!
Halle, halle, halle-lu-jah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

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SCRIPTURE Acts 10:34-43 NRSV Colleen Abbott
(Peter preaches at the house of Cornelius.)

ANTHEM Glory, Hallelujah! (*L.Shackley*)

GOSPEL John 20:1-18 (Mary and the empty tomb.)

Come to the quiet...a time for reflection

SERMON Rise Up

***HYMN** In the Bulb (*N.Sleeth*) VU 703

In the bulb there is a flower; in the seed, an apple tree;
in cocoons, a hidden promise: butterflies will soon be free!
In the cold and snow of winter there's a spring that waits
to be, unrevealed until its season, something God alone
can see.

There's a song in every silence, seeking word and melody;
there's a dawn in every darkness, bringing hope to you
and me. From the past will come the future; what it holds a
mystery, unrevealed until its season, something God alone
can see.

In our end is our beginning; in our time, infinity; in our doubt there is believing; in our life, eternity. In our death, a resurrection; at the last, a victory, unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.

SHARING GOD'S LOVE

OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

OFFERTORY This Joyful Eastertide (*J.McFadden*)
Faith-A-Peal Handbell Ensemble (pre-recorded)

***DEDICATION** God We Praise You (*J.Strathdee*) *VU 415*
God, we praise you for the morning,
hope springs forth this Easter day.
Hearts and hands reveal your promise,
accept our gifts now we pray.

OFFERTORY PRAYER **PRAYER SHAWL BLESSING**

PRAYER PRELUDE Dear Mother God *VU 270*
Dear Mother God, your wings are warm around us,
we are enfolded in your love and care;
safe in the dark your heartbeat's pulse surrounds us,
you call to us, for you are always there.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & LORD'S PRAYER

***HYMN** The Day of Resurrection *VU 164*

The day of resurrection! Earth, tell it out abroad;
the passover of gladness, the passover of God!
From death to life eternal, from earth unto the sky,
our Christ has brought us over, with hymns of victory.

Our hearts be free of evil, that we may see aright
the Christ in rays eternal of resurrection light,
and, listening to the accents, may hear so calm and plain
Christ's own 'All hail!' and, hearing, may raise the victor
strain.

Now let the heavens be joyful, let earth its song begin,
the round world keep high triumph, and all that is therein;
let all things seen and unseen their notes of gladness blend,
for Christ indeed is risen, our Joy that has no end.

*** COMMISSIONING**

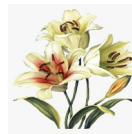
And now, let us go out with joy this Easter morning!
May the hope and power of this Resurrection day,
give strength and purpose to our spirits.
Let your alleluias ring today!
Alleluia! Alleluia!

Easter Bell Peal....

***SUNG BLESSING** Take Up His Song (*Herman/King*)
MV213

Take up his song of love and go into the world.
Take up his song of love in every moment.
In every moment of the journey,
we're laying down our lives; lay them down, in love,
lay them down, and take up his song.

POSTLUDE An Easter Fanfare (*D.Paxton*)



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'He is not here, for he is risen.'
Matthew 28:6