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Our Mission...

to be an accepting Christian community dedicated to living, sharing and teaching the Word of God.

We respect all aspects of people including race, ethnicity, gender expression, sexual orientation, socio-economic background, age, religion, mental wellness, and ability.

Easter Sunday
April 17th, 2022

The asterisk invites all to stand, if they are able. **Bold print indicates a congregational response.*

PREPARING FOR THE WORD

PRELUDE – *"The Day of Resurrection"*

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(Smart/Schackley)

~Joanne Diplock

EASTER ACCLAMATION and LIGHTING of the CHRIST CANDLE

Christ is Risen!

Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

*May the light of Christ, rising in glory,
dispel the darkness of our hearts and minds.*

***HYMN:** #155 VU – *"Jesus Christ is Risen Today"*

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(Davidica/Holman)

~Joanne Diplock

- 1 Jesus Christ is risen today, hallelujah!
our triumphant holy day, hallelujah!
who did once, upon the cross, hallelujah!
suffer to redeem our loss. Hallelujah!**
- 2 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!**
- 3 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!**
- 4 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 of ADORATION

...and so we rejoice.

"Christ is risen! Alleluia!"

WELCOME

LIFE and WORK of the CONGREGATION

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT of the LAND

We acknowledge that we meet in Treaty 1 land, the traditional lands of the Anishinaabe, Cree and Dakota peoples, and the homeland of the Metis nation. We are thankful for these first inhabitants, and we commit to working together towards justice, truth and reconciliation.

SOLO: "The Holy City"

(Weatherly/Adam)

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LISTENING FOR THE WORD

Scripture Reader: *Dennis Deley*

The First Lesson:

Acts 10: 34-43

Then Peter began to speak to them: 'I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.'

Epistle:

I Corinthians 15: 19-26

If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied. But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died. For since death came through a human being, the resurrection of the dead has also come through a human being; for as all die in Adam, so all will be made alive in Christ. But each in his own order: Christ the first fruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. Then comes the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, after he has destroyed every ruler and every authority

and power. For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. The last enemy to be destroyed is death.

Response: *This is the Word of God.*

Thanks be to God.

CHOIR ANTHEM: *"Because He Lives"*

(Gaither/Shrader)

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~Joanne Diplock

The Gospel: **John 20: 1-18**

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, 'They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him.' Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went towards the tomb. The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. Then the disciples returned to their homes.

But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. They said to her, 'Woman, why are you weeping?' She said to them, 'They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him.' When she had said this, she turned round and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, 'Woman, why are you weeping? For whom are you looking?' Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, 'Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away.' Jesus said to her, 'Mary!' She turned and said to him in Hebrew, 'Rabbouni!' (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, 'Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, "I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God."'" Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, 'I have seen the Lord'; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

Response: *The Gospel of Christ.*

Thanks be to God.

SERMON: ""

~Rev. Don Johnson (see attached sermon)

INTERCESSIONS

SOLO: "The Unclouded Day"

(Alwood/Myers)

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THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

THE PRESENTATION OF OUR OFFERINGS

Offertory Prayer

Good Shepherd, you spread a table before us.

We offer you our gifts,

signs of your gracious love and tokens of our grateful hearts.

Nourish us at the feast of the Lamb,

that we may proclaim to all the world

your triumphant love in Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

COMMUNION HYMN: #169 VU – "Good Christians All, Rejoice and Sing" (Alington/MacMillan)

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~Joanne Diplock

1 Good Christians all, rejoice and sing!

Now is the triumph of our King!

To all the world glad news we bring:

Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah!

2 The Lord of life is risen today!

Bring flowers of song, bedeck the way;

let every tongue rejoice and say:

Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah!

3 Praise we in songs of victory

that love, that life which cannot die,

and sing with hearts uplifted high:

Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah!

4 Your name we bless, O risen Lord,

and sing today with one accord

the life laid down, the life restored:

Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah!

INVITATION

THE 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.

Blessing and honour, glory and power, are rightly yours, all gracious God.

*By your creative word you brought the world to birth;
in your generous love you made the human family,
that we might see your glory and live forever in your presence.*

**Blessing and honour, glory and power,
are rightly yours, all gracious God.**

*When we wandered from you in our sin
you sought us with your steadfast love and did not give us up.
In the fullness of time you sent your Son to be our Saviour and Deliverer.
Made of flesh and blood, he lived our life and died our death upon the cross.
Death could not hold him and now he reigns at your right hand.*

**Blessing and honour, glory and power,
are rightly yours, all gracious God.**

*Therefore with angels and archangels and all the company of heaven
we bless and glorify your glorious name, saying:*

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might:
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest!

Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest!

*Blessed indeed is the Lord Jesus Christ who, at supper with his friends,
took bread and gave you thanks, broke it, gave it to them and said:
"Take this, all of you, and eat it. This is my body given for you.
Do this in remembrance of me."*

*When supper was ended, he took the cup and gave you thanks,
gave it to them, and said:*

*"Drink from it all of you. This is my blood of the new covenant, poured
out for you and for everyone, for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this in remembrance of me."*

Dying, you destroyed our death.

Rising, you restored our life.

Lord Jesus, come in glory.

*Therefore, Father, we celebrate this Passover of gladness:
for as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive.
Accept, through him, our high priest, this, our sacrifice of praise.
Send your Holy Spirit that these gifts of bread and wine may be for us
the body and blood of Christ.*

*Gather us, who share this feast, into the kingdom of your glory
that with all your people in every time and place
we may praise and worship you for ever; through Jesus Christ our Lord,*

**by whom and with whom in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory are yours,
heavenly Father, now and always. Amen.**

Gathering our prayers and praises together, we say:

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread,
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil:
For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory
forever and ever. Amen.**

THE BREAKING of the BREAD and FILLING of the CUP

*According to the holy institution, example and command
of our Lord Jesus Christ, and as a memorial of him, we do this:
who on the night when he was betrayed, took bread,
and when he had given thanks he broke it, and said:*

"This is my body which is broken for you: do this in remembrance of me."

In the same way he took the cup, saying:

"This cup is the new covenant sealed by my blood.

Whenever you drink it, do it in memory of me."

Jesus, Lamb of God,

have mercy on us.

Jesus, bearer of our sins,

have mercy on us.

Jesus, redeemer of the world

grant us peace.

HOLY COMMUNION

We meet the risen Christ in the breaking of the bread.

Draw near with faith.

DISTRIBUTION of the BREAD and INTERLUDE

The body of Christ, keep you in eternal life.

DISTRIBUTION of the CUP and INTERLUDE

The blood of Christ, keep you in eternal life.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

**Generous God, you come into our ordinary lives
and set a holy table among us,
filling our plates with the bread of life
and our cups with salvation.**

Send us out, O God, with tender-heartedness

**to touch an ordinary everyday world
with the promise of your holiness. Amen.**

***HYMN:** #173 VU – "*Thine Is the Glory*"

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(Budry/Handel)

~Joanne Diplock

- 1 Thine is the glory, risen, conquering Son:
endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won.
Angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away,
kept the folded grave-clothes where the body lay.
Thine is the glory, risen, conquering Son:
endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won.**
- 2 Lo, Jesus meets us, risen from the tomb!
Lovingly he greets us, scatters fear and gloom.
Let the church with gladness hymns of triumph sing,
for the Lord now liveth: death hath lost its sting. R**
- 3 No more we doubt thee, glorious Prince of life;
life is nought without thee: aid us in our strife;
make us more than conquerors, through thy deathless love;
bring us safe through Jordan to thy home above. R**

THE BLESSING

Go forth in joy to love and serve God in all that you do.

We are sent in the name of the risen Christ.

Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

May the God of peace,

who raised to life the great shepherd of the sheep,

make us ready to do his will in every good thing,

through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever.

Alleluia! Amen.

CHORAL BENEDICTION

**May the Lord go with you,
let him take your hand.**

**Keep His love within you,
until we meet again. Amen.**

POSTLUDE – "*Now Let the Vault of Heaven Resound*"

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(Strodach)

~Joanne Diplock