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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.

April 5th, 2026
Easter Sunday
Sacrament of Holy Communion
Toonie Sunday

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

GATHERING TO WORSHIP GOD

PRELUDE *(Music played with permission under license #A-620529 One License)*

~Joanne Diplock

CALL to WORSHIP *(Written by Diane Bennett-Jones; from *Gathering Lent/Easter 2016.*)*

Come, celebrate the Good News!

The stone has been rolled away!

The tomb is empty!

Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed!

Hallelujah! Thanks be to God!

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

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(Davidica)

~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!

WELCOME

LIFE and WORK of the CONGREGATION

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT of the LAND

We acknowledge that we meet on Treaty 1 land, the traditional lands of the Anishinaabe, Cree and Dakota peoples, and the homeland of the Red River Metis. We also acknowledge that the water we use here comes from the Shoal Lake 40 First Nation. We are grateful for these first inhabitants and their stewardship of the land and its resources through the ages, and we commit to working together towards justice, truth and reconciliation.

LIGHTING of the CHRIST CANDLE ~lit by Frank Leskovjan

*As we light our Christ candle, we celebrate that Christ is Risen.
The light of Christ, which lights our way, has returned.
It shines brightly – with new hope and new joy.*

LIGHTING of the PEACE CANDLE

As we light this second candle, we pray for peace:

**peace in our hearts,
peace in our homes,
peace in our world.**

*As we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus, the Prince of Peace,
O God, we pray for peace. Amen.*

SHARING the PEACE of CHRIST

***Peace be with you.
And also with you.***

OPENING PRAYER

(Adapted from Joanna MacQuarrie; from *Celebrate God's Presence*.)

**God of renewed presence,
on this Easter day,
we know that with you all things are possible.
May the Good News of Easter joy
fill our lives and make our hearts glad.
In the name of the Risen Christ, we pray.
Hallelujah! Amen.**

CONVERSATION TIME

***SUNG RESPONSE:** VU #958 – "**Halle, Halle, Halle**" (sung 2X)

(The Iona Community)

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~Joanne Diplock

Halle, halle, Hallelujah!
Halle, halle, hallelujah!
Halle, halle, hallelujah!
Hallelujah, hallelujah! 2X

LISTENING FOR AND REFLECTING ON GOD'S WORD

Scripture Reading: *read by Rev. Brenda Gibson*

Psalm 118: 1-2, 14-24 VU p. 837 (Read responsively, *with refrain*)

Refrain: Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

Let Israel now say:

'God's love endures for ever.'

Let the house of Aaron say:

'God's love endures for ever.'

Let those who fear God say:

'God's love endures for ever.' R

God is my strength and my song; God has become my salvation.

**There are shouts of joy and deliverance
in the tents of the righteous.**

*The right hand of God does mighty things;
the right hand of God raises up.*

The right hand of God does mighty things.

I shall not die, but live; and I shall proclaim what God has done.

**God indeed punished me,
but did not give me over to death. R**

*Open to me the gates of the temple,
that I may enter and give thanks to God.*

**This is the gate of God;
through it the righteous shall enter.**

*I thank you for you have answered me;
you have become my salvation.*

**The stone which the builders rejected
has become the chief cornerstone.**

This is God's doing, marvellous in our eyes.

**This is the day that God has made,
let us rejoice and be glad in it! R**

Gospel Reading: **Matthew 28: 1-10**

After the Sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. And suddenly there was a great earthquake, for an

angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. His appearance was like lightning and his clothing white as snow. For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men.

But 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, for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples, 'He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him.' This is my message for you."

So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy and ran to tell his disciples. Suddenly Jesus met them and said, "Greetings!" And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshiped him. Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers and sisters to go to Galilee; there they will see me."

Response to the Gospel Reading:

This is the good news of Jesus Christ!

Thanks be to God! Alleluia! Amen.

CHOIR ANTHEM: "Because He Lives"

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~Joanne Diplock

REFLECTION: "An Earthshaking Experience"

~Rev. Susan Reed

RESPONDING TO GOD IN PRAYER AND ACTION

MINUTE for MISSION

Read by Teresa Miller

INVITATION to the OFFERING (Written by Frances Flook; from *Gathering Lent/Easter 2016*.)

THE PRESENTATION of our TITHES and OFFERINGS

Offertory Music *as the offerings are collected*

~Joanne Diplock

*Offering Verse: #191 MV – "What Can I Do?" (sung 2X)

(Rumbolt/McCarthy)

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~Joanne Diplock

**What can I do? What can I bring?
What can I say? What can I sing?
I'll sing with joy. I'll say a prayer.
I'll bring my love. I'll do my share.**

*Offertory Prayer (From *Celebrate God's Presence*. Used with permission.)

**You, O God, are the Easter One.
You are the holy source of resurrection.
You are the dancing spirit of life.
We offer these gifts in gratitude:
for hope returned,**

**for the mystery of your grace,
and for the promise of resurrection.
In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.**

PRAYERS of the PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**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.**

***HYMN:** *VU #179 – "Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Give Thanks"* (Fischel/Nixon)
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**Hallelujah, hallelujah.
Give thanks to the risen Christ;
hallelujah, hallelujah!
Give praise to God's name.**

- 1 Jesus is Lord of all the earth,
firstborn of all creation. R**
- 2 Spread the good news o'er all the earth:
Jesus has died and is risen. R**
- 3 We have been crucified with Christ,
now we shall live for ever. R**
- 4 Come let us praise the living God,
joyfully sing to our Saviour. R**

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

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INTRODUCTION, INSTRUCTIONS & INVITATION

CALL to GIVE THANKS (From *Celebrate God's Presence*.)

Christ is risen!

He is risen indeed!

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to God.

Let us give thanks to God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

THANKSGIVING

SONG of CREATION

...We give thanks, and with all Creation we praise you:

**Holy, holy, holy One, 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 God.

Hosanna in the highest.

REMEMBERING JESUS at TABLE

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

...as we proclaim the mystery of our faith:

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

PRAYER for TRANSFORMATION of the ELEMENTS

*Pour out your Holy Spirit on these gifts of bread and cup,
that they may be for us the body and blood of Christ.*

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us,

that we may be the Body of Christ,

who have died and have been raised to new life,

to serve you in love without fear,

in the power of your Holy Spirit

and the strength of eternal life. Amen.

CLOSING PRAISE: VU #958 – "Halle, Halle, Halle" (sung 2X)

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(The Iona Community)

~Joanne Diplock

Halle, halle, Hallelujah!

Halle, halle, hallelujah!

Halle, halle, hallelujah!

Hallelujah, hallelujah! 2X

BREAKING the BREAD and FILLING the CUP

COMMUNION is SHARED

PRAYER after COMMUNION

**Gracious God, we thank you for this mystery
in which you have given yourself to us.
May the Resurrection of Christ, the Bread of eternal life,
be food for our souls.
Send us into the world to proclaim the good news;
to live lives of love and healing, made new by your grace;
and to devote ourselves to the healing of the world,
in the name of the crucified and risen Christ,
and in the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.**

SENT INTO GOD'S WORLD

***CLOSING HYMN: VU #175 – "This is the Day That God Has Made"** (Sleeth)
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**This is the day that God has made!
Rejoice! Rejoice, and be exceeding glad!
This is the day that God has made!
Rejoice! Rejoice! Hallelujah!**

- 1 Christ has conquered death at last,
left the tomb that held him fast!
Gone the sorrow, gone the night,
dawns the morning clear and bright! R**
- 2 Jesus lives who once was dead,
lives forever, as he said!
Risen now our Saviour, King;
songs of gladness let us sing! R**

***SENDING FORTH** (Written by Fern Gibbard; from *Gathering Lent/Easter 2021.*)

Hallelujah! Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed! Hallelujah!

Now we are an Easter people!

Now we are the people of the risen Christ!

Now we are the people who go out into the world

living the love of God,

sharing the peace of Christ,

being the community of the Holy Spirit

as we bring the new life of Easter to everyone we meet.

Christ is risen! Hallelujah!

***BLESSING**

***CHORAL BENEDICTION**

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**May the Lord go with you,
let him take your hand.
Keep His love within you,
until we meet again. Amen.**

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~Joanne Diplock

POSTLUDE:

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