

APRIL 20, 2025

EASTER SUNDAY

VOLUNTARIES

Canzona per sonare #2
Brass Ensemble

Giovanni Gabrieli

All Glorious Above
Carillon Ringers

Fred Gramann

†CALL TO WORSHIP

Alleluia! Alleluia! Christ is risen!

The Lord is risen indeed!

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Christ is risen from the dead; and has become the first-fruits of them that slept.

For since by humanity came death; by humanity came also the resurrection of the dead.

For as in Adam all die; even so in Christ shall all be made alive.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Christ is risen!

The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia! Alleluia!

(from 1 Corinthians 15:20)

†HYMN

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today

EASTER HYMN

†PRAYER

Almighty God,

unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid:

cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,

that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name;

through Christ our Lord. Amen.¹

†RESPONSE

Alleluia

CELTIC ALLELUIA

†PASSING THE PEACE

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 65:17-19, 24-25

This is the word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

Victimae paschali
Sanctuary Choir

Andrew Reid

Victimae paschali laudes immolent Christiani.

Agnus redemit oves: Christus innocens Patri reconciliavit peccatores.

Mors et vita duello conflixere mirando: dux vitae mortuus, regnat vivus.

Dic nobis Maria, quid vidisti in via?

Sepulcrum Christi viventis, et gloriam vidi resurgentis angelicos testes, sudarium, et vestes.

Surrexit Christus spes mea: praecedet suos in Galilaeam.

Scimus Christum surrexisse a mortuis vere: tu nobis, victor Rex, miserere.

Let Christians offer sacrificial praises to the paschal victim.
The lamb has redeemed the sheep: the Innocent Christ has reconciled the sinners to the Parent.
Death and life contended in a spectacular battle: the dead leader of life reigns alive.
Tell us, Mary, what did you see on the way?
"I saw the tomb of the living Christ and the glory of his rising,
the angelic witnesses, the shroud, and the clothes."
"Christ my hope is arisen; he will go before his own into Galilee."
We know Christ is truly risen from the dead!
On us, you conqueror, King, have mercy!

THE PSALM

Psalm 118:17, 21-24

This is the word of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God.

†GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia

ALLELUIA 7

(to be sung before and after the Gospel reading)

†GOSPEL READING

The Holy Gospel of our Lord, according to Luke:
Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Luke 24:1-12

The Gospel of the Lord:
Praise to you, Lord Christ.

SERMON

Jesus, the Risen Christ

Paul Purdue

†AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We are not alone, we live in God's world.

We believe in God:

**who has created and is creating, who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh,
to reconcile and make new, who works in us and others by the Spirit.**

We trust in God.

We are called to be the church:

**to celebrate God's presence, to love and serve other, to seek justice and resist evil,
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope.**

In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us.

We are not alone.

Thanks be to God.

Amen.

(A Statement of Faith of the United Church of Canada)

†HYMN

We Know That Christ Is Raised

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OFFERTORY

Hallelujah (from *Christ on the Mount of Olives*)

Ludwig van Beethoven

Hallelujah!

Hallelujah unto God's almighty Son.

Praise the Lord, you bright angelic choirs in holy songs of joy.

Let us sing God's grace and glory.

†DOXOLOGY

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

praise God, all creatures here below; Alleluia! Alleluia!

Praise God, the source of all our gifts!

Praise Jesus Christ whose power uplifts!

Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

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, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

†HYMN

Lift High the Cross

CRUCIFER

†CHORAL BLESSING

Hallelujah (from *Messiah*)

G. F. Handel

Hallelujah!

For the Lord God omnipotent reigneth.

The kingdom of this world; is become the kingdom of our Lord and of His Christ.

And He shall reign forever and ever.

King of kings forever and ever! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

And Lord of lords forever and ever! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

And he shall reign forever and ever.

Hallelujah!

†BENEDICTION

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Go out into the world, rejoicing in the resurrecting power of the Spirit.

Let us go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Alleluia! Alleluia!

VOLUNTARY

Toccata from Symphonie V
Matthew Webb, organ; Instrumental Ensemble

Charles-Marie Widor

†You are invited to stand as you are able.

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Rev. Heather Harriss, Senior Associate Pastor

Dr. Matthew Webb, Director of Music Ministry

Emma Bushong, Director of Ministry with Young People

Hunter Wade, Director of Wesley Foundation, Interim Associate Pastor

Rev. Steve Bryant, Rev. John Collett, Rev. Bob Kohler, retired clergy (8:10am)

Rev. Jerome King Del Pino, Rev. Ken Edwards, Rev. Jim Robinson, retired clergy (10:30am)

Sanctuary Choir, Open Door Singers

Robbie Jones, Organist

Instrumental Ensemble: Steve Patrick, Alec Blazek, trumpets; Anna Spina, horn;

Paul Jenkins, Matt Jefferson, trombones; Chris Nelsen, timpani

Liturgy written/selected by Matthew Webb.

¹adapted from the 1979 *Book of Common Prayer*

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