

Sunday 07 April 2024 - Remembering Resurrection - Spreading the Good News

Call to Worship

Based on Psalm 133 by Rev. Darryl Macdonald

Awake my body, awake my soul!

This is great!

Wow, what a day!

It's the most pleasant experience.

I am bathed in the sacred blessings of the Holy One.

Awake my sacred being.

Song

This Joyful Eastertide **VU177**

Lighting the Christ Candle

by Rev. Darryl Macdonald

We light this candle for the Anointed One is raised to eternal life,
and, we are as well.

We are free to trust in God's way of liberty, justice and peace
even in a world of doubts, conflict and apathy.

Christ is risen!

Candle is lit

Centring and Land Acknowledgment

by Rev. Darryl Macdonald

Worship is a sacred moment,

where we take time to centre ourselves;

opening our hearts and minds to the presence and love of God.

As we close our eyes and focus on our breathing,

we allow ourselves become aware of our connection to the earth and all life,
and we give thanks for the whole of God's creation.

We give thanks for the land and the different peoples who live on the land.

Here, in the St. Lawrence valley we are thankful for the first nations of this land,
faithful stewards for millennia, including the Abenakis, Algonquin, Eeyou,
Huron-Wendat, Innu, Kanien'kehá:ka, Mi'kmaq and others.

We are thankful for the traders and settlers, refugees and immigrants,
who came from all over the world, and found refuge and a new life here.

We give thanks for the hundreds of thousands of lives of those
who crawl or swim, root or fly; the plants and animals that are part of this land.

We give thanks for the foundational energies of this land,
and seek to honour the variety of wisdom, traditions, cultural identities,
religious beliefs, politics, and languages in this land.

And we give thanks to God, the Creator who would have us

join our hearts and minds as one to honour all the sacred beings,

and commit ourselves to the work of reconciliation,

the pursuit of justice, and to the wellbeing of all life who call this land 'home.'

Song

Hark The Glad Sound **VU29**

Thomas

John 20.19-31 *New Revised Standard Version, Updated Edition.*

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19 When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors were locked where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." 20 After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. 21 Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." 22 When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. 23 If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

24 But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. 25 So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

26 A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." 27 Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." 28 Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" 29 Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

30 Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples that are not written in this book. 31 But these are written so that you may continue to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

Song

You Tell Me That The Lord Is Risen **VU185**

Simple Living

Acts 4.32-35 *New Revised Standard Version, Updated Edition.*

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32 Now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common. 33 With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. 34 There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold. 35 They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

Song

God Who Gives To Life Its Goodness **VU260**

Minister's Reflection

Spreading the Good News *Rev. Rosemary Lambie*

Offering Time

Song

Christ Within Us Hidden **MV162**

Prayer Time

The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil,
for the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours, now and forever.**

Song

Christ Is Risen From The Dead **VU167**

Closing Responses

From Eggs and Ashes by Ruth Burgess & Chris Polhill

Lord of life, you walk this journey with us and through us;
lead us Lord, lead on.
Journeying within, and wrestling with the world,
lead us Lord, lead on.
Lead us to risk, to grow, and to tread the path you have opened for us;
lead us Lord, lead on.
And let us rejoice that every place is your place;
in the name of Christ, the Risen One. Amen.