

ST. PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH

Sunday, April 17, 2022

EASTER SUNDAY



Minister: Rev. Karen Ptolemy-Stam
Music Director – Victoria Warwick
Readers: Kim Belfry, Shaun McIntosh
Singers: St. Paul's and Friends Choir, Rebecca Amadei
Tech Team: Glenn Erwin, Rick Dell,
Catherine Ladouceur, Bruce Wilcox

Our service begins with Call to the Gathered that includes a musical introit that takes us back to remember that there is no Easter without Good Friday. Joy came with the dawn after a time of sadness, grief, and tears. They stood at the foot of the cross devastated. Weeping was changed to joy at the tomb. So began Easter. With the strains of Hallelujah, we rejoice that God breaks into our world to transform, to resurrect, to push our boundaries so we can be God's Easter people and be all that God calls us to be.

INTROIT INTRODUCTION:

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CALL TO THE GATHERED

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

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

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE LAND

OPENING PRAYER: read by Shaun McIntosh

Sacred One, we gather to celebrate Easter. We come to embrace the promise of new beginnings arising out of the things in our life that are life denying. As we embrace the resurrection of Christ, may we remember it is also our resurrection. There is transformation of our own lives into new ways of living and of being in our world. Help us to open to the mystery of your presence in us. Be with us as we worship together. Amen

LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE: As we light this Christ candle, may it remind us that Christ is in us and in our world.

SUNG RESPONSE: "Halle Halle Hallelujah" sung by Rebecca Amadei

SCRIPTURE READING: John 20:1-18, read by Kim Belfry

SERMON:

GIVING OF OUR GIFTS

ST. PAUL'S REFUGEE CAMPAIGN UPDATE: Harry Campbell

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE/LORD'S PRAYER Shaun McIntosh

CLOSING HYMN: "Thine is the Glory"



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.
Refrain:
**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.
Refrain:
**Thine is the glory, risen, conquering Son:
endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won.**
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.
Refrain:
**Thine is the glory, risen, conquering Son:
endless is the victory thou o'er death hast
won.**

COMMISSIONING & BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE: For the benefit of our livestreaming, we ask that people remain seated during the postlude.