



Sunday, April 09, 2023

EASTER SUNDAY- ST. PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH

Minister: Rev. Karen Ptolemy-Stam

Music Director – Victoria Warwick

Readers: Peggy Wallace, Shaun McIntosh

Singers: St. Paul's Choir

Guest Trumpeter: Sadie Bridgeman

Tech Team: Glenn Erwin, Gabriela & Rick Dell, 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: "Joy Comes with the Dawn"

WELCOME AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE LAND

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 has 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!



OPENING PRAYER: read by Shaun McIntosh

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"

THEME CONVERSATION

SCRIPTURE READING: John 20:1-18, read by Peggy Wallace

SERMON:



HYMN: VU #164 "The Day of Resurrection"

1. The day of resurrection! Earth, tell it out abroad;
the Passover of gladness, the Passover of God!
From death to life eternal, from earth unto the sky,
our Christ has brought us over with hymns of victory.
2. Our hearts be free of evil, that we may see aright
the Christ in rays eternal of resurrection light,
and, listening to the accents, may hear so calm and plain
our Christ has brought us over with hymns of victory.
3. Now let the heavens be joyful, let earth its song begin,
the round world keep high triumph and all that is therein,
let all things seen and unseen their notes of gladness blend,
for Christ indeed is risen, our Joy that has no end.

GIVING OF OUR GIFTS AND OFFERTORY MUSIC

SUNG RESPONSE: "Give What You Can"

Give what you can, take what you need. For the body of Christ is enough to feed.
The hungry for Spirit and the thirsty for love. Give thanks when you can
to our God up above.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE/LORD'S PRAYER read by 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.**

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