



**Sunday, April 16, 2023**

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Music Director: Victoria Warwick

Readers: Sheila Thompson, Colin Whiteside

Singers: St. Paul's Choir, Women's Ensemble

Tech Team: Glenn Erwin, Gabriela & Rick Dell, Bruce Wilcox

## **WELCOME, CALL TO THE GATHERED AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE LAND**

### **OPENING HYMN: VU# 161 "Welcome Happy Morning"**

1. Welcome, happy morning! Age to age shall say;  
hell today is vanquished, heaven is won today:  
come then, True and Faithful, now fulfil your word;  
this is your third morning: rise, O buried Lord!  
**Welcome, Happy morning! Age to age shall say;  
hell today is vanquished, heaven is won today!**
2. Earth with joyful welcome clothes itself for spring;  
Earth with joyful welcome clothes itself for spring;  
greet with life reviving our returning king:  
flowers in every pasture, leaves on every bough,  
speak of sorrows ended; Jesus triumphs now!  
**Refrain:**
3. Author and sustainer, source of life and breath;  
you for our salvation trod the path of death:  
Jesus Christ is living, God for evermore!  
Now let all creation hail him and adore.  
**Refrain:**
4. Loose our souls imprisoned bound with Satan's chain;  
all that now is fallen, raise to life again!  
Show your face in brightness, shine the whole world through;  
hope returns with daybreak, life returns with you.  
**Refrain:**

**OPENING PRAYER:** Read by Colin Whiteside

### **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"  
Halle Halle Hallelujah! Halle Halle Hallelujah!  
Halle Halle Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah!



**THEME CONVERSATION** (Following this, children leave for Discovery Kids)

**ANTHEM:** "Gather Us In" – Women's Ensemble (These are the words the ensemble will be singing)  
Gather us in, the meek and the mighty. Gather us in, the strong and the lame.  
Gather us in and make our lives holy. Gather us into Your heart again.  
Gather us in, the rich and the lowly. Gather us in, the wild and the tame.  
Gather us in and make our lives holy. Gather us into Your arms again.  
Though we are lonely and often lost, we know that You will guide us.  
We'll never hunger, we'll never thirst for You are here beside us.  
Gather us in, all creeds and all colours. Gather us in, the fancy and plain.  
Gather us in and make our lives holy. Gather us in. Gather us into Your heart again.

Gather us in and make us one.

**SCRIPTURE READINGS:** 1 Peter 1:3-9; John 20:19-31, read by Sheila Thompson

**SERMON:** "Doubting Thomas"

**HYMN:** VU# 170 "When Thomas First the Tidings Heard"

1. When Thomas first the tidings heard, how they had seen the risen Lord,  
he doubted the disciples' word. Hallelujah!
2. "My pierced side, O Thomas, see; my hands, my feet, I show to thee;  
not faithless, but believing be." Hallelujah!
3. No longer Thomas then denied, he saw the feet, the hands, the side;  
"Thou art my Lord and God," he cried. Hallelujah!
4. How blest are they who have not seen, and yet whose faith has constant been,  
for they eternal life shall wing. Hallelujah!

**A GROWING TOGETHER MESSAGE FROM FROM OUR STEWARDHSIP COMMITTEE/  
GIVING OF OUR GIFTS AND OFFERTORY MUSIC**

**SUNG RESPONSE:** "Grateful"

Grateful for the life you give us, thankful for your Holy Son,  
joyful in your Spirit flowing over all, O God of Love.  
Grateful for the Bread of Heaven, thankful for your Holy Word,  
joyful in your mercy flowing, we will praise you!

**OFFERTORY PRAYER**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE/LORD'S PRAYER:** Read by Colin Whiteside

**CLOSING HYMN:** VU# 177 "This Joyful Eastertide"

1. This joyful Eastertide, away with sin and sorrow!  
My love, the crucified, has sprung to life this morrow.

**Refrain:**

- Had Christ, who once was slain, ne'er burst his three-day prison,  
our faith had been in vain: but now has Christ arisen.
2. My flesh in hope shall rest, and for a season slumber,  
till trump from east to west shall wake the dead in number.

**Refrain:**

3. Death's flood has lost its chill, since Jesus crossed the river:  
lover of souls, from ill my passing soul deliver.

**Refrain:**

**COMMISSIONING & BENEDICTION**

**SUNG BENEDICTION:** VU# 884 "You Shall Go Out With Joy"

**You shall go out with joy and be led forth with peace;  
The mountains and the hills will break forth before you;  
there'll be shouts of joy, and all the trees of the field  
will clap, will clap their hands!**

**And all the trees of the field will clap their hands,  
the trees of the field will clap their hands,  
the trees of the field will clap their hands  
while you go out with joy.**

**POSTLUDE**