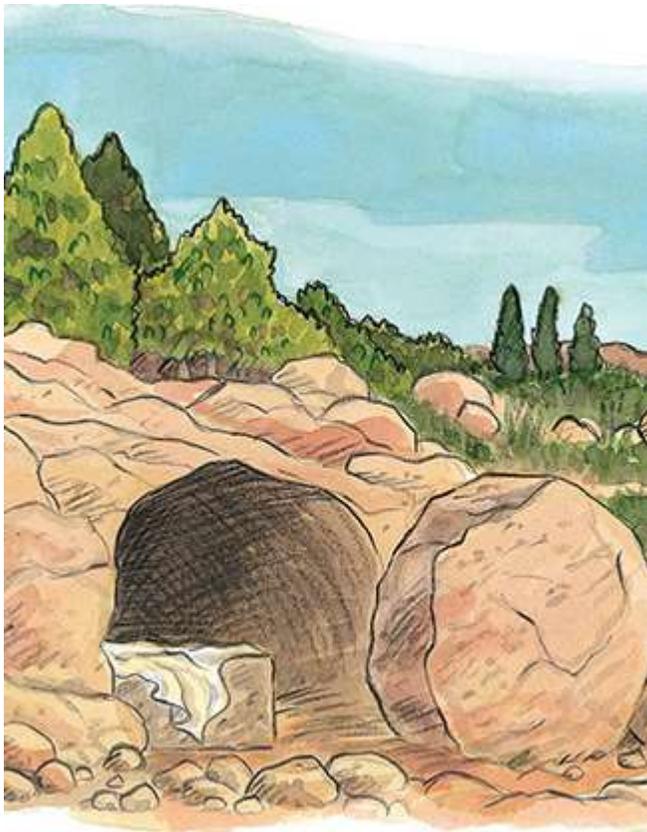


**TRINITY UNITED CHURCH
PETERBOROUGH, ONTARIO**



**Easter Sunday
April 4, 2021**

**We acknowledge that we meet and live
on the traditional territories of the
Mississauga Anishinaabe People.**

**We give thanks for their care for the land
over thousands of years and
for their deep spirituality and
honouring of the Creator and the creation.**

**May we live with respect in God's creation
and in harmony with our neighbours.**



TRINITY UNITED CHURCH

April 4, 2020

EASTER SUNDAY

Welcome to all. May this time of worship touch our hearts and minds and offer hope and promise for the days to come

PRELUDES: "Saraband for the Morning of Easter"

Herbert Howells

Meditation on "Easter Hymn"

Camil van Hulse

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

WELCOME

LIFE and ACTION of the COMMUNITY OF FAITH

HYMN: VU157¹

Christ the Lord is risen today, Hallelujah!
all creation join to say; Hallelujah!
raise your joys and triumphs high; Hallelujah!
sing, O heavens, and earth reply: Hallelujah!

Love's redeeming work is done, Hallelujah!
fought the fight, the battle won. Hallelujah!
Lo, our sun's eclipse is o'er! Hallelujah!
Lo, he dwells in death no more! Hallelujah!

Lives again our glorious King: Hallelujah!
where, O death, is now your sting? Hallelujah!
Once he died, our souls to save: Hallelujah!
where your victory, O grave? Hallelujah!

Hail, the Lord of earth and heaven, Hallelujah!
praise to you by both be given! Hallelujah!
Every knee to you shall bow, Hallelujah!
risen Christ, triumphant now. Hallelujah!

CALL TO WORSHIP²

Leader: Christ is risen!

All: He is risen indeed!

Leader: Easter is joy for you and for all.
Easter hope stirs in creation.
Let your spirit swell.

Let the borders of your compassion expand.

**All: We join our voices and our lives
to share this joy and hope,
as we worship together.**

CHOIR INTROIT: "Alleluia! Christ the Lord is Risen"

Eleanor Daley

PRAYER OF AFFIRMATION³: (In unison)

Loving and powerful God, Creator of all life,
we give thanks that by the exercise of your love
you have transformed the world.

You have shown a boundless grace
and an unlimited capacity to forgive.
You have released us from bondage to our sins
and entombment in our deepest fears.

You have opened the way
for establishing justice and peace.
You have declared your absolute unwillingness
to abandon us, no matter what we do to put you off.

You have encouraged us
to dare the boldest of hopes.
You have, through Christ's resurrection,
redeemed and renewed us
Transform our gratitude into discipleship
and our beliefs into heart-felt participation
in your unfolding kin-dom of peace and well being for all.
We pray with joy, in the name of the risen Christ. Amen

RESPONSE OF PRAISE: VU161⁴ (v1,3)

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!

Refrain: Welcome, happy morning! age to age shall say;
hell today is vanquished, heaven is won today!

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. R

THOSE ALLELUIAHS!

PSALM OF PRAISE: VU837 Psalm 118 (Parts 1,2, 3)

Refrain: "Hallelujah! Hallelujah!"

Let Israel now say:

'God's love endures for ever.'

Let the house of Aaron say:

'God's love endures for ever.'

Let those who fear God say:

'God's love endures for ever.' R

God is my strength and my song;

God has become my salvation.

**There are shouts of joy and deliverance
in the tents of the righteous.**

The right hand of God does mighty things;
the right hand of God raises up.

The right hand of God does mighty things.

I shall not die, but live;

and I shall proclaim what God has done.

**God indeed punished me,
but did not give me over to death. R**

Open to me the gates of the temple,
that I may enter and give thanks to God.

**This is the gate of God;
through it the righteous shall enter.**

I thank you for you have answered me;
you have become my salvation.

**The stone which the builders rejected
has become the chief cornerstone.**

This is God's doing, marvellous in our eyes.

**This is the day that God has made,
let us rejoice and be glad in it! R**

GOSPEL READING: John 20: 1-18

CHOIR ANTHEM: "This Joyful Eastertide" George Woodward

REFLECTION: "Dash Into Mystery"

HYMN: VU232⁴ "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore You" (v 1,3)

Joyful, joyful we adore you,
God of glory, life and love;
hearts unfold like flowers before you,
opening to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness,
drive the gloom of doubt away;
giver of immortal gladness,
fill us with the light of day.

You are giving and forgiving,
ever blessing, ever blest,
wellspring of the joy of living,
ocean depth of happy rest!
Source of grace and fount of blessing,
let your light upon us shine;
teach us how to love each other,
lift us to the joy divine.

PASTORAL PRAYER

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Invitation

Hymn: VU477⁵ "I Come With Joy" (v1, 2)

I come with joy, a child of God,
forgiven, loved and free,
the life of Jesus to recall
in love laid down for me,
in love laid down for me.

I come with Christians far and near
to find, as all are fed,
the new community of love
in Christ's communion bread,
in Christ's communion bread.

Great Thanksgiving:

God is with us!

And we are with God!

Let us give thanks to God.

It is good to give God thanks and praise.

In the beginning...

... As we are welcomed to this fragrant family feast,
so may we welcome others. **Our father...(Lord's Prayer)**

Words of Institution

Distribution of the Communion Elements

Prayer after Communion

**Gracious and generous God,
may we, who share Christ's body,
live his risen life.**

**May we, who drink his cup,
bring new life to others.**

**May we, whom the Spirit lights,
give light to the world.**

**Keep us firm in the hope
you have set before us, Holy One,
so that we and all your children shall be free,
and all creation will live to praise and serve. Amen.**

HYMN: VU178⁶ "Because You Live, O Christ"

Because you live, O Christ,
the garden of the world has come to flower,
the darkness of the tomb
is flooded with your resurrection power.

Refrain: The stone has rolled away
and death cannot imprison.
O sing this Easter Day,
for Jesus Christ has risen,
has risen, has risen, has risen!

Because you live, O Christ,
the spirit bird of hope is freed for flying,
our cages of despair
no longer keep us closed and life-denying. R

Because you live, O Christ,
the rainbow of your peace will span creation,
the colours of your love
will draw all humankind to adoration. R

BENEDICTION

SUNG BLESSING: VU586⁷

We shall go out with hope of resurrection;
we shall go out, from strength to strength go on;
we shall go out and tell our stories boldly;
tales of a love that will not let us go.
We'll sing our songs of wrongs that can be righted;
we'll dream our dreams of hurts that can be healed;
we'll weave a cloth of all the world united
within the vision of new life in Christ.

POSTLUDE: "Alleluia" from Five Liturgical Inventions

Victor Togni

Leading in worship today are Rev. Joanna MacQuarrie; Robert Grandy, Minister of Music; Margaret Marris, Barb Diceman, pianists; Ted Harvey, Worship Leader; and Dave Freeman, Technical Production.

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TODAY'S ORGAN MUSIC

ORGAN MUSIC: British composer and organist Herbert Howells (1892–1983) wrote his "Saraband for the Morning of Easter" in 1940 after recovering from a severe illness. It is written in the form of a stylized Baroque dance in the typical slow triple metre. Dense chords give this work power and majesty – an ecstatic vision of that first Easter morn. Then you'll hear "Meditation on 'Easter Hymn',

by the Belgian-born American organist and composer Camil van Hulse (1897-1988). His Meditation hints at this familiar Easter tune throughout the entire work. Both of these composers lived long productive lives. Unfortunately this cannot be said of the composer of today's Postlude. Victor Togni (1935-1965) was organist at St. Basil's Church in Toronto and in 1963 he became organist at St. Michael's Cathedral in Toronto. In 1965 on his way to give a recital in Montreal, his car was hit by a transport truck and Victor was killed. His only organ work is his "Five Liturgical Inventions" from which this "Alleluia" is taken. Originally this was an improvisation, luckily recorded and later written out for future organists to play and listeners to enjoy. There are outbursts of resurrection joy at the beginning and at the end, enveloping a serene middle section based on an ancient plainsong tune.

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