

Easter Sunday Service of the Word

We live, work and play on the traditional territories of the Coast Salish People – our church is on the traditional territory of the Scia'new Nation. We invite you to acknowledge the ancestral traditional lands from where you join us. Whoever you are and wherever you are on your journey of faith, welcome.....

Let us hold this moment open to the Spirit as we gather our hearts and minds from our homes and join as one as we prepare for worship.....

GATHERING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.
And also with you.

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known,
and from you no secrets are hidden.
Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name;
through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Kid's Time

The Kids & David

After Kids' Time, the kids go to their breakout room.

Hymn CP231 That Easter Tide with Joy was Bright

Shirley Piano

A joint Easter message from the Primate and National Bishop

<https://anglicanlutheran.ca/2021-joint-easter-message/>

Collect of the Day

Wally

Lord of life and power, through the mighty resurrection of your Son,
you have overcome the old order of sin and death
and have made all things new in him.
May we, being dead to sin and alive to you in Jesus Christ,
reign with him in glory,
who with you and the Holy Spirit is alive, one God, now and for ever.

WORD**A READING FROM THE BOOK OF ACTS**

Then Peter began to speak to the Gentiles: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ - he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him.

We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

Word of God, Word of Life

PSALM 118:1-2, 14-24

REFRAIN On this day the Lord has acted; we will rejoice and be glad.

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his mercy endures for ever.
Let Israel now proclaim, "His mercy endures for ever." R

The Lord is my strength and my song, and he has become my salvation. There is a sound of exultation and victory in the tents of the righteous:
"The right hand of the Lord has triumphed! the right hand of the Lord is exalted!
the right hand of the Lord has triumphed!" R

I shall not die, but live, and declare the works of the Lord.
The Lord has punished me sorely, but he did not hand me over to death. R

Open for me the gates of righteousness; I will enter them; I will offer thanks to the Lord. "This is the gate of the Lord; he who is righteous may enter." R

I will give thanks to you, for you answered me and have become my salvation.
The same stone which the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone. R
This is the Lord's doing, and it is marvellous in our eyes.

On this day the Lord has acted; we will rejoice and be glad in it. R

A READING FROM THE FIRST LETTER OF PAUL TO THE CORINTHIANS

15:1-11

Now I would remind you, brothers and sisters, of the good news that I proclaimed to you, which you in turn received, in which also you stand, through which also you are being saved, if you hold firmly to the message that I proclaimed to you - unless you have come to believe in vain. For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me.

For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me has not been in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them - though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. Whether then it was I or they, so we proclaim and so you have come to believe.

Word of God, Word of Life

Gospel*Wally*

The Lord be with you

and also with you.

The good news of Jesus Christ according to John 20:1-18

Thanks be to God

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him."

Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. Then the disciples returned to their homes.

But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. They said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him." When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?" Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away." Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to him in Hebrew, "Rabbouni!" (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, "Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my god and your God.'" Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord"; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

The Gospel of Christ
Thanks be to God

SERMON

Pastor John

Hymn CP237 Now the Green Blade Rises

Allison harp

Confession and Absolution

Wally

Dear friends in Christ, God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy.
 God welcomes sinners and invites them to God's table.
 Let us confess our sins, confident in God's forgiveness. Most merciful God +

**We confess that we have sinned against you
 in thought, word and deed,
 by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.
 We have not loved you with our whole heart;
 We have not loved our neighbour as ourselves.
 We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
 Have mercy on us and forgive us, that we may delight in your will,
 and walk in your ways, to the glory of your name.**

**Almighty God have mercy upon us,
 pardon and deliver us from all our sins,
 confirm and strengthen us in all goodness,
 and keep us in eternal life: through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Confession of Faith

Hear, O Israel, The Lord our God, the Lord is one.
 Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind.
 This is the first and the greatest commandment.
 The second is like it: Love your neighbour as yourself.
 There is no commandment greater than these.

Prayers of the People*Ruth****Lord's Prayer****Wally*

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us, using a version from the New Zealand Prayer Book:

**Eternal Spirit, Earth-maker, Pain-bearer, Life-giver,
 Source of all that is and that shall be,
 Father and Mother of us all, Loving God, in whom is heaven:
 The hallowing of your name echo through the universe!
 The way of your justice be followed by the peoples of the world!
 Your heavenly will be done by all created beings!
 Your commonwealth of peace and freedom sustain our hope and
 come on earth.
 With the bread we need for today, feed us.
 In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us.
 In times of temptation and test, strengthen us.
 From trials too great to endure, spare us.
 From the grip of all that is evil, free us.
 For you reign in the glory of the power that is love,
 now and for ever. Amen.**

SENDING

Announcements

- Flowers on the Cross
- Wardens
- other members of the congregation
- clergy
- *Kids return from their breakout room during Announcements.*

Hymn CP203 Jesus Christ is Risen Today

Rachel voice

Benediction

Wally

The Lord bless us and keep us,
the Lords face shine on us with grace and with mercy
and the Lord look upon us with favour + and give us peace. **Amen.**

Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia!
Thanks be to God. Alleluia!