

# St. Paul's United Church

April 4th – Easter Sunday

Portions of the service printed in **bold** are spoken by the whole congregation.

*Mission Statement: To glorify God through Worship, proclaiming the Gospel of Christ and serving others in Christ's name.*

## GATHERING TOGETHER

### Prelude

### Greeting (Responsive):

The grace of the risen Christ, the love of God who made it possible and the communion of the Holy Spirit that danced on that first Sunday Be with you all.

**And also with you.**

### Lighting Christ Candle:

### Welcome & Announcements

Hymn: Jesus Christ is Risen Today VU155

“Jesus Christ is risen today, hallelujah!

Our triumphant holy day, hallelujah!

Who did once upon the cross, hallelujah!

Suffer to redeem our loss. Hallelujah!

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!

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!

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!

### Call to Worship (Responsive):

Christ has risen.

**Christ has risen indeed.**

God is alive . . .

**new birth is given.**

Hope is alive . . .

**a new age is dawning.**

Joy is alive . . .

**redemption is here.**

This day God calls us to be people of the resurrection,  
for Christ has Risen

**He has Risen indeed!**

### Adoration and Confession (Responsive):

God of life and love.....

**Trusting in your power to make all things new,  
we confess almighty God that even though you raised  
Jesus from the grave, even though you shattered the  
power of sin and death, we remain captive to fear and  
bound by our habits that hold us back from enjoying new  
life in Christ. Indifference deadens our hearts,  
and too often we seek comfort rather than justice.  
We cling to hurt, resentment, and disappointment  
refusing the freedom that comes with forgiveness.  
Forgive us, O God, turn our hearts and draw us once again  
to the open tomb with joy and wonder. This we pray in the  
promise of new life with our Risen Saviour. Amen**

**Assurance of God's love with Hallelujah, Hallelujah VU179**

Hallelujah, Hallelujah, give thanks to the risen Christ.

Hallelujah, Hallelujah, give praise to God's Name.

Jesus is Lord of all the earth.

First-born of all creation.

Hallelujah, Hallelujah, give thanks to the risen Christ.

Hallelujah, Hallelujah, give praise to God's Name.

Spread the good news o'er all the earth:

Jesus has died and is risen.

Hallelujah, Hallelujah, give thanks to the risen Christ.

Hallelujah, Hallelujah, give praise to God's Name.

We have been crucified with Christ.

Now we shall live for ever.

Hallelujah, Hallelujah, give thanks to the risen Christ.

Hallelujah, Hallelujah, give praise to God's Name.

**Today's Scripture:** Luke 24:1-12

This is the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ.

**Praise be to Christ.**

**Message:** Why do you look for the living among the dead?

**Anthem:** My Song Doth Bless The Lord

### **Dedication (Responsive):**

You, O God, are the Easter One.  
You are the holy source of resurrection.  
You are the dancing spirit of life.

**We offer our gifts, of time talent and treasure in gratitude  
for hope returned,  
for the mystery of your grace,  
and for the promise of resurrection. Amen.**

### **Invitation to the table (Responsive):**

On this day, we celebrate the risen Christ.

**On this day, we celebrate resurrection in our lives.**

On this day, we embrace the grace which reaches from the tomb.

**On this day, we embrace faith by committing to loving  
action.**

On this day we come to Christ's table, where all are welcome,

**regardless of what we have done or left undone,  
or how much or little experience we have,  
or who we love,  
or what our heritage is,  
or how much money and prestige we have gained.**

On this day we come, and through the Holy Spirit are made one as  
we feast on Christ's grace and love that leads to new life.

### **Communion Liturgy: (Responsive)**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Loving God, Source of all.....looking for his coming again in  
glory, we pray together

**O God, we offer you the bread and cup in our hands, and  
we ask that through your Holy Spirit that they are  
transformed into part of the grand banquet set for your  
people. As we are nourished by food from your table may  
your Spirit bind us together as one and empower us to  
share your love far and wide.**

Through Christ, with Christ and in Christ

In the unity of the Holy Spirit,

All glory is yours, God most holy.

Now and forever.

**Amen**

### **The Lord's Prayer**

### **Feasting together**

### **Post communion prayer (Unison):**

**Life-giving God,  
may we, who share Christ's body, live his risen life;  
we, who drink his cup, bring new life to others;  
we, whom the Spirit lights, give light to the world.  
Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us,  
so that we and all your children shall be free,  
and all creation will live to praise your name.  
Amen.**

### **Closing Hymn:**

Thine is the Glory

VU173

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.

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

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.

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

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.

Thine be the glory, risen, conqu'ring Son;  
Endless is the victory, thou o'er death hast won.

### **Commissioning (Responsive):**

Go forth Easter people,  
to follow the way of Jesus:  
see others as he did;  
dare to give freely as he did;  
and to love unconditionally as he did.

**We will leave the grave cloths behind  
and by our faith and in our lives  
we will take the power of the resurrection to the world.  
Amen**

### **Benediction**

### **Postlude**

## *St. Paul's United Contact Information*

**Church Office phone** number is 458-1183

**Email** is [stpaulsoffice224@gmail.com](mailto:stpaulsoffice224@gmail.com)

**Eric Hotte Church Manager** is in the church Sunday through Thursday. The office would love to hear from you!

**Etransfer** is an easy way of giving wherever you are physically from your phone or computer, this helps to support the work and ministry of the church. **Etransfer Email** is [stpaulsoffice224@gmail.com](mailto:stpaulsoffice224@gmail.com)

**Emergency Pastoral care** for **April** it is Reverend Nathan Wright 292-6361 [revnathan@naswaaksisunited.ca](mailto:revnathan@naswaaksisunited.ca)

