

Tsawwassen United Church

RESSURECTION SUNDAY, APRIL 16th, 2017

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

At the points marked "*" those who are able are invited to stand

PREPARING OUR BEING TO WORSHIP CHRIST

PRELUDE "Gymnopedie #1" Eric Satie

EASTER PROCLAMATION: JESUS CHRIST IS RISEN TODAY
HE IS RISEN INDEED! ALLELUIA!

CALL TO WORSHIP:

Leader: *The stone that sealed Jesus' tomb has been removed.*

People: The wrappings that held Jesus' body lie empty.

Leader: *The tomb lies empty.*

People: Death cannot hold Jesus our Saviour.

Leader: *And by his mercy death cannot hold us either.*

People: He died that we might live, and lives that we might never die.

Leader: *Gracious God - Lord of Life and Love Eternal. We give you thanks and praise for the good news, the news of Easter Day.*

People: May the light of the resurrection guide us day by day, and the name of your only Son be glorified forever.

ALL: Alleluia, He is Risen Indeed! Amen

*HYMN OF PRAISE: "In Christ Alone"

MORNING PRAYER:

Lord God, we gather in the name of the Risen Christ to pour forth our praises in glad Easter Celebration. We rejoice that you have not left us without hope, but have come back to us in the victory of the resurrection and given us the assurance of eternal life with Christ Jesus, the one whom you lifted from the tomb and have made Lord of all. Praise be to your name for your everlasting mercy - both now and forevermore. Amen.

GREETING, WELCOME AND THE LIFE AND WORK OF THE CHURCH

PREPARING OUR HEARTS & MINDS FOR CHRIST'S LIVING WORD

SHARING WITH YOUNG FRIENDS: "Halle, Halle, Halle..." **VU 958**

RECEIVING AND PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERING

CHOIR ANTHEM: "Christ is Risen Today" Nancy Price & Don Besig

PRAYER OF DEDICATION:

God of life, no gift we bring is adequate to return the love you have given us through Christ Jesus our Lord. Anoint, we pray, these expressions of our Thanksgiving with power to accomplish your will among our neighbours and in the world. Thanks be to you, God, both now and forevermore. Amen

SCRIPTURE READINGS: Jeremiah 31: 1 – 6 Matthew 28: 1-10; 16-20

This is the witness of God's people. **Thanks be to God.**

*GOSPEL HYMN: "Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Give Thanks" **VU 179**

REFLECTION: **Go and Tell**

PREPARING OURSELVES FOR CHRIST'S SERVICE

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: **A New Creed** **VU page 918**

CELEBRATION OF COMMUNION (Follow on the Insert)

PRAYERS OF THE COMMUNITY and THE LORD'S PRAYER (sung vu 959)

PASSING OF THE PEACE:

Leader: *May the Peace of Christ, filled with the Joy of this day, shine in you, rest upon you and always be with you...*

All: And also with you.

(Let us speak a word of peace and share God's blessing with one another)

*CLOSING HYMN: "Because He Lives"

*SENDING FORTH:

God of Easter, send us out to live the power of Resurrection, that we and all creation might be one with the living Christ; to whom with you and the Holy Spirit, one holy God, be honour and praise, now and forever. Amen

POSTLUDE: "Peace, Together" Ron Smail

Thank-you for worshipping with us this morning.
Please join us for a time of refreshments and conversation in the hall after the service.

***“Nourishing an Inspiring Home
for
Spiritual Growth
in
Christ’s Love.”***

Through: Worship, Music, Care, Fellowship, Prayer, Study, Service & Outreach

PRAYER IS POWERFUL!

Ecumenical Prayer Cycle: Belarus, Moldova, Russia, Ukraine

Vancouver South Presbytery Prayer Cycle:

Steveston- the Reverend Brenda Miller

South Delta Ministerial Association Prayer Cycle:

Tsawwassen Alliance Church

Life of Tsawwassen United Church: Blessings on this Easter Season, wisdom for family decisions being made and grace for the trials that we encounter.

***Do you have a prayer request for
a family member, yourself or neighbor?***

Placed in the pews and on the table in the narthex are “Prayer Request” cards. Please feel free to fill them out and place them in the collection plate or in the prayer basket in the narthex.

You have the option to have your concerns prayed for privately through our Prayer Chain and/or to be prayed for openly on Sunday mornings.

***Prayer is not asking.
Prayer is putting oneself in the hands of God,
at God’s disposition and listening to
God’s voice in the depth of our hearts.***

- Mother Teresa