



ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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The Second Sunday in the Great Fifty Days of Easter

April 24, 2022

Service colour: White

ORDER OF DIVINE WORSHIP 9:00 a.m. (Communion) & 10:30 a.m.

Prelude (a time for prayer and reflection)

Placing of the Bible (All who are able standing)

Bible Sentence & Lighting of the Christ Candle

Hymn: 249 "The day of resurrection"

O God, the beginning and the end, who is, who was, and who is to come, we continue to rejoice in the wonder, beauty and glory of Easter. We praise you, our Creator, for the gift of the earth, of life, and of relationships; we honour you, our Redeemer, for the blessing of your teachings, your sacrifice for our sins, and the joy of your resurrection; we glorify you, Holy Spirit, for nourishing us with hope, peace, and love.

O God, whose steadfast love for us endures forever, we promise to be loyal to you but keeping that promise is difficult for us because of the many choices that we have to make. For our choosing, grant us insight and strength; in our doubts, grant us light and guidance; in our dark times, grant us encouragement and peace. Keep us aware of your refreshing presence so that we may live in harmony with you and with one another, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Hymn: 561 "Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy, Lord have mercy upon us."

Assurance of Pardon & The Passing of the Peace

Prayer for Understanding

Hymn: 250 "Lord of the dance" (all seated) Students gather at chancel stairs

Lessons: Psalm 150; Acts 5: 27-42 (p.107); Revelation 1: 4-8 (p.217)

John 20: 19-29 (p.101)

Sermon

The Offertory Hymn: 247 "Christ the Lord is risen"

Living Faith 6.2 & Offertory Prayer

Prayers of Thanksgiving and for others; The Lord's Prayer

Hymn: 254 "Jesus is risen from the grave"

Benediction & Choral Amen

Postlude & Fellowship on ZOOM

Welcoming Worshippers: Heather Barkhouse

Elevator Guide: Chris McDonald

Organist: Dr. Kenneth Cameron

Reader: Lesley Waugh

Audio: Ross & Mike Barkhouse, Cheryl Weeks

Pianist: Cheryl Weeks

Tues: 7:00 p.m. Music Committee (Hall)

Wed: 7:00 – 9:15 a.m. FOOD Ministry

7:30 p.m. Fellowship, Bible & Prayer on ZOOM

Sun: 9:00 a.m. Holy Communion; 10:30 a.m. Worship & Church School

Saturday, April 30 8:30 a.m. Youth Group Mission Breakfast - Please sign the sheet in the lobby or phone the church at 902-469-4480 if you plan to attend. Theme: Indigenous Ministries of The Presbyterian Church in Canada. The Rev. Ian Ross-McDonald, General Secretary of the Life and Mission Agency, will answer questions via ZOOM on the TV in the Hall at 9:00 a.m.

Prayer Circle - St. Andrew's has a Prayer Circle. Bonnie McLellan is the secretary: phone 902-434-4978, e-mail fredamac@eastlink.ca. Please forward your prayer requests to her. She would very much appreciate receiving volunteers for the Circle. Bonnie sends prayer requests to the volunteers in the Circle.

Today is Mission Awareness Sunday; please pray for the mission endeavours of our congregation, of our Presbyterian Church in Canada and of the Atlantic Mission Society.

Mission Moment

When we give to Presbyterians Sharing, we are expressing our faith. Through the words that we use, the decisions we make and the actions we take, we proclaim God's love, hope and grace in the world God loves. Together, as The Presbyterian Church in Canada, we are participating in Christ's mission in Canada and around the world. We share the good news of the gospel, strengthen congregations and equip leaders. We journey toward healing and reconciliation, collaborate with ecumenical and interfaith partners, advocate for human rights, and work to restore hope. When we put our gifts into God's hands, God does remarkable things!

Hymn 249

1. The day of resurrection: earth, tell it out abroad,
the Passover of gladness, the Passover of God!
From death to life eternal, from earth unto the sky,
our Christ hath brought us over with hymns of victory.

2. Our hearts be pure from evil, that we may see aright
the Lord in rays eternal of resurrection light,
and, listening to his accents, may hear, so calm and plain,
his own 'All hail!' and, hearing, may raise the victor strain.

3. Now let the heavens be joyful; let earth its song begin;
let the round world keep triumph, and all that is therein;
invisible and visible, their notes together blend,
for Christ the Lord hath risen, our joy that hath no end.

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Hymn 250

1. I danced in the morning when the world was begun,
and I danced in the moon and the stars and the sun,
and I came down from heaven and I danced on the earth;
at Bethlehem I had my birth.

Refrain:

Dance, then, wherever you may be;
I am the Lord of the Dance, said he,
and I'll lead you all, wherever you may be,
And I'll lead you all in the dance, said he.

2. I danced for the scribe and the Pharisee,
but they would not dance and they wouldn't follow me;
I danced for the fishermen, for James and John;
they came with me and the dance went on. [Refrain]

3. I danced on the Sabbath and I cured the lame;
The holy people said it was a shame.
They whipped and they stripped and they hung me high,
and they left me there on a cross to die. [Refrain]

4. I danced on a Friday when the sky turned black;
it's hard to dance with the devil on your back.
They buried my body, and they thought I'd gone,
but I am the dance, and I still go on. [Refrain]

5. They cut me down and I leap up high;
I am the life that'll never, never die;
I'll live in you if you'll live in me;
I am the Lord of the Dance, said he. [Refrain]

Sydney Bertram Carter

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Hymn 247

1. "Christ the Lord is risen today", all creation join to say.
Raise your joys and triumphs high; sing, ye heavens, and earth, reply.
Love's redeeming work is done, fought the fight, the battle won:
lo! our sun's eclipse is o'er; lo! he sets in blood no more.
2. Vain the stone, the watch, the seal; Christ hath burst the gates of hell.
Death in vain forbids him rise; Christ hath opened paradise.
Lives again our glorious King: where, O death, is now thy sting?
Once he died our souls to save; where thy victory, O grave?
3. Soar we now where Christ hath led, following our exalted Head;
made like him, like him we rise; ours the cross, the grave, the skies.
Hail! the Lord of earth and heaven! Praise to thee by both be given;
every knee to thee shall bow, risen Christ triumphant now.

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Hymn 254

1. Jesus is risen from the grave (repeat twice)
Hallelujah!
2. Jesus was seen by Mary (repeat twice)
Hallelujah!
3. Peter will soon be smiling (repeat twice)
Hallelujah!
4. Thomas will stop his doubting (repeat twice)
Hallelujah!
5. Jesus will meet his people (repeat twice)
Hallelujah!
6. Jesus is here in bread and wine (repeat twice)
Hallelujah!
7. Jesus will live forever (repeat twice)
Hallelujah!

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