

Quispamsis United Church

April 17th, 2022 - Sunday of Easter

Liturgical Colour: White

Presider: Rev. Richard

Musician: Stephen Alexander

Reader: Chris Young

Centering Passage: *The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone. This is the Lord's doing; it is marvellous in our eyes. This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.*

-Psalm 118:22-24

GATHERING TOGETHER

Welcome

Acknowledgement of Territories

Virtual Flowers Memorium

Decorations provided by Sharon Eldridge

Announcements

Dedicate a Service

Today's service is dedicated to this year's confirmands and the hard work they have been doing over the past few months.

Congratulations to:

Bridget Claire Winchester

Caroline Elizabeth Hossack

Luke Xavier Murphy

May God bless their journey of faith.

This dedication made by Bruce and Linda Amey

Invitation to the Table & Words of Instruction

Lighting the Christ Candle

A new light shines today: a light of hope, mystery, faith, and love. Let us follow that light to its source, the empty tomb. Hallelujah! The light of Christ can never go out! Hallelujah!

Opening Music Trumpet Prelude on "Easter Hymn" - David Laskey

Greeting

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

And also with you.

Gathering (Responsive):

Christ is risen!

He is risen indeed!

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.

Prayer of Thanksgiving (Responsive):

Blessed are you Creator of light, Giver of all life, Source of love. With your breath, you formed all that we are and all that is beyond us; the heavens tell your glory. Through fear-filled days and aching nights when the powers of death have done their worst, your love has never deserted us. Even when we turn away from you, you are with us; your presence never fails us, and your gifts of hope and new life transform us. We praise you for Jesus Christ, risen to life, eternal as your love. With the women at the tomb, we raise the strain of gladness. Hallelujah! Life is stronger than death! The day of resurrection has come, scattering fear and gloom, and so we rejoice with all your people of every time and place, and with angels and archangels, to proclaim the glory of your name:

Holy, holy, holy, God of power and might

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest,

Blessed is the One who comes in God's name.

Hosanna in the highest.

Hymn:

Jesus Christ is Risen Today

VU 155

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!

sinner 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!**

CONFIRMATION

Statement of Purpose

At various moments on the journey of our life in Christ, we have the opportunity to reaffirm and renew the faith proclaimed in baptism.

As those who have been baptized profess for themselves the faith of the Christian community in which they have been nurtured, we gather to reaffirm the power of the Holy Spirit and to celebrate the place of these individuals as members of the body of Christ. We give thanks for their gifts as witnessed in this community of faith, and promise to continue to walk with them. With joy and thanksgiving, we celebrate the faith we all share, and rededicate ourselves to the life and work of the body of Christ.

Presentation of Candidate for Confirmation

On behalf of the congregation of Quispamsis United Church, I present the following persons for initiation into the body of Christ through profession of faith:

- Bridget Claire Winchester*
- Caroline Elizabeth Hossack*
- Luke Xavier Murphy*

Confirmands please stand

Profession of Faith and Promises (for the Confirmands)

Do you believe in God, who has created and is creating, who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh, to reconcile and make new, and who works in us and others by the Spirit?

I do, by the grace of God.

Will you follow in the way of Jesus Christ, resisting oppression and evil, seeking justice, and witnessing to God's love for all creation?

I will, God being my helper.

Will you proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, in your words and actions?

I will, God being my helper.

Will you join with your kindred in this community of faith to celebrate God's presence, live with respect in creation, and love and serve others?

I will, God being my helper.

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Remembering our Baptism

Gracious and Holy God, we bless you for the gift of life, and, within it, the gift of water. Over its unshaped promise your Spirit hovered at creation. By water, comes the growth of the earth. Through water, you led the children of Israel to freedom. In the waters of the Jordan your Child Jesus was baptized. Now may your Spirit be upon us and what we do, as we are reminded of our own baptism, a step on our journey that has brought us together in this place. AMEN

Commitment of Confirmand (for the Confirmands):

Do you, with your kindred in this place, seek to spread the peace of Christ and the Good News of God's great love for all?

I do, by God's grace.

Will you join with us as together we celebrate God's presence, live with respect in creation, love and serve others, seek justice and resist evil?

I will, with God's help.

Congregational Commitment (Responsive):

Dear friends in Christ, let us pledge to these persons our support and care.

As your kindred in Christ, we rejoice in the gifts you bring to us. We pledge to you our love and our support. With God's help, we will together live out the mission and ministry of Christ's church.

Profession of Faith (Unison)

VU 918

**We are not alone,
we live in God's world.**

We believe in God:

**who has created and is creating,
who has come in Jesus,
the Word made flesh,
to reconcile and make new,
who works in us and others by the Spirit.**

We trust in God.

We are called to be the Church:
to celebrate God's presence,
to live with respect in Creation,
to love and serve others,
to seek justice and resist evil,
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,
our judge and our hope.

**In life, in death, in life beyond death,
God is with us.**

**We are not alone.
Thanks be to God.**

Laying On of Hands:

*We ask that the family of the Confirmands rise and place a hand on the Confirmand's shoulder,
back, or head*

May the power of the Holy Spirit work within you, that being born of water and the Spirit, you may continue to be a faithful witness of Jesus Christ.

Welcome (Unison):

In the name of Jesus Christ, we welcome you to the privileges and responsibilities of membership in this congregation. We give thanks to God for your witness among us.

LISTENING FOR TRUTH

Hymn: The Day of Resurrection VU 164

**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 has brought us over,
with hymns of victory.**

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

**Now let the heavens be joyful,
let earth its song begin,
the round world keep high triumph,
and all that is therein;
let all things seen and unseen
their notes in gladness blend,
for Christ indeed is risen,
our Joy that has no end.**

Remembering the Meal (Responsive):

As we gather at this table, we remember that on the night before he died, just a few nights ago, Jesus had supper with his friends. He took a loaf of bread, thanked you as we have thanked you, broke the bread, and gave it to them, saying: "Take, eat. This is my body, given for you. Each time you do this, remember me." Then, he took a cup, and after giving thanks, passed it to his friends, saying: "Drink. This cup is the promise of God, made in my blood. Each time you drink from this cup, remember me."

O God, Redeemer of all things, with grateful thanks we offer this bread and this cup, fruits of your earth and of our labour. These elements are signs of your redemptive purpose for our lives and for all your creation. Grant that in praise and thanksgiving, we may so offer ourselves to you that our lives may proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Christ will come again.

Prayer of Illumination (Unison):

Almighty God, through your only Son you overcame death and opened to us the light of eternity. Kindle our hearts with the presence of your Spirit, that we may hear your words of comfort and challenge in the reading of the scriptures, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Recording: Easter Story

Anthem Christ is Risen

Message Seeking The Lost

QUC Recording

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

Hymn: Thine is the Glory VU 173

**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.**

[Refrain:]

**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. R**

**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. R**

How Can I Give?

1/ If you have internet banking, you can E-transfer funds to QUC by sending the funds to QUC@nb.aibn.com. Do not forget to send a separate email with the answer to your security question.

2/ go to www.CanadaHelps.org and search for Quispamsis United Church. You can give to the church by using your credit card. The address says Gondola Point, do not worry, that is us.

3/ you can sign up for a pre-authorized remittance (PAR) donation which comes out of your bank account or credit card once a month. You can cancel this at any time. Contact Brion Crossman at 849-6003 for details.

4/ if you come for in-person worship, there is a plate as you enter the church where you can place your offering.

5/ mail or deliver your giving's to our treasurer, Brion Crossman, 22 Country Crescent, Quispamsis, E2E 1T2

Offertory Dedication Hymn: I'm Gonna Shout MV 183 (new words) X2

**I'm gonna give, give, give of myself for Jesus, for Jesus.
I'm gonna give, give, give of myself to serve the risen one!
For whatever life might throw my way
I'll serve you each and everyday!
With all I am and all I'll ever be!**

Blessing the Gifts, the Bread, and the Cup (Unison):

Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us and these gifts. Sustain us as we share this bread. Empower us as we share this cup. Bless us that we may be nourished by your unbounded love. As hope was born anew on that first Easter morning, make it so with us transformed by your grace, called to be your hands and feet in the world. We offer this and all our prayers in the name of the risen one, Jesus Christ. AMEN

Prayers of the People & Lord's Prayer

Breaking the Bread, Pouring the Cup, Sharing the Meal

Through the broken bread we participate in the body of Christ...This is the body of Christ, bread broken in love for you.

Through the cup of blessing, we participate in the new life Christ gives...The is the cup of joy, flowing as a gift of God's spirit into our lives.

These are the gifts of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

Come now for all has been made ready.

Hymn: Hallelujah VU 179

**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. R**

**Spread the good news o'er all the earth:
Jesus has died and is risen. R**

**We have been crucified with Christ.
Now we shall live for ever. R**

**Come, let us praise the living God,
Joyfully sing to our Saviour. R**

SENDING FORTH

Commissioning (Responsive):

As we have shared this bread,

Let us be strengthened for the road ahead.

As we have shared this cup,

May we be empowered by the Holy Spirit.

And on this day of miracles, all the people cry,

Hallelujah! Halleluah! AMEN!

Benediction

Go now with the love of God in your hearts, the peace of Christ in your hands, and with the power of the Holy Spirit at your backs to share the Good News you have heard this day.

Choral Closing: We shall go out with hope in resurrection VU 586 (vs 1) QUC Recording

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 dream of hurts that can be healed;

we'll weave a cloth of all the world united

within the vision of new life who sets us free.

Closing Music Christ the Lord is Risen Today! - Henry J. Markworth