

**Yellowknife United Church
An Affirming Ministry and Congregation of
The United Church of Canada**

Easter Sunday - April 1, 2018

* - rise in body or spirit



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Gathering

Processional Hymn 158 VU Christ is Alive

1. Christ is alive!
Let Christians sing.
The cross stands empty to the sky.
Let streets and homes
with praises ring.
Love, drowned in death,
shall never die.

3. In every insult, rift, and war,
where colour, scorn,
or wealth divide,
Christ suffers still,
yet loves the more,
and lives, where even
hope has died.

2. Christ is alive! No longer bound
to distant years in Palestine,
but saving, healing here and now,
and touching every
place and time.

4. Women and men,
in age and youth
can feel the Spirit, hear the call,
and find the way, the life, the truth,
revealed in Jesus, freed for all.

5. Christ is alive, and comes to bring
good news to this and every age,
till earth and sky and ocean ring
with joy, with justice, love and praise.

Call to Worship

He is not here!

Where did he go?

He is risen!

Is this an April Fool?

He is risen!

It is an April Fool!

He is risen!

God surprises us in unexpected ways!

He is risen!

Risen indeed! Hallelujah!

Hymn 179 VU Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Give Thanks

Refrain

Hallelujah, hallelujah. Give thanks to the risen Christ.

Hallelujah, hallelujah! Give praise to God's name.

1. Jesus is Lord of all the earth, firstborn of all creation.
2. Spread the good news o'er all the earth, Jesus has died and is risen.
3. We have been crucified with Christ, now we shall live forever.
4. Come let us praise the living God, joyfully sing to our Saviour.

Passing of the Peace

Prayer of Approach 174 VU *Easter Prayer

***Hymn 157 VU Christ the Lord Is Risen Today**

Assurance of Pardon

Christ is Risen!

Do we need any more assurance than that?

We are a forgiven people!

Thanks be to God!

We are an Easter people.

Alleluia!

***Choral Response** 958 VU Halle, Halle, Hallelujah

Listen

The Life and Work of the Community

Anthem We Have Seen the Risen Lord *Pethel*

Learning with Children

Hymn 703 VU In the Bulb There is a Flower

Hebrew Bible: Isaiah 25: 6-9

Psalms: Psalm 118:14-24 Parts 1, 2 & 3 VU 837

Epistle Lesson: Acts 10: 34-43

Gospel Lesson: Mark 16: 1-8

Sermon Emerging into Mystery

Respond

***Hymn** 175 VU This Is the Day that God Has Made

Sacrament of Communion

Invitation

Passing of the Peace

Bringing Forward the Gifts *Doxology* 538 VU

The Great Thanksgiving

The Spirit of God be with you all.

And also with you.
Lift up your hearts;
We lift them to God.
Give thanks to our God!
All our thanks, all our praise!

Holy God, Holy One, Holy Three!

...
And this is our song:

**Holy, Holy, Holy, God,
our life, our mercy, our might.
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Save us, we pray, you beyond all.
Blest is the One who comes in your name.
Save us, we pray, you beyond all.**

Holy God, Holy One, Holy Three!

...
And so we cry, Mercy:
Mercy!
And so we cry, Glory:
Glory!
And so we cry, Blessing:
Blessing!

Holy God, we beg for your Spirit.

...
And so we cry, Come, Holy Spirit:

Come, Holy Spirit!

And so the church shouts, Come, Holy Spirit:

Come, Holy Spirit!

And so the earth pleads, Come, Holy Spirit:

Come, Holy Spirit!

You, Holy God, Holy One, Holy Three,

...

And so we cry, Amen: **Amen!**

Breaking the Bread, Pouring the Wine

Sharing the Bread and Wine

Prayer after Communion

***Hymn 164 VU The Day Of Resurrection**

***Commissioning and Benediction**

Let us go forth from here, proclaiming the Good News,
**sharing in and working for resurrection in all
the crucified places in the world.**

And may the blessing of God, Giver of Life;
Jesus, the risen Christ and hope for new life among us;
and the Holy Spirit, power of new life
at work in the world
be with us all, now and always. Amen

***Choral Response 586 VU**

We Shall Go Out With Hope of Resurrection