Yellowknife United Church
An Affirming Ministry and Congregation of
The United Church of Canada
Easter Sunday - April 5, 2015

* - rise in body or spirit

Gathering

Processional Hymn VU 164 The Day of Resurrection

***Call to Worship** *(antiphonally: please echo each phrase)*

We come to you O God...
to give you thanks...
your love endures forever...
you are our strength and our might...
you have become our salvation...
open for us the gates of righteousness...
that we may enter through them...

***Prayer of Approach** VU 174 *Easter Prayer*

***Hymn** VU 155 Jesus Christ 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** VU 958 Halle, Halle, Hallelujah

Listen

Anthem Have You Seen the Risen Lord *Pethel*

Learning with Children

Hymn VU 345 Come, Children Join to Sing

Hebrew Bible:	Isaiah 25: 6-9
Psalm:	Psalm 118:14-24 Parts 1, 2 & 3 VU 837
Epistle Lesson:	Acts 10: 34-43
Gospel Lesson:	Mark 16: 1-8

Sermon Rise In Body or Spirit

Respond

The Life and Work of the Faith Community

***Hymn** VU 158 Christ Is Alive

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!

Before all that is, You were God.
Outside all we know, You are God.
After all is finished, You will be God.
Archangels sound the trumpets,
Angels teach us their song,
Saints pull us into your presence.

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!

You beyond the galaxies,
You under the oceans,
You inside the leaves,
You pouring down rain,
You opening the flowers,
You feeding the insects,
You giving us your image,
You carrying us through the waters,
You holding us in the night,
Your smile on Sarah and Abraham,
Your hand with Moses and Miriam,
Your words through Deborah and Isaiah,
You lived as Jesus among us,
Healing, teaching, dying, rising,
Inviting us all to your feast.

In the night in which he was betrayed,
Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.
Again, after supper he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people
for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Holy God, we remember your Son,

His life with the humble,
His death among the wretched,
His resurrection for us all:
Your wisdom our guide,
Your justice our strength,
Your grace our path to rebirth.

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.

Enliven this bread,
Awaken this body,
Pour us out for each other.
Transfigure our minds,
Ignite your church,
Nourish the life of the earth.
Make us, while many, united,
Make us, though broken, whole,
Make us, despite death, alive.

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,

Our Life, our Mercy, our Might,
Our Table, our Food, our Server,
Our Rainbow, our Ark, our Dove,

Our Sovereign, our Water, our Wine,
Our Light, our Treasure, our Tree,
Our Way, our Truth, our Life.

You, Holy God, Holy One, Holy Three!

Praise now,
Praise tomorrow,
Praise forever.

And so we cry, Amen:
Amen!

Breaking the Bread, Pouring the Wine
Sharing the Bread and Wine
Prayer after Communion

***Hymn** VU 173 Thine Is the Glory

***Commissioning and Benediction**

Let us go forth from here, proclaiming the Good News,
sharing in and working for the 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** VU 586
We Shall Go Out With Hope of Resurrection