



WORSHIP: Easter Sunday

Holy Cross Lutheran Church
Progressive In Approach: CHRISTlike In Action!
April 17 2022

CHRIST Arisen in Us!

Pastor **Dawn Hutchings**, Musician: **Marney Curran**
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WELCOME:

CHRIST is risen!
CHRIST is risen in us! Alleluia!

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PRELUDE:

I Got Me Flowers
Daniel Burton

GREETING:

LOVE is Risen! LOVE is Risen in us! Alleluia!
The grace of our Risen Christ,
the LOVE that is GOD,
and the power of the Spirit is with you all.
Thanks be to ALL that IS HOLY!

MUSIC:

Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen

Alleluia! Jesus is risen!
Trumpets resounding in glorious light!
CHRIST the I AM, heaven forever!
Oh, what a miracle GOD is in sight!
Jesus is risen and we shall arise.
Give GOD the glory! Alleluia

Walking the way, CHRIST in the center
Telling the story to open our eyes;
breaking our bread, giving us glory:
Jesus our blessing, our constant surprise.
Jesus is risen and we shall arise.
Give GOD the glory! Alleluia



Jesus the vine, we are the branches;
 life in the Spirit the fruit of the tree;
 heaven on earth, CHRIST in the people,
 gift of the future now flowing in me.
 Jesus is risen and we shall arise.
 Give GOD the glory! Alleluia



PRAYER OF THE DAY

The shadows and gloom of Good Friday have been dispersed by the light and colour of this glorious morning. So, we offer thanks and praise to the MYSTERY who IS LOVE, the SOURCE and GIVER of all life. We rejoice in the power of risen LOVE, which lives and breathes in, with, through, and beyond us, to turn our sorrow into joy, our despair into hope, our defeat into victory, evil into goodness, viruses into vaccines, and death into life. Trusting the resurrecting power of the Spirit, we burst forth from our tombs to be Christ's Body in the world, so that the LOVE which IS God can work in us transforming the world. We praise the ONE who is MYSTERY, CHRIST who is LOVE arisen, and the SPIRIT who inspires and empowers us to LOVE extravagantly. Amen.

SONG OF PRAISE

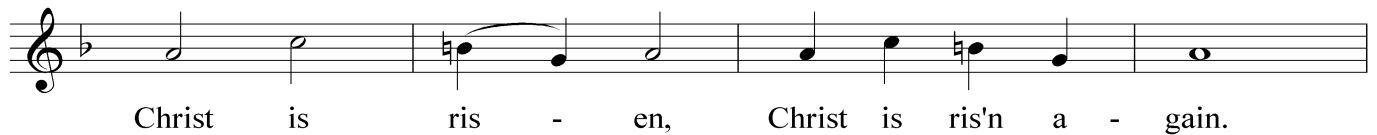
Allelu, Allelu, Alleluia!

Refrain

Kristopher E. Lindquist



Verse



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READING

Luke 24:1-12

On the first day of the week, at the first sign of dawn, the women came to the tomb bringing the spices they had prepared. They found the stone rolled back from the tomb; but when they entered the tomb, they did not find the body of Jesus. While they were still at a loss over what to think of this, two figures in dazzling garments stood beside them. Terrified, the women bowed to the ground.

The two said to them, “Why do you search for the Living One among the dead? Jesus is not here; Christ has risen. Remember what Jesus said to you while still in Galilee—that the Chosen One must be delivered into the hands of sinners and be crucified, and on the third day would rise again.”

With this reminder, the words of Jesus came back to them. When they had returned from the tomb, they told these things to the Eleven and the others. The women were Mary of Magdala, Joanna, and Mary the mother of James.

The other women with them also told the apostles, but the story seemed like nonsense and they refused to believe them. Peter, however got up and ran to the tomb. He stooped down, but he could see nothing but the wrappings. So he went away, full of amazement at what had occurred.

MUSIC:

Thine Is the Glory

**Thine is the glory, risen, living, ONE;
endless is the vict'ry thou o'er death hast won!
Angels in bright raiment, rolled the stone away,
kept the folded grave-clothes where they body lay.
endless is the vict'ry thou o'er death hast won!**



Reading:

1 Corinthians 15:35-44

Perhaps someone will ask, “How are the dead to be raised up?

What kind of body will they have?” WHAT A STUPID QUESTION!

The seed you sow does not germinate unless it dies. When you sow, you do not sow the full-blown plant but a kernel of wheat or some other grain. Then it is given the body God designed for it—with each kind of seed getting its own kind of body. Not all flesh is the same. Human beings have one kind, animals have another, birds another, and fish another. Then there are heavenly bodies and earthly bodies. Heavenly bodies have a beauty of their own, and earthly bodies have a beauty of their own. The sun has one kind of brightness, the moon another, and the stars another. And star differs from star in brightness. So it is with the resurrection of the dead. What is sown is a perishable body, what is raised is incorruptible. What is sown is ignoble, what is raised is glorious.

Weakness is sown, strength is raised up. A natural body is sown, and a spiritual body is raised up. If there is a natural body, then there is also a spiritual body.



MUSIC:***Thine Is the Glory***

**Lo, Jesus meets thee, risen from the tomb!
Lovingly he greets thee, scatters fear and gloom;
let the church with gladness, hymns of triumph sing,
for our LOVE now liveth; death has lost its sting!
endless is the vict'ry thou o'er death hast won!**

**GOSPEL:**

John 20:1-18

Early in the morning on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary of Magdala came to the tomb. She saw that the stone had been rolled away from the entrance, so she ran off to Simon Peter and the other disciple—the one Jesus loved—and told them, “The Rabbi has been taken from the tomb! We don’t know where they have put Jesus!” At that, Peter and the other disciple started out toward the tomb. They were running side by side, but then the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He didn’t enter, but bent down to peer in and saw the linen wrappings lying on the ground. Then Simon Peter arrived and entered the tomb. He observed the linen wrappings on the ground and saw the piece of cloth that had covered Jesus’ head lying not with the wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the disciple who had arrived first at the tomb went in. He saw and believed. As yet, they didn’t understand the scripture that Jesus was to rise from the dead. Then the disciples went back to their homes. Meanwhile, Mary stood weeping beside the tomb. Even as she wept, she stooped to peer inside, and there she saw two angels in dazzling robes. One was seated at the head and the other at the foot of the place where Jesus body had lain. They asked her, “Why are you weeping?” She answered them, “Because they have taken away my Rabbi, and I don’t know where they have put the body.” No sooner had she said this than she turned around and caught sight of Jesus standing there, but she didn’t know it was Jesus. He asked her, “Why are you weeping? For whom are you looking?” She supposed it was the gardener, so she said, “Please, if you’re the one who carried Jesus away, tell me where you’ve laid the body and I will take it away.” Jesus said to her, “Mary!” She turned to him and said, “Rabboni! –which means “Teacher.” Jesus then said, “Don’t hold on to me, for I have not yet ascended to Abba God. Rather, go to the sisters and brothers and tell the, “I Am ascending to my Abba and to your Abba, my God and our God!”” Mary of Magdala went to the disciples. “I have seen the Teacher!” she announced. Then she reported what the saviour had said to her.

REFLECTION: RESURRECTION – Can This Be Real?

SONG OF THE DAY:

Can We Now Believe in Life

Text: Brian Wren; Music: LLANFAIR

**Can we now believe in life, singing “Christ is risen!?”
Death is every where the norm, feared, familiar, given,
yet, if Easter Faith is true, great new things can happen.
Dark is giving way to dawn. Earth is lit by heaven.**



**Though our world embraces death (anger, war, and killing),
Easter blooms a Tree of Life, fragrant and fulfilling.
Justice, joy, compassion, peace, set our new direction,
as a people sent and steered by the Resurrection.**

**All the life that Jesus lived, teaching, meeting, healing,
every deed and every word, ripens into meaning
as our Rabbi’s stirring voice summons us to follow,
calling not from ages past, but from God’s tomorrow.**

**Christ, untameably alive, breathe your life upon us
Compass, governor and guide, with us and beyond us,
Sky and Sunlight, spreading Vine. Spring of living water
Truth and Wisdom, Way and Word, here, and then now together.**

PRAYERS:

Andrew Slonetsky:

This is an Easter prayer in a time of so much challenge. Yet, as nature show us its powerful drive to persist, to emerge, to transform and adapt, to declare LOVE manifest in all of Creation. This Easter, I particularly need this reminder to point me to the wonderful expressions of LOVE we see emerging globally this season. Is this humanity learning a new way of being neighbours? Never has such pain been broadcast into our awareness in real time. My heart is moved by the generous welcome of the refugees in so many nations. Never have we seen such global response to atrocities and suffering. We seek a way for good to prevail for LOVE to be expressed, for grief to be shared. Looking into the soil around us, may we be as determined as the emerging flowers to blossom the best versions of ourselves from an authentic place of love and empathy and become agents of LOVE in this beautiful world, in challenging times.

Sharon Willan

HOLY BREATH of LIFE, Walt Whitman wrote, “As to me, I know of nothing else but miracles.” Today, Easter Sunday is filled with Eucharist - abundant thanksgiving for the gift of miracles.

Thank you for the many volunteers taking care of thousands of refugees from Ukraine. May their life-giving compassion promote the healing process.

Thank you for the bravery of citizens in Ukraine who assist the wounded, and gather children to safety. May their compassion penetrate the suffering and bring a sense of security in conflicting times.

We give thanks for so many young people keeping hope alive as they advocate for our Earth and work to save our environment. HOLY CREATOR of Pizazz, may we be cognizant of, and grateful for the overwhelming abundance of Creation's gifts.

ALL-GIVING ONE, hundreds of workers in restaurants, grocery and retail stores, trades, schools, medical buildings - in every walk of life have exhausted themselves in giving their energies, skills, and expertise on front lines to keep us safe during the pandemic. They continue their work as a sixth wave confronts us. May we extend our gratitude to them by remembering to thank them, to be kind and cheerful. They are Your Face in our midst.

HOLY HEALER, we are grateful for scientists who work tirelessly to create safe medications to put an end to the Pandemic. May they delve into your healing knowledge.

HOLY ONE Indigenous Peoples have been gifted with a sacred knowledge about the intricacies of our living Earth. May we show our gratitude by listening intently to their intuitive understandings about soil, water, air, fire. May we follow their advice as we all strive to keep Earth alive and well.

HOLY WISDOM, we are grateful for insightful leaders who search for new paths through many differing perceptions. May peoples of all races, religions, no religion, sexual orientations, political viewpoints be included in decisions. Infuse our government leaders with the fullness of your wisdom so that deep conversations and discerning discussions lead to common ground among all for peaceful living.

BREATH of LIFE, we thank you as you hover over the chaotic messiness in our world today and once again bring some semblance of order permeating us with LOVE and breathing new life, new HOPE. May we be resilient and persistent in our endeavours to promote PEACE in all aspects of our lives.

HOLY LAUGHING ONE, instil in us the wonder of a child's view. May the infectious laughter of children at play fill our hearts with JOY and amazement in fresh new mornings, golden sunrises and crimson sunsets.



MUSIC:

Christ Is Risen! Alleluia!

Christ is risen! Alleluia! Celebrate this day of days!
Christ is risen! Hush in wonder; all creation is amazed.
In the desert all surrounding, see, a spreading tree has grown.
Healing leaves of grace abounding bring a taste of love un-known



Refrain:

Christ is risen! Alleluia! Celebrate this day of days!
Sing Christ's praises! Alleluia! LOVE has risen from the dead!

Christ is risen! Raise your spirits from the caverns of despair.
Walk with gladness in the morning. See what love can do and dare.
Drink the wine of resurrection not a servant, but a friend,
Jesus is our strong companion. Joy and peace shall never end.

Refrain:

Christ is risen! Alleluia! Celebrate this day of days!
Sing Christ's praises! Alleluia! LOVE has risen from the dead!

Christ is risen! Earth and heavens never more shall be the same.
Break the bread of new creation where the world is still in pain.
Tell it its grim, pandemic chorus: "Christ is risen! Get you gone!"
God the First and Last is with us. Alleluia everyone!



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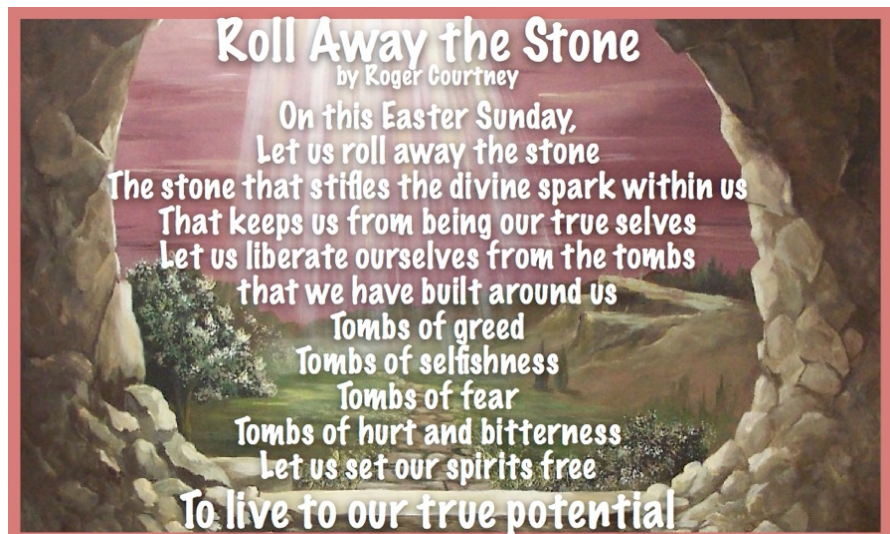
BLESSING:

ANNOUNCEMENTS

POSTLUDE:

Alleluia!

Randall Thompson





**Gather with us!
In-Person & Online
Sundays @ 10:45am**

at the Gathering Centre
1035 Wayne Dr. Newmarket, On.

**Worship Videos will be posted
Sunday afternoons by 4pm**

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Opening ourselves to the **MYSTERY**
which is the **LOVE** that is **DIVINITY**



**CHAT about faith
in the here and now!**

Tuesdays - 10am over Zoom

Resumes April 26



**Opportunities to CHAT about
the evolving dynamics of our faith**

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Financial Report - General Fund January - March 31, 2022

INCOME	Jan – Mar BUDGET	Jan – Mar ACTUAL
Online Donors	\$3,750.00	\$6,382.80
Registered Donors	\$26,526.22	\$11,750.01
Gifts	\$125.00	
TOTAL OFFERINGS	\$30,401.22	\$18,132.81
Solar Panel Income	\$2,250.00	\$642.07
Interest	\$0.00	\$7.43
Rental: Armitage Daycare	\$3,225.00	\$3,225.00
Online Program Fees	\$1,000.00	\$5,190.36
Income Budgeted Ex (SnowPlow):	\$250.00	\$2,813.19
Miscellaneous		\$7.43
Sub-Total General Fund	\$37,126.22	\$30,018.29
2021 Surplus Carried forward	\$4,529.07	\$4,529.07
Bridge Loan Draw	\$1,250.00	\$0.00
TOTAL INCOME	\$42,905.29	\$34,547.36
TOTAL EXPENSES to March 31, 2022	\$42,717.79	\$33,625.96
Net Surplus		\$921.40

Please note: Our 2022 Budget figures have not yet been finalized. This will happen at our Annual General Meeting on May 15, 2022. At the moment, we are holding our own relative to actual expenses. Well done everyone!!!

OFFERINGS:

There are several ways to ensure that we are able to continue meeting our commitments.

You can mail in your offerings:

Holy Cross Lutheran Church
1035 Wayne Drive
Newmarket, On. L3Y 2W9

You can sign up to our Preauthorized Remittance Program PAR

contact our Treasurer Sharon Smyth who will guide you

You can go to Holy Cross' **CanadaHelps** page to donate just follow the link:

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E-transfer

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so that we can send you all the Zoom Links

We want to see your smiling face as often as possible!

Send an email to: holycrosslutheran@rogers.com

and we will be sure to send you all our news!

CARE TEAM:

We are doing our best to connect with our HC Family. We are grateful that at the moment we have more volunteers than we need. This will serve us well in the coming weeks. Soon, we will be creating a phone chain to ensure that we all stay connected. If you need help, or simply a conversation, **PLEASE DO NOT HESITATE** to leave a voicemail on the church phone: 905-898-1682 – we are checking these messages 3 times a day. So, someone will get back to you ASAP.

You can also call Pastor Dawn directly on her cellphone 905-868-0897.