## KNOX PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, BAYFIELD

# 11 am Easter Sunday 2022 04 17 WE GATHER

**PRELUDE** a time of quiet reflection

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS** 

The grace of Jesus Christ be with you. **And also with you**.

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

HYMN Let there be light #727

CALL TO WORSHIP See PWS&D Insert

PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON, SHARING THE PEACE

May the peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you.** 

HYMN The day of resurrection #249

TO HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION** 

**GOSPEL** Luke 23:55 – 24:3 [B#89/W#91]

REFLECTION

UNISON PRAYER 1: God of mystery, we journeyed here on Easter morning seeking to find you. We know the Easter story yet we do not always understand what is happening. Open our hearts to be surprised, just as the women were when they found the tomb empty. Amen.

HYMN: Be still and know that I am God #64 verse 1

**GOSPEL** Luke 24:3-5 [B#90/W#91]

**REFLECTION** 

UNISON PRAYER 2: God of mystery, we understand why those women were perplexed. We know the Easter story but we do not understand how things happened as that day dawned. Yet your gift of hope is dazzling to us, too. We would like to believe that death is not the end.

HYMN: Be still and know that I am God #64 verse 2

GOSPEL Luke 24:5-11

[B#90/W#91]

REFLECTION

HYMN: Be still and know that I am God #64 verse 3

GOSPEL Luke 24:12

[B#90/W#92]

#### TO RESPOND IN FAITH

#### THE OFFERING OF OUR LIFE AND LABOUR TO GOD

**QUOTE** Christian stewardship recognizes that everything we have belongs to God and that we are called to care for all that God has given to us. We are honoured to be given this role. The Church of Scotland

**INVITATION TO THE TABLE** 

HYMN Jesus Christ is risen today #243

#### **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

THE APOSTLES' CREED [in unison] #539

THE STORY OF THE TABLE

THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING [responsive] #564

HYMN Holy, holy, holy #299

**WORDS OF INSTITUTION AND INVITATION** 

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND GIFTS

HYMN Amen #766

To Go Forth In God's Name

**COMMISSIONING AND BENEDICTION** 

POSTLUDE Holy, holy, holy #623

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#### **Morning Prayer**

God of endless life, in the light of this new day we see the dawning of your new creation. Give us wonder and delight to enjoy this day that you have made; through Jesus Christ, our living Lord. Amen.

#### **Evening Prayer**

Stay with us, Lord, for it is evening and the day is almost over. Help us to know that you are with us— through the promise of your Word, in the sharing of a meal, and by the power of your Spirit that burns within our hearts. Bless and keep us, this night and always. Amen.

# **Daily Prayer**

Alleluia! We praise you, O God, for the power of your saving love revealed in the resurrection of our Lord. As you raised Jesus from the dead may we receive the gift of everlasting life, that we may worship you forever; through Christ, our risen Savior. Amen.

**BRVTA 8<sup>th</sup> Earth Day Litter Walk:** Register at 2 pm on Friday April 22 at Clan Gregor Square. Wear gloves and bright clothing.

# **Questions for Reflection**

What difference does it make to believe that Jesus Christ is risen from the dead? How does your faith in the resurrection of Christ change the way you think about sin and death? How does it change the way you live?

MISSION MOMENT: In Afghanistan, an excited Salma had just passed Grade 4, but Salma's father didn't want her to continue her education because the school was too far away. When a meeting with the school didn't change his mind, community and religious leaders involved with a girls' education project visited Salma's parents. They explained the importance of education for girls from both human rights and religious perspectives. After a few hours of discussion, Salma received permission to return to school. Unfortunately, the current political situation in Afghanistan means many children are faced with uncertainty about their futures, particularly girls. This education project is supported by Presbyterian World Service & Development.

## Readings next week:

Acts 5:27–32; Psalm 150 Revelation 1:4–8; John 20:19–31

Your **financial offerings** can be made with post-dated cheques, PAR (Pre Authorized Remittance), and e-transfer. For more information contact Brenda 519-524-8645 <a href="mailto:brmclean@hurontel.on.ca">brmclean@hurontel.on.ca</a> and she will guide you through the process. Your contributions to the ongoing work of the church are appreciated. The March **financial reports** show income \$4,897 and expenses \$5,328 with a year-to-date deficit of \$5,192.

# **Easter Sunday**

One: God's son was given so that whoever believes in him will not perish but have eternal life. We celebrate Christ's victory and the power of God's love to transform all things.

All: Hallelujah! Jesus has conquered death and is risen.

One: Christ is risen indeed. The old life is gone!

All: And the new life has come.

One: Let us pray.

All: Loving God, life is stronger than death, love is stronger than hate and forgiveness stronger than bitterness. We are an Easter people, redeemed by the gift of God's love through Jesus Christ. We are an Easter people, filled with joy and peace in knowing our Saviour, Jesus Christ. We are an Easter people, filled with hope. AMEN and AMEN.

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# **Christ is Risen!**

Every day that we respond to the poor, the hungry and the displaced, we discover God's resurrecting power.

The poor are raised up, the vulnerable are cared for and the sick are healed. Inspired by God's promise of abundant life and rooted in the living hope of Jesus Christ, our church responds to the call to serve those in need with compassion, justice and love. Through PWS&D, we are working in some of the most vulnerable communities in our global village to restore human dignity, ease the pain of want and promote community cooperation that benefits all.

Thanks to your support and faith in action, we are creating positive change. In a world filled with need, we are responding with medical care, sanitation services and emergency relief. We are responding with educational opportunities, sustainable agriculture practices and skills training. Together, we are promoting human rights and supporting refugees.

Faithful to our calling, we respond together.

This Easter, please support PWS&D.

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