

United Churches of Langley

EASTER SUNDAY

Hallelujah ~ Encountering the Risen Christ

April 12, 2020, 10:30am – LiveStream

Ministers: Rev. M. Sophia Ducey and Rev. Hilde J. Seal

Music Leaders: Tim Bailey and Linda Szentes

Band: Jamie Langston, Denis Leduc

Livestream Team: William Ness and Brad Jarvis

Introit	Jesus Christ Is Risen Today	VU 155	SCRIPTURE READINGS:	Rev. Hilde
EASTER GREETING		Rev. Hilde	Matthew 28:1-10, Mark 16:8 - Mary	
HYMN: This is the Day that God Has Made (x2)		MV 122	John 20:3-9 – Peter	
WELCOME		Rev. Sophia	Galatians 1:13-17 – Paul	
ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF FIRST NATION TERRITORIES			REFLECTION: Encountering the Risen Christ	Rev. Sophia
LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE			MINISTRY OF MUSIC: Let It Be Jesus by Chris Tomlin	Band
SINGING THE BOWL			PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE	Rev. Hilde
HYMN: In the Bulb There is a Flower		VU 703	THE LORD'S PRAYER <i>(translated from Aramaic by Douglas-Klotz)</i>	
The Stone & the Butterfly ~ Luke 24:1-5		Rev. Hilde	Closing Hymn: Thine Is the Glory	VU 173
WONDERING			BLESSING	Rev. Sophia
SINGING THE BOWL			POSTLUDE: I Will Rise by Chris Tomlin	Band

Stone & the Butterfly ~ Luke 24: 1-5

On the first day of the week, at early dawn, they came to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared. They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they went in, they did not find the body.

Suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them. The women were afraid and bowed their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, "Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen.

Matthew 28:1-10 - Mary

After the Sabbath, at dawn on the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to look at the tomb.

There was a violent earthquake, for an angel of the Lord came down from heaven and, going to the tomb, rolled back the stone and sat on it. His appearance was like lightning, and his clothes were white as snow. The guards were so afraid of him that they shook and became like dead men.

The angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. He is not here; he has risen, just as he said. Come and see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples: 'He has risen from the dead and is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see him.' Now I have told you."

So the women hurried away from the tomb, afraid yet filled with joy, and ran to tell his disciples. Suddenly Jesus met them. "Greetings," he said. They came to him, clasped his feet and worshiped him. Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be

afraid. Go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me."

But according to the Gospel of Mark, Chapter 16:8: They went and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid...

John 20:3-9 - Peter

So Peter and the other disciple started for the tomb. Both were running, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent over and looked in at the strips of linen lying there but did not go in. Then Simon Peter came along behind him and went straight into the tomb. He saw the strips of linen lying there, as well as the cloth that had been wrapped around Jesus' head. The cloth was still lying in its place, separate from the linen. Finally the other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, also went inside. He saw and believed. (They still did not understand from Scripture that Jesus had to rise from the dead.)

Galatians 1:13-17 – Paul

For you have heard of my previous way of life in Judaism, how intensely I persecuted the church of God and tried to destroy it. I was advancing in Judaism beyond many of my own age among my people and was extremely zealous for the traditions of my fathers. But when God, who set me apart from my mother's womb and called me by his grace, was pleased to reveal his Son in me so that I might preach him among the Gentiles, my immediate response was not to consult any human being. I did not go up to Jerusalem to see those who were apostles before I was, but I went into Arabia. Later I returned to Damascus.

Jesus Christ is risen today – VU 155

Jesus Christ is risen today, hal – le – lu – jah!
Our triumphant holy day, hal – le – lu – jah!
Who did once, upon the cross, hal – le – lu – jah!
Suffer to redeem our loss. hal – le – lu – jah!

Hymns of praise then let us sing hal – le – lu – jah!
Unto Christ, our heavenly King hal – le – lu – jah!
Who endured the cross and grave, hal – le – lu – jah!
Sinners to redeem and save. hal – le – lu – jah!

But the pains which he endured, hal – le – lu – jah!
Our salvation have procured; hal – le – lu – jah!
Now above the sky he's King hal – le – lu – jah!
Where the angels ever sing. hal – le – lu – jah!

Sing we to our God above, hal – le – lu – jah!
Praise eternal as God's love; hal – le – lu – jah!
Praise our God, ye heavenly host, hal – le – lu – jah!
Praise the Son and Holy Ghost. hal – le – lu – jah!

Hymn: This is the Day that God Has Made (x2) MV 122

This is the day that God has made we will rejoice and be glad!
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Singing hallelu, singing hallelu,
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Singing hallelu! We will rejoice and be glad!

Hymn: Thine Is the Glory

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.
Thine is the glory, risen, conquering Son:
endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won.

Thine is the glory, risen, conquering Son,
endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won.
Let the church with gladness hymns of triumph sing,
for the Lord now lives: death has lost its sting.
Thine is the glory, risen, conquering Son:
endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won.

Lord's Prayer (translated from Aramaic)

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O Birther! Father-Mother of the Cosmos,
Focus your light within us - make it useful:
Create your reign of unity now.
Your one desire then acts with ours,
as in all light, so in all forms.
Grant what we need each day in bread and insight.
Loose the cords of mistakes binding us,
as we release the strands we hold of others' guilt.
Don't let surface things delude us,
But free us from what holds us back.
From you is born all ruling will,
the power and the life to do,
the song that beautifies all, from age to age it renews.
Truly - power to these statements -
may they be the ground from which all
my actions grow. Amen.