

WELCOME TO METROPOLITAN UNITED CHURCH



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EASTER VIGIL April 16, 2022

This service is part of the ancient Triduum – marking the three sacred days leading up to Easter.

Leading in worship are **The Rev. Jason Meyers** and **The Rev. Mark Aitchison**. The ministry of music is offered by **Dr. Patricia Wright, Gisele Kulak, Valeria Kondrashov, Benjamin Stein,** and **Nicholas Higgs**. Our livestream technicians are **Nishaanth Siva** and **Charles Davidson**.

Please wear your mask over your nose, mouth and chin at all times, and keep appropriately distanced from your pew neighbours. You are invited to hum or sing softly.

SERVICE OF THE FIRE

The people gather outside around the fire in silence and darkness

SCRIPTURE

Genesis 1:1-3

LIGHTING OF THE PASCHAL CANDLE

PRAYER

LIGHTING OF THE CONGREGATIONAL CANDLES

THE PROCESSION

The congregation follows the paschal candle into the church.

One: The Light of Christ!

All: Thanks be to God! (x3)

Ascend into the Chancel (remain standing)

JSONG *The Lord is my light*

Taizé

Please be seated and extinguish candles

SERVICE OF THE WORD

SCRIPTURE

Genesis 1:4-2:2 *The Creation*

JHYMN MV #27 *Creator God*

Claire

SCRIPTURE

Genesis 7:1-5, 11-18; 8:6-18; 9:8-13 *Covenant Between God & the Earth*

JHYMN #614 *In Suffering Love*

Belmont

SCRIPTURE

Exodus 14:10-15:1 *Israel's Deliverance at the Red Sea*

JHYMN #690 *From the Slave Pens of the Delta*

Omni Die

SCRIPTURE

Ezekiel 37:1-14 *New Life for God's People*

PRAYER Eliyahu Hanavi

Elijah the prophet, Elijah the Tishbite, Elijah, Elijah, Elijah, man of Gilead. Young and old wait for deliverance. Come thou soon with the Messiah, son of David.

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 27:57-66 *The Burial of Jesus*

SERVICE OF THE WATER

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

SCRIPTURE Romans 6:3-11 *Baptized into Christ's death*

PROFESSION OF FAITH AND PROMISES

One: Do you believe in God, who has created and is creating, who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh, to reconcile & make new, & who works in us and others by the Spirit?

All: I do, by the grace of God.

One: Desiring the freedom of a new life in Christ, do you see to resist evil, and to live in love and justice?

All: I will, God being my helper.

One: Will you proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, in your words and actions?

All: I will, God being my helper.

One: Will you join with your sisters and brothers in this community of faith to celebrate God's presence, live with respect in creation and love and serve others?

All: I will, God being my helper.

ANointing
PRAYER

HYMN #449 *Crashing Waters at Creation, vs. 1, 4* Crashing Waters

SERVICE OF THE NEW LIGHT

SCRIPTURE Luke 24:1-12 *The Resurrection of Jesus*

EASTER PROCLAMATION

One: Christ is risen!

All: Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

GLORIA #37 *Gloria, In Excelsis Deo! Alleluia!* Gloria
The lights come on and the sanctuary is dressed as we sing

THE EXSULTET William Wright

Re - joice, heav-en-ly pow-ers; Sing, choirs of
an-gels! Je-sus Christ our King is ri-sen!

Choir: Rejoice, heavenly powers! Sing, choirs of angels! Exult all creation around God's throne! Jesus Christ our King is risen! Sound the trumpet of salvation!

All: Rejoice, heavenly powers; Sing, choirs of angels! Jesus Christ our King is risen!

Choir: Rejoice, O earth, in shining splendour! Radiant in the brightness of your King! Christ has conquered! Glory fills you! Darkness vanishes forever!

All: Rejoice, heavenly powers; Sing, choirs of angels! Jesus Christ our King is risen!

Choir: Rejoice, O mother church! Exult in glory! The risen Saviour shines upon you! Let this place resound with joy, echoing the mighty song of all God's people!

All: Rejoice, heavenly powers; Sing, choirs of angels! Jesus Christ our King is risen!
(*please be seated*)

SCRIPTURE

Romans 8:31-39 *Jesus sits at the right hand*

ANTHEM *Christ the Lord is Risen Again!*

Anthony Foster

GREAT THANKSGIVING

One: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them up to the Lord.

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord God.

All: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

One: Let us pray. (*please be seated*)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,

Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth, as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread,

And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil:

For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

HYMN #157 *Christ the Lord is Risen Today*

Easter Hymn

COMMISSIONING AND BENEDICTION

ORGAN POSTLUDE *Christ Jesus Lay in Death's Strong Bands*

J. S. Bach

PLEASE JOIN US TOMORROW FOR OUR EASTER SUNDAY SERVICES

8:00 a.m. Taddle Creek Wild Church Sunrise Service in the Park

11:00 a.m. Easter Sunday with Communion and the Metropolitan Silver Band