

Worship Outline  
March 31 2024  
Easter Sunday

**THIS WEEK AT BRECHIN**

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Welcome and Announcements, Land Acknowledgement

Affirming Statement:

**As an Affirming Ministry we boldly declare that we fully welcome and include the full participation of *all* people in the life and work of the Ministry as we journey together, regardless of sexual orientation, gender identity, ethnicity, age, marital status, mental or physical ability, beliefs, cultural backgrounds, or economic circumstance. We are dedicated to being good stewards of God's world, working and living towards justice and wholeness for *all* God's people.**

Lighting the Christ Candle

ONE: *Christ is risen.*

**ALL: He is risen indeed! Hallelujah!**

ONE: *The light of Christ is with us, today and always.*

*Each Easter, we celebrate a force that is stronger than any earthly power. We celebrate Life beyond death, hope beyond imagining. This is the news we've been waiting for!*

**ALL: God's way of love moves among every generation!**

**God's way of peace and justice will ultimately prevail!**

ONE: *Resurrection informs all life, moves all life, calls out each breath from us at the break of dawn.*

**ALL: Resurrection reminds us, in life and in death, we are not alone!**

Hymn:

VU 166 "Joy Comes with the Dawn"

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**Refrain:** Joy comes with the dawn;  
joy comes with the morning sun;  
joy springs from the tomb  
and scatters the night with her song,  
joy comes with the dawn.

1 Weeping may come;  
weeping may come in the night,  
when dark shadows cloud our sight. R

2 Sorrow will turn,  
sorrow will turn into song,  
and God's laughter make us strong. R

3      **We will rejoice,  
we will rejoice, and give praise,  
to the One who brings us grace.                      R**

Gathering words:

ONE: *New life abounds!*

**ALL: Christ is risen!**

ONE: *Creator of Community!*

**ALL: Christ is risen!**

ONE: *Way of hope!*

**ALL: Christ is risen!**

ONE: *Promise of wholeness!*

**ALL: Christ is risen!**

**Christ is risen indeed!**

Opening Prayer:

*Mysterious Spirit of Hope and Wonder, amidst the sorrow of the world, we seek signs of life. We long for empty tombs. Our hearts break for those for whom Easter will never come, the injustice of the world seeming to swallow them whole. Tend with us our grief, that in the tending, we may open space for New Life to live alongside it. Grant us space and courage to cultivate joy, practice hope, relish wonder, and embody freedom. For you are a God who holds all things. Amen.*

Hymn:    “Jesus Christ is Risen Today” - VU#155

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(words adapted – part of first verse from Christ the Lord is Risen today VU-157)*

**Choir:**

1. *Jesus Christ is risen today, hal-le-lu-jah!  
All creation join to say, hal-le-lu-jah!  
Raise your joys and triumphs high, hal-le-lu-jah!  
Sing O heavens and earth reply: hal-le-lu-jah!*

**Congregation stand & sing:**

2. **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. Hallelujah!**
3. **But the pains which he endured, hallelujah!  
our salvation have procured; hallelujah!  
now above the sky he's King, hallelujah!  
where the angels ever sing. Hallelujah!**
4. **Sing we to our God above, hallelujah!  
praise eternal as God's love; hallelujah!  
praise our God, ye heavenly host, hallelujah!  
praise the Son and Holy Ghost. Hallelujah!**

Scripture:           Isaiah 25:6-9   *God provides a rich feast*  
                          Mark 16:1-8   *The resurrected Jesus appears to Mary Magdalene*

ONE: *These are ancient descriptions of Spirit's movements for the church today*

ALL: **Let us give thanks!**

Reflection: Hallelujahs Yet Again

MV 121 "Hey Now! Singing Hallelujah"

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**Refrain:**       **Hey now! Singing hallelujah!**  
                      **Hey now! The morning has come!**  
                      **Hey now! Singing hallelujah!**  
                      **The tomb was empty at the rising sun.**

1.     **Jesus loved people and he made them friends.**  
       **Hey now, the tomb was empty.**  
       **He called to the children and the women and men.**  
       **Hey now, the tomb was empty.                       R**
2.     **Jesus healed people and he helped them be well.**  
       **Hey now, the tomb was empty.**  
       **He taught about God in the stories he'd tell.**  
       **Hey now, the tomb was empty.                       R**
3.     **Jesus loved people and they said he was a king.**  
       **Hey now, the tomb was empty.**  
       **He turned all the tables on everything.**  
       **Hey now, the tomb was empty.                       R**
5.     **Jesus loves people and he lives again!**  
       **Hey now, the tomb was empty.**  
       **Calls us disciples and he calls us his friends.**  
       **Hey now, the tomb was empty.                       R**

Prayers of the People and The Disciple's Prayer

*...All this we pray, echoing the prayer Jesus taught to the disciples,*

**Our Father in heaven,**  
**hallowed be your name.**

**Your kingdom come,**  
**Your will be done**

**on earth as in heaven.**

**Give us today our daily bread**  
**Forgive us our sins, as we forgive**  
**those who sin against us.**

**Save us from the time of trial,**  
**and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kindom, the power,  
and the glory are yours,  
Now and forever. Amen.**

Anthem: “Allelujah”

Offering

Offering Hymn: MV 191 “What Can I Do?”

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**What can I do?  
What can I bring?  
What can I say?  
What can I sing?  
I'll sing with joy.  
I'll say a prayer.  
I'll bring my love.  
I'll do my share. (2X)**

Offertory Prayer

Benediction

*Go from here, bearing the peace and love that echoes through generations from the tomb to this here coast.  
Christ is risen! Allelujah! Amen.*

Response: “Alive, Alive, Alive Forevermore”

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**Alive, alive, alive forever more.  
My Jesus is alive, alive forever more.  
Alive, alive, alive forever more.  
My Jesus is alive!**

**Sing Hallelujah! Sing Hallelujah!  
My Jesus is alive forever more.  
Sing Hallelujah! Sing Hallelujah!  
My Jesus is alive!**

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