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10:00 am

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*April 5, 2026 — Easter*



**Opening Hymn:** “Jesus Christ is Risen Today” (CP #203)

**Land Acknowledgement**

**Call to Worship**

Alleluia! Christ is risen. **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

May God’s grace and peace be with you. **May our hearts be filled with joy!**

**Sung Gloria:** “Gloria, Gloria, in Excelsis Deo” (CP #376)

**The Collect**

**O God of the living, you made the tomb of death the womb from which you bring forth, the first-born of a new creation: make us joyful witnesses to this good news, so that all humanity may one day gather at the feast of new life in that kingdom where you reign for ever and ever. Amen.**

**The First Reading:** Acts 10:34-43 (*Roger Farrier*)

**Psalm 118** (VU #837) *parts 1, 2 & 3*

**The Second Reading:** Colossians 3:1-4 (*Leah Eaton*)

**Gradual Hymn:** “Death’s Deep Shadow Now Is Lifted” (*lyrics on screen*)

**The Gospel:** Matthew 28:1-10 (*Rev. Dr. Ray Aldred*)

**The Sermon:** Godly Play “The Story of Easter” (*Meaghan Hicks*)

*“Silence & Stillness for Prayer & Reflection”*

## — The Sacrament of Holy Baptism —

### Presentation and Examination of the Candidates

The candidates for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

*(Parents/Sponsors):* I present Leo to receive the sacrament of baptism.

Will you be responsible for seeing that the child you present is nurtured in the faith and life of the Christian community? *(Parents/Sponsors):* I will, with God's help.

Will you by your prayers and witness help this child to grow into the full stature of Christ? *(Parents/Sponsors):* I will, with God's help

Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God? *(Parents/Sponsors):* I renounce them.

Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God? *(Parents/Sponsors):* I renounce them.

Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God? *(Parents/Sponsors):* I renounce them.

Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Saviour? *(Parents/Sponsors):* I do.

Do you put your whole trust in God's grace and love? *(Parents/Sponsors):* I do.

Do you promise to obey him as your Lord? *(Parents/Sponsors):* I do.

Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support these persons in their life in Christ? *(All):* **We will.**

### Prayers for the Candidates *(Wesley Eaton)*

Let us now pray for these persons who are to receive the sacrament of new birth.

Deliver them, O Lord, from the way of sin and death. **Hear our prayer.**

Open their hearts to your grace and truth. **Hear our prayer.**

Fill them with your holy and life-giving Spirit. **Hear our prayer.**

Teach them to love others in the power of the Spirit. **Hear our prayer.**

Send them into the world in witness to your love. **Hear our prayer.**

Bring them to the fullness of your peace and glory. **Hear our prayer.**

Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who lives and reigns now and for ever. **Amen.**

### **Thanksgiving over the Water**

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over water the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through water you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise.

In water your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life.

We thank you, Father, for the water of baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit.

Therefore, in joyful obedience to your Son, we celebrate our fellowship in him in faith. We pray that all who have passed through the water of baptism may continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Saviour.

To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honour and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

### **The Baptismal Covenant**

Do you believe in God the Creator?

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**I believe in God the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.**

Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers? **I will, with God's help.**

Will you persevere in resisting evil and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord? **I will, with God's help.**

Will you proclaim by word and example the good news of God in Christ?

**I will, with God's help.**

Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbour as yourself?

**I will, with God's help.**

Will you strive for justice and peace among all people,  
and respect the dignity of every human being? **I will, with God's help.**

Will you strive to safeguard the integrity of God's creation,  
and respect, sustain and renew the life of the Earth? **I will, with God's help.**

## **The Baptism**

**Sing:** "Up From the Waters" (*lyrics on screen*)

**The Peace:** The peace of Christ be always with you. **And also with you.**

**Offertory Hymn:** "Christ the Lord is Risen Again" (CP #217)

— *The Celebration of the Eucharist* —

## **Prayer Over the Gifts**

Blessed are you, O God, **ruler of heaven and earth. Day by day you shower us with blessings. As you have raised us to new life in Christ, give us glad and generous hearts, ready to praise you and to respond to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord. Amen.**

May God be with you. **And also with you**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up to God.**

Let us give thanks to God our Creator. **It is right to give thanks and praise.**

Holy God, Lover of creation, we give you thanks and praise for in the ocean of your steadfast love you bear us and place the song of your Spirit in our hearts. When we turn from your love and defile the earth, you do not abandon us. Your Spirit speaks through Huldah and Micah, through prophets, sages, and saints in every age, to confront our sin and reveal the vision of your new creation. Joining in the song of the universe we proclaim your glory singing: (*CP #732*)

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.**

Gracious God, in the fullness of time you sent Jesus the Christ to share our fragile humanity. Through Jesus' life, death, and resurrection you open the path from brokenness to health, from fear to trust, from pride and conceit to reverence for you. Rejected by a world that could not bear the Gospel of life, Jesus knew death was near. His head anointed for burial by an unknown woman, Jesus gathered together those who loved him.

He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it and gave it to his friends, saying, "Take and eat: this is my body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper, Jesus took the cup of wine, gave you thanks, and said "Drink this all of you, this is my blood of the new covenant which is shed for you and for many. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

And now we gather at this table in response to his commandment, to share the bread and cup of Christ's undying love, and to proclaim our faith.

**Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

Breathe your Holy Spirit, the wisdom of the universe, upon these gifts that we bring to you: this bread, this cup, ourselves, our souls and bodies, that we may be signs of your love for all the world and ministers of your transforming purpose.

Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory is yours, Creator of all, and we bless your holy name for ever. **Amen.**

### Sung Lord's Prayer by Gordon Light

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name; your kingdom come, your will be done on earth, as in heav'n. 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 kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours; now and for ever. Amen.**

### The Breaking of the Bread

Lord, we died with you on the cross. **Now we are raised to new life.**  
We were buried in your tomb. **Now we share in your resurrection.**  
Live in us, that we may live in you.

### Communion Anthem: "Come, Share with God" (VU #469) verses 1, 2, 1

Come to the banquet for now all is ready.  
These are the gifts of God for you, the people of God. **Thanks be to God.**

*If you require a gluten free wafer, please only extend one hand. If you do not feel comfortable drinking from the cup, please just acknowledge it and let it pass. We ask that you refrain from intincting or dipping your wafer.*

**Communion Hymn:** “Shout for Joy” (*lyrics on screen*) & “All Shall Be Well” (CP #222)

### **Prayer After Communion**

**God of life, bring us to the glory of the resurrection promised in this Easter sacrament. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the risen Lord. Amen.**

### **The Doxology**

**Glory to God, whose power working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine. Glory to God from generation to generation, in the Church and in Christ Jesus, for ever and ever. Amen.**

### **Sung Blessing**

**The Closing Hymn:** “Yours Be the Glory” (CP #210)

**The Dismissal:** Go in peace, share the good news. **Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

*Many thanks to Richmond Delta Youth Orchestra String Quartet for providing beautiful music for today’s service.*

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## Announcements

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**Easter Egg Hunt: TODAY** – *After the 10am Service (11:15 or so)*

**Gospel Based Discipleship: Wednesdays at 7 pm beginning April 15**

Offered on Wednesday evenings at 7 pm on Zoom (from April 15). All are welcome!

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*Archbishop* ✝ The Most Reverend John Stephens  
*Rector* ✝ The Reverend Marnie Peterson  
*Music Director* ✝ Jonathan Der

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on the ancestral and unceded territories  
of the Coast Salish Peoples.*