



EASTER

DAWN

Distribution of Candles

A Candle is Lit in the Dark.

Christ yesterday and today
the beginning and the end
Alpha and Omega
all time belongs to God
to God be glory and power through every age for ever.
**May the light of Christ, rising in glory,
dispel the shadows of our hearts and minds. Amen.**

Gather + Recognition of Lands

We gather here in the name of the Triune God on the site of the *Sitchanalth*, a major Songhees village; part of the .

Reading: Mark 16:1-3

When the sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. They had been saying to one another, “Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?”

Procession: Alleluia He Is Coming

I looked up and I saw my Lord a-coming
I looked up and I saw my Lord a-coming
Down the road, down the road

*Alleluia He is coming, Alleluia He is here
Alleluia He is coming, Alleluia He is here*



I looked up and I saw my Lord a-dying
I looked up and I saw my Lord a-dying
On the cross, on the cross (Chorus)

I looked up and I saw my Lord a-rising
I looked up and I saw my Lord a-rising
From the grave, from the grave (Chorus 2x)

GATHER IN A CIRCLE BY THE SHORE

RITUAL OF THE STONES

We now share a time of silence in which we're all invited to break the circle for a small stone somewhere in the area. During this time, reflect on what stone must be rolled away from the tombs, the places of death in our lives, in our choice, and in our relationships. What barriers have we let come between us and our neighbours?



When you have found your stone, please return to the circle...

The following ritual is an ancient practice performed by the catechumens during the Easter Vigil. Just before the first light of dawn, they would face the west where the light dies each day and would renounce together that which was hardened and lifeless.

Let us turn to the west in renunciation.

We are all invited to name aloud, or silently, that which we need to renounce...

After the catechumens had turned in renunciation to the west where the sun sinks, they would then turn towards the east, in expectation

of the rising sun. Facing the east, they would profess their faith, embracing new life.

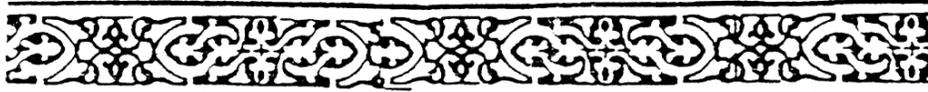
We will now turn together and face the east...

We are all invited to name out loud that which we wish to embrace and nurture in our lives, Our choices and our relationships...

ROLLING AWAY THE STONE

Let us pray:

Holy Listener, Loving and Forgiving God, help us in these first bated moments of celebration to truly search out and roll away the stones that block the way our of the tombed corners of our lives. Open us to recognize what lies between us and the experience of resurrection in our lives. We ask that you be with us though we often cling to our stones: our privilege, our self-focus, our fearfulness, our pride. Help us to cast these stones into the crazy, healing, limitless waters of new life that you offer us this morning. Amen.



We are all now invited to throw our stones into the lake as a sign of our acceptance of new life!



REJOIN THE CIRCLE

PROCLAMATION OF THE RESURRECTION

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke

...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. While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men in dazzling

clothes stood beside them. The women were terrified 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, He has risen!

Alleluia. Christ is risen!

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



Jesus Christ Is Risen Today 422



1. Je - sus Christ is ris'n to - day, Al - le - lu - ia!
 2. Hymns of praise then let us sing, Al - le - lu - ia!
 3. But the pains which he en - dured, Al - le - lu - ia!
 4. Sing we to our God a - bove, Al - le - lu - ia!



Our tri - um - phant ho - ly day, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Un - to Christ, our heav'n - ly King, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Our sal - va - tion have pro - cured; Al - le - lu - ia!
 Praise e - ter - nal as his love; Al - le - lu - ia!



Who did once up - on the cross, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Who en - dured the cross and grave, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Now a - bove the sky he's King, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Praise him, now his might con - fess, Al - le - lu - ia!



Suf - fer to re - deem our loss. Al - le - lu - ia!
 Sin - ners to re - deem and save. Al - le - lu - ia!
 Where the an - gels ev - er sing. Al - le - lu - ia!
 Fa - ther, Son, and Spir - it blest. Al - le - lu - ia!

Text: St. 1, *Surrexit Christus hodie*, Latin, 14th C.; para. in *Lyra Davidica*, 1708, alt.; st. 2, 3, *The Compleat Psalmody*, c.1750, alt.; st. 4, Charles Wesley, 1707-1788
 Tune: EASTER HYMN, 77 77 with alleluias, *Lyra Davidica*, 1708

The Baptism

Matt: I present Charlotte to receive the sacrament of baptism.

Rob: Do you desire to be baptized?

Charlotte: I do

Question: Do you believe in God and in God's unconditional love as revealed in Jesus Christ?

Answer: I do

Question: Do you renounce the powers of evil and desire the freedom of new life in Christ?

Candidate: I do

Question: Do you renounce those forces that draw you from the love of God?

Answer: I do.

Question: Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Saviour?

Answer: I do.

Question: Do you put your whole trust in Jesus' grace and love?

Answer: I do.

Question: Do you promise to obey Jesus as your Lord?

Answer: I do.

Celebrant Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support Charlotte in her life in Christ?

People: **We will**

Meagan: Let us join with Charlotte who is committing herself to Christ and renew our baptismal covenant.

The Baptismal Covenant

Meagan Do you believe in God the Source of All Being?

People

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,

God's only Son, our Lord.

Who 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 to safeguard the integrity of God's creation, and respect, sustain and renew the life of the earth?

I will, with God's help.

Let us pray. Source of All,
we thank you for your servants Moses and Miriam,
who led your people through the waters of the Red Sea
to freedom in the Promised Land.
We thank you for your Son Jesus,
who has passed through the deep waters of death
and opened for all the way of salvation.
Now send your Spirit,
that those who are washed in this water
may die with Christ and rise with him,
to find true freedom as your children,
alive in Christ forever and ever. Amen.

The Baptism

Charlotte, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

I sign you with the cross, and mark you as Christ's own forever.

A person appointed leads the following litany.

The Giving of the Light

The celebrant then gives a candle to the newly baptized, saying

Receive the light of Christ,
to show you have passed from death to life.

**Let your light so shine before others
that they may see your good works
and glorify God in heaven.**

Into the household of faith , we welcome you with joy and thanksgiving

We are members of the body of Christ.

We are inheritors of God's promise

In the name of Christ we welcome you!

Let us welcome the newly Baptised!

SPIRAL DANCE

And everyone 'neath their vine and fig tree will live in peace and unafraid (repeat)

And into ploughshares turn their swords - nations will learn war no more (repeat)

from Isaiah and Micah - paraphrased by Shalom Altman / Songs for A Gospel People / OneLicense

CLOSING PRAYER (e.e. cummings)

i thank You God for most this amazing
day:for the leaping greenly spirits of trees
and a blue true dream of sky;and for everything
which is natural which is infinite which is yes

(i who have died am alive again today,
and this is the sun's birthday;this is the birth
day of life and of love and wings:and of the gay
great happening illimitably earth)

how should tasting touching hearing seeing
breathing any--lifted from the no
of allnothing--human merely being
doubt unimaginable You?

(now the ears of my ears awake and
now the eyes of my eyes are opened)

Alleluia, Christ is Risen!

Christ is Risen Indeed! Alleluia!!!

***You are welcome to share food on the beach and please join us for Easter
Communion with the AbbeyChurch @ 4pm at 932 Balmoral Ave.***