

## **The 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.

### **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 Song: Who Will Roll Away The Stone**

Em                    C                    G  
Early in the morning, the sun already risen  
Em                    C                    G  
Three women came bearing spices, the Lord's body to anoint  
Em                    C                    G  
Standing outside the tomb, they asked each other saying

Em                    C                    G  
"Who will roll away the stone?" (X4)

Em C G  
Looking up they realized, the stone had been removed  
Em C G  
And to their amazement, a young man sat before them  
Em C G  
"Do not be amazed, for Jesus the Nazarene  
Em C G  
He who has been crucified, here you will not find

Em C G  
He has risen from the dead (X4)

Em C  
You'll find him on the road  
G  
You'll find him at your table (X2)

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## *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...*

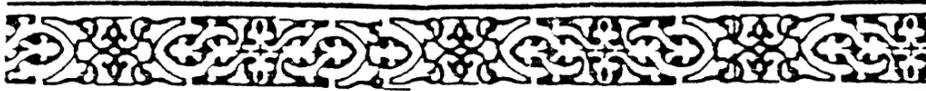
*We are all invited to name out loud that which we wish to embrace  
and nurture in our lives, Our choices and our relationships...*



## 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! Alleluia!**

# Christ The Lord Is Risen Today

Words Adapted from Charles Wesley / Lyrica Davida

G                                    C            G    C    G    D    G  
Christ the Lord is risen today, A—llelu—-----ia!  
C                                    D    G    C    G    D    G  
All creation join to say, A—lle—---luia!  
D                                    G                                    D    G            D    A    D  
Raise your joys and triumphs high, A—lle—---luia!  
                                  G                                    C            G    C            G    D    G  
Sing, O heavens, and earth reply, A—lle—---luia!

Lives again our glorious king; Alleluia!  
Where, O death, is now thy sting? Alleluia!  
Jesus died, our world to save, Alleluia!  
Where your victory, O grave? Alleluia!

Love's redeeming work is done, Alleluia!  
Fought the fight, the battle won, Alleluia!  
Death in vain forbids him rise, Alleluia!  
Christ has opened paradise. Alleluia!

Soar we now where Christ was led, Alleluia!  
Following our exalted head, Alleluia!  
Made like Christ, like Christ we rise, Alleluia!  
Ours the cross, the grave, the skies, Alleluia!

## **SPIRAL DANCE**

*we dance as we sing:*

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 the prophets 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 all nothing--human merely being  
doubt unimaginable You?

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

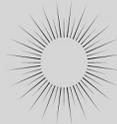
Alleluia, Christ is Risen!

**Christ is Risen Indeed! Alleluia!!! Alleluia!!**



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*You are welcome to share food on the beach and please join us for Easter Communion  
with the AbbeyChurch @ 4pm at 932 Balmoral Ave.  
(AbbeyChurch / (formerly) First Met) [www.abbeychurch.ca](http://www.abbeychurch.ca)*



Easter holds memory for a God  
who came back to life  
still bearing scars.

We're reminded  
we don't have to leave behind our grief  
in order to participate in joy of liberation.

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