



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 out 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!!



*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 / (United Commons) 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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