



Kincardine United Church
2nd Sunday after Easter
April 11, 2021 10:30 a.m.

Bold print in the bulletin invites you to say the words.

*An asterisk in the bulletin indicates you may sit or stand.

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PRELUDE Trio

Andreas Armsdorff

WELCOME

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE LAND

Kincardine United Church honours the commitments made to the First Nation Communities through the Calls to Action to churches like ours included in the National Truth and Reconciliation Commission Report.

Therefore, we acknowledge that we gather for worship today on the traditional territories of the Saugeen Ojibway and the other Indigenous peoples who preceded them, the original nations of this land, and we acknowledge with respect their history, their culture, and their spirituality.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

GOD GATHERS US

INTROIT Four Preludes, No. 2

J.C. Kittel

LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive)

We have heard God's invitation to join together as a community of faith

To share the amazing news of Jesus' resurrection.

We suffered with him as we read the stories of his Passion.

We rejoiced with Mary and the disciples at the miraculous news that he had risen from the dead and appeared among them.

But now the heady exhilaration of Easter is past and we are left to ponder

How to live up to Jesus' sacrifice, how to act on his commandment to love one another as he loves us.

Dear God, quell our doubts and fears and lead us on our journey

That we may be true disciples of Christ.

***HYMN VU 396** "Jesus, Stand Among Us"

PRAYER OF APPROACH (in unison)

Gracious and loving God, bless us as we gather electronically, striving to understand how to live together as your children when we must be so far apart.

Let your light shine on each of us and guide us as we travel together in these perilous times. Strengthen our faith, firm our resolve, to live as Jesus would have us live, in peace, in love, in joy, assured of your immeasurable love. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Generous God, we ask your forgiveness

For the times that we, like Thomas, doubt, questioning what we have not seen.

Clear our eyes that we may see the truth and beauty of your great Gift,

Sacrificed that we may live in the fullness of life.

As we gather together, let each of us take time, in the silence of our hearts, to confess our own shortcomings, knowing that you love each of us, in spite of those shortcomings.

(Silent prayer)

Amen

SHARING TIME "Faith is the Evidence"

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,
 thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
 Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our trespasses
 as we forgive those who trespass against us,
 and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.
 For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

GOD SPEAKS TO US IN WORD

SCRIPTURE READING: Acts 4: 32 – 35 in the New Testament page 122
 1 John 1: 1-10; and 2: 1-2 in the New Testament pg. 238-239

***HYMN VU 82** "Light is Gleaming"

GOSPEL READING: John 20:19 – 28 in the New Testament page 115

DOXOLOGY Sing Your Praise to God Eternal #244 *Voices United* (verse 1 only)

**Sing your praise to God eternal, sing your praise to God the Son,
 sing your praise to God the Spirit, living and forever One.
 God has made us, God has blessed us, God has called us to be true.
 God rules over all creation, daily making all things new.**

MEDITATION**GOD INVITES US TO RESPOND**

ANTHEM Run, Mary, Run! *Words and Music by Joseph M. Martin*

Run, Mary, run, take an alleluia. Go sing the praises of the risen Lord.

Run, Mary, run, take an alleluia. Go sing the praises of the risen Lord.

See the tomb is open wide. Go sing the praises of the risen Lord.

There is no one left inside. Go sing the praises of the risen Lord.

Run, Mary, run, take an alleluia. Go sing the praises of the risen Lord.

Run, Mary, run, take an alleluia. Go sing the praises of the risen Lord.

Wipe the teardrops from your eyes. God sing the praises of the risen Lord.

Shout salvation to the skies. Go sing the praises of the risen Lord.

*Christ the Lord is ris'n today. Alleluia, alleluia. Christ the Lord is ris'n today.
 Praise (go sing the praises of) the risen Lord. Go sing the praises of the risen Lord.
 Go and sing the praises of the Lord, risen Lord.*

COMMUNITY PRAYERS**MINUTE FOR MISSION****OFFERING INVITATION****OFFERING PRAYER** (in unison)

Gracious God, you have given us the greatest gift of all. May it inspire us to live your mission here on earth, offering hope, joy, and right relationship with all your creation. Inspire us to give unstintingly of our time, our treasure and our love, in Jesus' name, we ask it. Amen

***HYMN VU 232 "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore You"**

BERNEDICTION

SONG OF COMMITMENT 298 When You Walk from Here

**When you walk from here, when you walk from here,
walk with justice, walk with mercy, and with God's humble care.**

POSTLUDE *Christ Lag in Todesbanden*

J.S. Bach