



Almonte United Church

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Sunday, March 31, 2024 10:30 am

Easter Sunday

Since time immemorial, Indigenous peoples have lived on and cared for this land. We seek to rebuild right relations with the Algonquin Anishinaabe, to learn from them, and to live on their land with respect and gratitude.

Prelude

Call to Worship:

One: In our Easter joy, we find a God of new starts and fresh growth.

All: In our Easter grace, we find a God of renewal and transformation.

One: In our Easter faith, we find a God to carry us from shadows and despair.

All: In our Easter peace, we find a God to nurture us in hope and love.

***Hymn: "Jesus Christ is Risen Today"** (*alternate lyrics, Tune VU#155*)

Jesus Christ is risen today, alleluia!

Roll the stone of grief away, alleluia!

Women bring the joyful word, alleluia!

Christ is risen! Christ is Lord! Alleluia!

God has silenced pow'ers of death, alleluia!

Let us sing with ev'ry breath, alleluia!

Christ is risen, now, today: alleluia!

Gone the ways of pow'r and fear, alleluia!
Christ is risen, present here, alleluia!
Servant, Healer, Shepherd, Friend, alleluia!
With us now, till ages end, alleluia!

Let us go, then, Jesus' way, alleluia!
Lift the cross and, day by day, alleluia!
Die with Christ, and rise again, alleluia!
Live with love God's joyful reign, alleluia!

Welcome and Announcements

Children's Story

Sr Choir Anthem: "Agnus Dei "

Minute for Mission

Scripture Reading: Mark 16:1-8 Resurrection

Sermon

***Hymn: VU#315 "Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty"**

Dedication of Offerings

Celebration of Holy Communion

One: On this day, we celebrate the risen Christ

Many: On this day, we celebrate resurrection in our lives.

One: On this day, we embrace the grace which reaches from the tomb.

Many: On this day, we embrace faith by committing to love in action.

One: On this day, we shout Hallelujah!

Many: On this day we shout, Christ is risen! Alleluia!

One: It is through our neighbors and creation that we see the rising of Christ, O God.

Creator of Our Earth: We celebrate the shifting of seasons from one to the next. As the earth sheds its snow, it begins to drink in the warm rains and creation comes alive once again.

And so in this spirit of brightness and life, we celebrate. We celebrate the risen Christ in our midst. We celebrate the table in which we can join together with friends and strangers, loved ones and enemies.

Through this meal which has stood the test of time, we covenant to love you, God. We covenant to love as Jesus the Christ loved us- loving our neighbors as ourselves. Through a simple meal of grain and grape, we, your children, unite.

As we enter this season of Easter, we ask that the warm winds of the Spirit encircle this table and accompany us on our journey. May this Spirit help us to recognize the Christ-presence in our midst. May the Spirit open our souls in order for us to see humanity, God and creation through the eyes of Jesus.

It was Jesus who introduced this meal to his followers. Even though Jesus knew he would be betrayed and deserted by those at this supper, he still continued to join them at the table, sharing time and space with whom he grew closest.

As the night lengthened, Jesus took a simple portion of bread. He blessed it and broke it, and shared it with the disciples. He urged them: *Remember me.*

Afterwards, Jesus took the cup. During his blessing, Jesus reminded them how he would go to the ends of the earth in his love for them.

Today, we celebrate this earth-shaking love of Jesus – a love that sent him to the cross and a love that lives eternally with us, encouraging us to live a resurrected life.

The Bread of Life and the Cup of the Covenant: Gifts to unite the Body of Christ.

Many: Amen and Amen.

Distribution of Elements

***Hymn: VU#469 “We Gather Here”**

Benediction

Postlude



Our Annual Congregational Meeting will be on Sunday, April 14th immediately following the service. This is a very important meeting as we will be approving the budget for 2024. There will also be

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What's On at AUC This Week

OFFICE HOURS:

Monday from 10 to 2

Tuesday from 10 to 2

Thursday from 10 to 2

Monday to Friday

9:00 am Almonte Cooperative Nursery School

Monday, April 1

10:00 Lindsay Lambden Yoga

Tuesday, April 2

10:00 Mom and Baby Physio Workout

6:00 pm Almonte Embers

Wednesday, April 3

5:30 pm Taekwon Do

7:00 Choir Practice

Thursday, April 4

10:00 Mom and Baby Physio Workout

1:00 Carebridge Pilates

6:30 Rhythm and Song Choir Practice

Friday, April 5

Saturday, April 6

9:30 Breath Work Session

Sunday, April 7

10:30 Sunday Worship

Sunday School

Youth Group





Do you miss seeing some people at Church? If so, phone or email them and ask them to meet you at Church and to join us for coffee after Worship.



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Greeter next week:	Ron Mary MacMeekin
Reader:	Dawn Morrison
Reader next week:	Ellie Badger
Sunday School:	Margie Graff

***N.B. We have an automated external defibrillator!
It can be found on the table outside the office door.***

