

**ORCHARD VALLEY UNITED CHURCH**  
**130 Cornwallis Ave., New Minas, NS B4N 3M7**

**Order of Worship,**  
**Sunday, April 16, 2017 – 7:00 am**

**Easter Sunrise Service**

**Gathering Words:**

One: “With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all.” (Acts 4:33 NRSV) Orchard Valley United Church, Testify!

**All: Christ is risen!**

One: Testify!

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One: With your voices . . .

**All: Christ is risen!**

One: Testify!

**All: Christ is risen!**

One: With your love . . .

**All: Christ is risen!**

One: Testify!

**All: Christ is risen!**

One: With good works . . .

**All: Christ is risen!**

One: Testify!

**All: Christ is risen!**

One: Let your light shine . . .

**All: Christ is risen! Kings County, Nova Scotia, hear the good news. Christ is risen indeed!**

Release Hallelujah's

**Music: "Halle, Halle, Halle" VU #958**

Halle, halle, hallelujah!  
Halle, halle, hallelujah!  
Halle, halle, hallelujah!  
Halle, halle, hallelu- Hallelujah!

**Prayer:**

**We praise you, God, for such good news today. We give you thanks for Easter, for the hope and joy that it brings, and for the promise that we are your children, and you are with us always. In Jesus' name. Amen.**

**Easter Snapshots:**

Mary Magdalene  
Andrew  
Thomas  
Peter  
Handel  
Mother Theresa  
An Orchard Valley Person

**Music: "Sing a Happy Hallelujah!" VU #224, vss 1,4**

Sing a happy hallelujah,  
sing it out with heart and style,  
we're the echo of God's laughter,  
we're the image of God's smile.

*Hallelujah, all creation,  
hallelujah everyone!*

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hallelujah everyone!*

Every day sing hallelujah!  
We are loved, though so absurd,  
human, foolish, chosen people,  
God still takes us at our word!

## **Sacrament of Holy Communion**

### **Invitation**

### **The Story:**

R1: Now let us hear the story of how this sacrament began.... the Church on earth and in heaven:

**All: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might.  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

R2: *Lord God, as we come to share the richness of your table,  
we cannot forget the rawness of the earth. We cannot  
take bread and forget those who are hungry. Your world  
is one world and we are stewards of its nourishment.*

**All: God, put our prosperity at the service of the poor.**

R2: *We cannot take wine and forget those who are thirsty.  
The ground and the rootless, the earth and its weary  
people cry out for justice.*

**All: God, put our fullness at the service of the poor.**

R2: *We cannot hear your words of peace and forget the world  
at war, or if not at war, preparing for it.*

**All: Show us quickly, God, how to turn weapons into welcome signs and the lust for power into a desire for peace.**

*R2: We cannot celebrate the feast of your family and forget our divisions. We are one in spirit, but not in fact. History and hurt still dismember us.*

**All: God, heal your church in every brokenness.**

R1: For us you were born.... These are the gifts of God for the people of God. Thanks be to God.

## **Communion**

**Music: "Jesus Christ Is Risen Today" VU #155**

Jesus Christ is risen today, hallelujah!  
our triumphant holy day, hallelujah!  
who did once, upon the cross, hallelujah!  
suffer to redeem our loss. Hallelujah!

Hymns of praise then let us sing hallelujah!  
unto Christ, our heavenly King, hallelujah!  
who endured the cross and grave, hallelujah!  
sinners to redeem and save. Hallelujah!

But the pains which he endured, hallelujah!  
our salvation have procured; hallelujah!  
now above the sky he's King, hallelujah!  
where the angels ever sing. Hallelujah!

Sing we to our God above, hallelujah!  
praise eternal as God's love; hallelujah!  
praise our God, ye heavenly host, hallelujah!  
praise the Son and Holy Ghost. Hallelujah!

## **Commissioning:**

One: The tomb is empty, Christ is risen.

**All: As we journey in faith, may our lives be full, our love be abundant, and our hope be eternal.**

One: Live this day and always for Christ Jesus because the Risen Christ lives in you.

**All: Alleluia! Christ is Risen!**

One: Amen.

**All: Amen. (sung)**