

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

Order of Worship,
Sunday, April 1, 2018, 7:00 am

Easter Sunrise Service

Gathering Words:

One: Christ is risen.

All: **Christ is risen, indeed.**

One: Glory be to God, today and forever.

All: **Christ is risen.**

Release Hallelujah's

Music: "Halle, Halle, Halle" **VU #958 (x2)**

Halle, halle, halle-lujah!

Halle, halle, halle-lujah!

Halle, halle, halle-lujah!

Hallelujah! 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.

Scripture: Matthew 28:1-10

Profession of Faith:

One: With Peter and Mary and John and God's people through all the ages, let us affirm our faith in the God of

Jesus Christ, who raised him to life and reaches out in love to the whole creation. Do you believe in God?

All: We believe in God who has created and is creating.

One: Do you believe in Jesus?

All: We believe in Jesus, the Word made flesh, who came to reconcile and make new.

One: What are we called to be?

All: We are called to be the church, to celebrate God's presence, to live with respect in creation, to love and serve others, to seek justice and resist evil, to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope.

One: In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us, we are not alone.

All: Thanks be to God!

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!
Hallelujah, all creation,
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

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!

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: Like the women who ran to share the Good News of the empty tomb,

All: Let us go with joy.

One: Like the travellers on the Emmaus Road,

All: Let us go with opened eyes.

One: Like the disciples, huddled in the Upper Room,

All: Let us go with peace.

One: Like Thomas, filled with doubt,

All: Let us go with faith.

One: Go, into the light and joy of Easter Day, and may the Risen Christ go with you.

All: Amen. (sung)