



# GATHERING AS GOD'S PEOPLE

\*please stand as you are able

## PRELUDE

### EASTER PROCLAMATION:

This is the Good News – the stone is rolled away,  
the tomb is empty. Christ is Risen.

**Hallelujah! Christ is Risen.**

This is the Good News

– once we were no people, now we are God's people.

**Hallelujah! Christ is Risen.**

Christ is risen indeed. Hallelujah.

### \*BRASS FANFARE

### \*PROCESSIONAL HYMN #155: Jesus Christ is Risen Today

### \*WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### \*PASSING OF THE PEACE:

Let our hospitality towards each other reflect God's love.  
The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us greet one another with the peace of Christ.

### REFLECTIVE MUSIC MV #21: Open Our Hearts

Open our hearts, open our minds.  
Open our lives to you O loving God.  
Open our hearts.

### CALL TO WORSHIP:

From the silence of the cross

**Christ calls us to new life.**

From the darkness of death

**Christ calls us to new life.**

From the empty tomb

**Christ calls us to new life.**

With joy and thanksgiving let us worship the Lord!

**Alleluia! Alleluia**

### \*PRAYER OF APPROACH:

**God of resurrection,**

**you rolled the stone away  
and the tomb of our world has been opened wide.  
With the dawn has come a new creation.  
Let our celebration today  
    empty our tombs,  
    renew our lives,  
    and release your power;  
through the risen Christ we pray. Amen.**

**\*HYMN # 161: Welcome Happy Morning**

**CHILDREN'S TIME: Bringing back our Hallelujahs!  
    Hallelu, Hallelu, Hallelu Hallelujah  
        Praise Ye the Lord!  
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        Praise Ye the Lord!  
        Praise Ye the Lord! Hallelujah  
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**GOWER CHILDREN'S CHOIR "Hallelujah"**

**OFFERING INVITATION**

**JOINT CHOIR ANTHEM: "When Morning Gilds the Sky"**

**\*OFFERTORY HYMN: #641 vs. 2**

    Lord Jesus, I'll praise you as long as I journey,  
    May all of my joy be a faithful reflection of you.  
May the earth and the sea and the sky join my song.  
    Lord Jesus, I'll praise you as long as I journey.

**GOD'S WORD FOR US TODAY**

**PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION:**

**O God for whom there are no barriers,  
no stones too big to remove,  
roll away our resistance to you.  
Let your words fill us with new life  
and bring us out from the tomb of indifference,  
alive again in you. Amen**

**SCRIPTURE READING**

**JOHN 20:1 - 18**

The Word of the Lord – **Thanks be to God.**

**JOINT CHOIR ANTHEM:** “Resurrection Victory”

**SERMON:** Rev. Marion Davis

**\*HYMN # 164: The Day of Resurrection**

**THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION  
MUSIC DURING COMMUNION – PATRICIA YOUNG**

Friends, Jesus invites us to share this joyful feast!

**“People will come from east and west,  
from north and south,  
and take their places at the banquet  
in the kingdom of God.”**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is truly right and our greatest joy that we should praise you,

Hallelujah, thanks and praise, ever-living God,

worker of wonders, maker of miracles,

author of all life and giver of life eternal!

Out of chaos and fear you bring beauty and hope.

Out of despair and death you create new life.

And so, with the risen Christ, who makes all things new

by the power of his resurrection, we join in the song of a new day,  
to sing your praise:

**Sung Response:**

**O holy, holy, holy God, O God of time and space.**

**All earth and sea and sky above bear witness to your grace.**

**Hosanna in the highest heav’n, creation sings your praise.**

**And blessed is the One whom comes and bears you name  
always.**

Holy God, source of life and goodness,  
all creation rightly gives you praise.  
In the fullness of time, you sent Jesus,  
to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us;  
He healed the sick  
and ate and drank with outcasts and sinners;  
he opened the eyes of the blind  
and proclaimed the Good News of your kingdom  
to the poor and to those in need.  
In all things he fulfilled your gracious will.

On the night he was betrayed our Lord Jesus Christ took bread;  
and after giving thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to his disciples.  
And said, "Take, eat: this is my body which is given for you.  
Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine;  
and after giving thanks, gave it to them, and said,  
"Drink this, all of you: this is my blood of the new covenant,  
which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.  
Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Gracious God,  
In Jesus, you have destroyed the power of death,  
and by raising him to life you have given us life for evermore.  
Great is the mystery of faith:

**Sung response:**

**For Christ has died and Christ is risen,  
Christ will come again!**

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Christ will come again!**

Recalling his death, proclaiming his resurrection,  
and looking for his coming again in glory,  
we offer you, O God, this bread and this cup.  
Send your Holy Spirit upon us  
and upon these gifts,  
that all who eat and drink at this table  
may be one body, one holy people,  
a living sacrifice in Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
all glory is yours, God most holy,  
now and forever. Amen.

### **Lord's Prayer**

#### **Sung Response:**

**Amen, Amen, O Holy One! Hosanna and Amen!**  
**Amen, Amen, O holy One, Hosanna and Amen!**

Sharing of the Bread and the Cup  
The bread that we break  
    **is our sharing in the life of Christ.**  
The cup for which we give thanks  
    **is our sharing in the life of Christ.**

#### **Prayer after Communion**

**For the bread we have eaten,  
for the wine we have tasted,  
for the life we have received,  
we thank you God.  
Grant that what we have done  
and have been given here,  
may so put its mark on us,  
that it may remain always in our hearts.  
Grant that we may grow  
in Christian love and understanding,  
and that ours may be lives of faithful action,  
in Christ's name. Amen.**

### **GOING FORTH TO SHARE GOD'S LOVE**

**\*HYMN # 173: Thine is the Glory**

#### **PRAYER FOR GUIDANCE**

**Holy God, Dreamer of dreams,  
We offer Cochrane / Gower Street United Church to you. We are  
your people, this is your church. We come to you seeking your  
guidance, your purpose, your vision. Align our will with yours,  
so that we will be willing to do whatever it takes to carry out**

**your plan. We ask you to break through in new ways in our church. Show us the great ministry you have in store for us. Help us dream your dreams. Pour out your Holy Spirit on us, giving us the vision, boldness, and confidence to do all that you call us to do. Amen.**

## **COMMISSIONING AND BENEDICTION**

### **SUNG BENEDICTION MV # 122: This is the Day**

This is the day that God has made;  
we will rejoice and be glad!

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we will rejoice and be glad!

Singing hallelu, singing hallelu, singing hallelu!  
We will rejoice and be glad!

Singing hallelu, singing hallelu, singing hallelu!  
We will rejoice and be glad!

## **POSTLUDE**

### **Thank You to:**

The Joint Choirs of Gower and Cochrane Street

Gower Street Choir Director: Doug Dunsmore,

Gower Street Organist: Carl Goulding

Cochrane Street Music Director: Evan Smith

Cochrane Minister of Music: Patricia Young

Trumpet: Katie Sullivan & Michael O'Keefe

Horn: Erin Dunsmore

Trombone: John Williams & Fraser McCurdy

Percussion: Andrew Dunsmore

Organ: John Fitzgerald

### **Bulletin Dedication:**

This bulletin is donated in celebration of the 60<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary of our parents, Rev. Hubert & Mrs. Lillian Mercer, (July 8, 1957); celebration of 62<sup>nd</sup> anniversary of ordination of our father, Rev. Mercer, (June 13, 1956) and his retirement (1991) by Beverly, Cindi, & Michele and families.

