

This bulletin is dedicated in loving memory of
parents **Christine & Noel Halfyard**
from son Keith and daughter Margaret.

St. James United Church

April 16, 2017 11am: Easter Sunday

Minister: Rev. Pamela Jones-Fitzgerald
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Choir Director: Emma Clark
Organist: Bob Rose

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Musical Prelude

**Acknowledgement of Country/First Peoples
Welcome & Life & Work of St. James**



Junior Liturgical Dancers

Entry into the Celebration

Introit: *Introit for Easter Day*

Choir

Lighting of the Community Candle:

One: At the first light of dawn, the women went to the graveside.

All: Are not our hearts burning within us?

One: And there they found... nothing?

All: Are not our hearts lighted with fire?

One: An empty tomb!

All: The grave cloths lying on the ground!

One: Where is Jesus?! Christ is risen.

All: Christ is risen, indeed!

One: Alleluia!

All: Alleluia, Amen

Call to Worship: (responsive)

One: ...aware that the power of resurrection has forever changed who we are,
and given us the courage to boldly proclaim a living faith.

**All: Today we celebrate: new life, new joy, new possibilities. We give thanks for
the Spirit of Life visible in Jesus, visible in us, visible in people in all walks of life.**

Opening Prayer: (together) God of endings and new beginnings, we come to
worship and to praise. We come to abandon our pretenses and offer up our hope
and dreams, that new life might be breathed into them. Shake us from our
slumber and awaken us to our own resurrections. Open our eyes to the new day
dawning in our hearts. Let us rejoice and be glad, for life has triumphed over
death! Alleluia! Amen.

Passing the Peace of Christ:

One: Christ is risen! **All: Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

(You are invited to share the peace with your neighbours.)

Hymn: *Morning Has Broken* 409

Time with Children

Hymn: *The Day of Resurrection* 164

Offertory Invitation

Offertory Hymn: *In Gratitude and Humble Trust* 544

Offertory Dedication: (together) The gift of resurrection reminds us that all we
possess comes to us by the grace of God. May these gifts and offerings serve as a
token of our love and gratefulness. May they be used to further God's justice and
love in the world. May we live in new life, and share that life with others. Amen.

Silence

Gospel: Matthew 28: 1-10

Anthem: *Come Ye Faithful* Choir

Meditation

Hymn: *I Come with Joy* 477

Sacrament of Holy Communion

The Prayer of Great Thanksgiving: (responsive)

One: Christ is risen! **All: He is risen indeed!**

One: Lift up your hearts. **All: We lift them up to the Lord.**

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

One: Holy Mystery that is Wholly Love, You are beyond complete knowledge, ...
to proclaim the glory of your name:



Sanctus and Benedictus: *Kingsfold Communion Set* MV 203

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 who comes and bears Your name always!

One: It is Jesus, God incarnate, the Risen Christ,... "This is the new covenant, remember me."

All: We do remember. We remember His life of love, His friendship, His teaching, His dying, and His rising to life again.

Memorial Acclamation: *Kingsfold Communion Set* MV 204

Sing Christ has died and Christ is risen, Christ will come again!

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One: Holy Mystery, God the Spirit,..now and forever.

Great Amen: *Kingsfold Communion Set* MV 205

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

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Breaking the Bread, Pouring the Cup:

One: The body of Christ, **All: the bread of life.**

One: The lifeblood of Christ, **All: the cup of blessing.**

One: The gifts of God for the people of God, **All: thanks be to God!**

Sharing the Meal

Prayer after Communion (together) Thank you, O Christ, for this feast of life. We are fed by Your love; we are strengthened by Your life. We are sent forth into this world to live Your way and share Your joy. We are now commissioned to feed as we have been fed, forgive as we have been forgiven, love as we have been loved. Thanks be to God. Amen.

Closing Hymn: *Christ the Lord Is Risen Today* 157

Parting Words: (responsive)

One: Where Christ walks, **All: we will follow.**

One: Where Christ stumbles, **All: we will stop.**

One: Where Christ cries, **All: we will listen.**

One: Where Christ suffers, **All: we will hurt.**

One: When Christ dies, **All: we will bow our heads in sorrow.**

One: When Christ rises again in glory, **All: we will share his endless joy.**

Words of Blessing followed by Musical Postlude