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HALQ'EMÉYN-SPEAKING COAST SALISH PEOPLES. WE SEEK TO WALK A PATH OF  
RECONCILIATION AND HEALING WITH ALL.

**10 am Eucharist  
Easter 2  
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*Whether you have been a lifelong Anglican or are new to our tradition, we welcome you this morning! If you are not familiar with Anglican worship, simply allow the words, music and symbols to speak to you. Participate as fully as you feel comfortable in doing. We stand to sing and sit to listen. Some people kneel for prayer, some sit and some stand. Please do what is comfortable for you. You are invited to join in the words in **bold type**. Music for the songs is found in the blue Common Praise or green Songs for a Gospel People hymnbooks in the pews.*

## *Prelude*

## *Announcements*

# THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

## *Gathering Hymn*

'The Tomb is Empty'

*Common Praise 230 (tune Azmon)*

**The tomb is empty! Come and see where once the body lay.  
Can it be true that Jesus Christ is raised to life today?**

**The tomb is empty! Come and hear these words of life and peace:  
"He is not here. He lives again in all your Galilees."**

**The tomb is empty! Come and touch the stone and folded shroud.  
Christ lives indeed. Alleluia! Believers, shout aloud!**

**The tomb is empty! Come and meet the risen Christ our Lord  
in whom we have our victory, in whom is life restored.**

## *Greeting*

Presider: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**People: The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Presider: May God's grace and peace be with you.

**People: May God fill our hearts with joy.**

Presider: We gather here from many places on land that is the traditional and unsundered territory of the Halq'emeyn-speaking Coast Salish peoples.

**People: May Christ lead us on right pathways as we seek truth and reconciliation in action.**

## *Young People's Time*

## ***The Collect of the Day***

Presider: Let us pray,

All: **O God,  
our beginning and our end:  
accept our doubts,  
heal our desire for certainty  
and, by your Spirit's gentle touch,  
make us a people forgiven and forgiving;  
through Jesus Christ, the Giver of Peace. Amen.**

## **THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD**

### ***The First Reading: Acts 2:14a & 22-32***

Reader: A reading from the Acts of the Apostles,

<sup>14</sup> But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them: <sup>22</sup> 'You that are Israelites, listen to what I have to say: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with deeds of power, wonders, and signs that God did through him among you, as you yourselves know— <sup>23</sup> this man, handed over to you according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of those outside the law. <sup>24</sup> But God raised him up, having freed him from death, because it was impossible for him to be held in its power. <sup>25</sup> For David says concerning him, "I saw the Lord always before me, for he is at my right hand so that I will not be shaken; <sup>26</sup> therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced; moreover, my flesh will live in hope. <sup>27</sup> For you will not abandon my soul to Hades, or let your Holy One experience corruption. <sup>28</sup> You have made known to me the ways of life; you will make me full of gladness with your presence."

<sup>29</sup> 'Fellow Israelites, I may say to you confidently of our ancestor David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. <sup>30</sup> Since he was a prophet, he knew that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would put one of his descendants on his throne. <sup>31</sup> Foreseeing this, David spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, saying, "He was not abandoned to Hades,

nor did his flesh experience corruption.” <sup>32</sup> This Jesus God raised up, and of that all of us are witnesses.

Reader: Holy Word, Holy Wisdom.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

### ***The Psalm: 16***

<sup>1</sup> Protect me, O God, for I take refuge in you; \*

**I have said to the Lord,**

**“You are my Lord, my good above all other.”**

<sup>2</sup> All my delight is upon the godly that are in the land, \*

**upon those who are noble among the people.**

<sup>3</sup> But those who run after other gods \*

**shall have their troubles multiplied.**

<sup>4</sup> Their libations of blood I will not offer, \*

**nor take the names of their gods upon my lips.**

<sup>5</sup> O Lord, you are my portion and my cup; \*

**it is you who uphold my lot.**

<sup>6</sup> My boundaries enclose a pleasant land; \*

**indeed, I have a goodly heritage.**

<sup>7</sup> I will bless the Lord who gives me counsel; \*

**my heart teaches me, night after night.**

<sup>8</sup> I have set the Lord always before me; \*

**because you are at my side I shall not fall.**

<sup>9</sup> My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit rejoices; \*

**my body also shall rest in hope.**

<sup>10</sup> For you will not abandon me to the grave, \*

**nor let your holy one see the Pit.**

<sup>11</sup> You will show me the path of life; \*

**in your presence there is fullness of joy,**

**and in your hand are pleasures for evermore.**

## ***The Second Reading: 1 Peter 1:3-9***

Reader: A reading from the First Letter of Peter,

<sup>3</sup> Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, <sup>4</sup> and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, <sup>5</sup> who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. <sup>6</sup> In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, <sup>7</sup> so that the genuineness of your faith—being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honour when Jesus Christ is revealed. <sup>8</sup> Although you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, <sup>9</sup> for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

Reader: Holy Word, Holy Wisdom.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

### ***Gospel Hymn***

**'Jesus is Risen From the Grave'**  
*Common Praise 232 (tune Childer)*

**Jesus is risen from the grave,  
Jesus is risen from the grave,  
Jesus is risen from the grave, alleluia!**

**Jesus was seen by Mary...**

**Peter will soon be smiling...**

**Thomas will stop his doubting...**

**Jesus will meet his people...**

## ***The Gospel: John 20:19-31***

Reader: The Lord be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

Reader: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

**All: Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

<sup>19</sup> When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' <sup>20</sup> After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. <sup>21</sup> Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.' <sup>22</sup> When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. <sup>23</sup> If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.' <sup>24</sup> But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. <sup>25</sup> So the other disciples told him, 'We have seen the Lord.' But he said to them, 'Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.'

<sup>26</sup> A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' <sup>27</sup> Then he said to Thomas, 'Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.' <sup>28</sup> Thomas answered him, 'My Lord and my God!' <sup>29</sup> Jesus said to him, 'Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.'

<sup>30</sup> Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. <sup>31</sup> But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

Reader: The Gospel of Christ.

**All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

## ***Gospel Hymn continued***

**Jesus is here in bread and wine.  
Jesus is here in bread and wine.  
Jesus is here in bread and wine. Alleluia!**

**Jesus will live forever...**

***Teaching***

The Rev. Stephanie Shepard

### ***The Prayers of the People***

Leader: In the power of the Spirit, let us pray for faith to respond to our Lord's invitation to live the risen life. To the bidding, God of resurrection, please respond, "Hear our prayer."

Grant to the Church, the gathered people of the gospel, wisdom to know and power to proclaim the good news of abundant life. We lift up Archbishop of Canterbury Sarah, Primate of Canada Shane, National Indigenous Archbishop Chris, our Archbishop John, and Bishop Benny of Northern Philippines. Make all clergy and people strong ministers in the Holy Spirit to bring pardon and healing in the name of Christ. God of resurrection,

**All: Hear our prayer.**

Leader: We pray for a world where many want to believe but are held back by doubt. We remember those places and situations where conflict, disaster, oppression, discrimination, and greed make it difficult to trust in God's goodness... *pause here...*

Open the way to the freedom that is in Christ, that his peace may prevail among nations and in the hearts of all people. God of resurrection,

**All: Hear our prayer.**

Leader: Grant to our families, friends, and neighbours, the grace of new life in Christ. We pray for our New Westminster and the communities where we live, and especially for our parish of Holy Trinity Cathedral as we discern a new music director. Break through the

closed doors that keep us from seeing Christ in each other, and give us the faith that needs no sign but the knowledge of divine love present with us. God of resurrection,

**All: Hear our prayer.**

Leader: Have mercy on all who suffer. We lift up those who endure persecution for their faith, and those who cannot worship openly. We pray for all whose lives are darkened by depression, loneliness, and grief. We name those who are in need of your healing power ... *pause here...*

Give them strength in their need, give light to those who surround them, so that all who trust in the resurrection may be free to share joy. God of resurrection,

**All: Hear our prayer.**

Leader: We pray for the departed who trusted their Lord in this world and now see him in the fullness of his glory. May we, who now follow in faith share with them the promised blessing of life eternal. God of resurrection,

**All: Hear our prayer.**

Leader: We pray in the name of the risen Christ, by whose wounds we are healed.

**All: Amen.**

### ***The Exchange of the Peace***

Presider: May the peace of the Lord be always with you.

**All: And also with you.**

*You are invited to share a sign of God's peace with your neighbours, respecting their comfort with distance and touch.*

# THE HOLY COMMUNION

## *Offering Hymn*

'That Eastertide with Joy was Bright'

*Common Praise 231 (tune Lass tuns Efreuen)*

**That Eastertide with joy was bright;  
the sun shone out with fairer light, alleluia, alleluia!  
when to their longing eyes restored,  
the apostles saw their risen Lord.  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

**He bade them see his hands, his side,  
where yet the glorious wounds abide; alleluia, alleluia!  
the tokens true which made it plain  
their Lord indeed was risen again.  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

**From every weapon death can wield  
thine own redeemed for ever shield: alleluia, alleluia!  
O, Lord of all, with us abide  
in this our joyful Eastertide.  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

**Jesus, the king of gentleness,  
do thou thyself our hearts possess, alleluia, alleluia!  
that we may give thee all our days  
the tribute of our grateful praise.  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

## *The Prayer over the Gifts*

Presider: Let us pray,

**All: God of grace,  
You have freed us from our sins  
And made us a kingdom in your Son.  
Accept all we offer you this day,  
And strengthen our faith in the new life you give us,  
Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Presider: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Presider: Lift up your hearts.

**People: We lift them to the Lord.**

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

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

Presider: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, for the glorious resurrection of our Saviour Jesus Christ, the true Paschal Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin; who in dying has destroyed death, and in rising has brought us to eternal life. And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with the angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your name and join their unending hymn as we sing:

**Sanctus**

*Common Praise 735 (Schubert)*

**All: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might.  
Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might.  
Heaven and earth are full, full of your glory,  
Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna in the highest!  
Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna in the highest!**

Presider: Blessed are you, O God of the universe. Your mercy is everlasting and your faithfulness endures from age to age.

Praise to you for creating the heavens and the earth.

Praise to you for saving the earth from the waters of the flood.

Praise to you for bring the Israelites safely through the sea.

Praise to you for leading your people through the wilderness to the land of milk and honey.

Praise to you for the words and deeds of Jesus your anointed one.  
Praise to you for the death and resurrection of Christ.

Praise to you for your Spirit poured out on all nations.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks, broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me. Again after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me. With this bread and this cup we remember our Lord's Passover from death to life as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**All: Christ has died.  
Christ has risen.  
Christ will come again.**

Presider: O God of resurrection and new life: Pour out your Holy Spirit on us and on these gifts of bread and wine. Bless this feast. Grace our table with your presence.

**All: Come, Holy Spirit.**

Presider: Reveal yourself to us in the breaking of the bread. Raise us up as the body of Christ for the world. Breathe new life into us. Send us forth burning with justice, peace and love.

**All: Come, Holy Spirit.**

Presider: With your holy ones of all times and places, with the earth and its creatures, with sun and moon and stars, we praise you, O God, Blessed and Holy Trinity, now and forever.

**All: Amen.**

## ***The Lord's Prayer***

Presider: In the language closest to your heart,  
let us pray as Jesus taught us:

*You are invited to use either the traditional or contemporary version in English or the language you find most helpful for prayer.*

**Our Father who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name.  
Thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our trespasses  
as we forgive those who  
trespass against us.  
Lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
the power, and the glory  
for ever and ever. Amen.**

**Our Father in heaven,  
Hallowed be your name.  
Your kingdom come,  
Your will be done  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins,  
As we forgive those who  
sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial  
and deliver us from evil,  
for the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours  
now and forever. Amen**

## ***Agnus Dei***

*Common Praise (Schubert)*

**Jesus, Lamb of God,  
Have mercy on us.  
Jesus, bearer of our sins,  
Have mercy on us.  
Jesus, Redeemer, Redeemer of the World,  
Give us your peace, give us your peace.**

Presider: Dear friends in Christ, God bids you welcome to this table. Here we are strengthened for the journey. Here strangers become friends and the seeker finds God's wisdom speaking to them. See who you are and become what you see. These are the gifts of God for the people of God.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

## ***The Communion***

*You are invited to come forward to receive bread and wine. Gluten-free wafers are available. You receive the fullness of Christ's love if you prefer to take one kind (just the bread or the wine). If you would prefer to have a blessing, please let the priest know.*

### **During Communion**

**'Truly He Comes to Us'**

*Common Praise 204 (tune O Quanta Qualia)*

**Truly He comes to us: darkness is ended;  
Now night is over, his light is ascended;  
Ultimate sunrise, that floods all creation,  
bringing his secret from death's desolation.**

**Night has made way for the great proclamation;  
Morning has broken, with songs of elation.  
Christ comes in light, from the depths of his prison,  
death is abandoned and Jesus is risen.**

**Stripped of the grave-clothes, the body now glorious  
rises immortal, for ever victorious;  
Come to fulfill all the prophets have spoken;  
Promise of life that will never be broken.**

**Weeping is over, and death is defeated,  
life is recovered and joy is completed.  
Guards at the sepulchre, scatter before him,  
Jesus is risen and angels adore him.**

**Highest, most holy, once lost and forsaken;  
Now, from the sleep of the dead you awaken;  
Angels appear at the tomb with the story:  
"He is not here but has risen in glory."**

**Give God the glory and glad adoration,  
from whom and through whom and in whom, creation  
looks for the joy which, in Christ, we inherit:  
Praising the Father, the Son, and the Spirit.**

Anthem- HTC Choir  
"Blessing, Honor and Glory" Renew #81

## **THE SENDING FORTH OF THE COMMUNITY**

### ***The Prayers after Communion***

Presider: Let us pray:

**All: Father,  
We have seen with our own eyes  
And touched with our own hands  
The bread of life that is your Son.  
Strengthen our faith that we may grow  
In love for you and for each other,  
Through Jesus Christ the risen Lord. Amen.**

Presider: Glory to God,

**All: Whose power, working in us,  
can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine.  
Glory to God from generation to generation,  
in the Church and in Christ Jesus, now and forever. Amen.**

### ***Sending Hymn***

'The Day of Resurrection'

*Common Praise 205 (tune Ellacombe)*

**The day of resurrection! Earth, tell it out abroad,  
the Passover of gladness, the Passover of God!  
From death to life eternal, from earth unto the sky,  
our Christ hath brought us over with hymns of victory.**

**Our hearts be pure from evil, that we may see aright  
the Lord in rays eternal of resurrection light,  
and, listening to his accents, may hear so calm and plain  
His own, 'All hail!' and, hearing, may raise the victor strain.**

**Now let the heavens be joyful, let earth her song begin;  
The round world keep high triumph, and all that is therein.  
Let all things seen and unseen their notes of gladness blend,  
for Christ the Lord is risen, our joy that hath no end.**

## The Dismissal

Presider: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia! Alleluia!

All: Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

## Postlude



## Liturgical Ministers today

Greeter & worship assistant, 8:00 am:

Sandra Wrigley

Greeters, 10 am:

Marnie Godkin & Susan Switch

Reader:

Celeste Snowber

Chalice Administrators:

Jackie Lewis & Carol Murdoch

Presider & Preacher:

The Rev. Stephanie Shepard

Server:

Greg Kennelly

Crucifer:

Linda Gravlin

Guest Musician:

Graham Pudek

*& the Holy Trinity Cathedral Choir*



## **THIS WEEK AT HOLY TRINITY CATHEDRAL**

**Wednesday Midweek Eucharist, 9:30-10 am\***

**Wednesday Fellowship Time, 10-10:30 am in the Lounge**

**Wednesday Bible Study, 10:30-11:30 am in the Lounge**

**Thursday Vespers, 5:30-6 pm via Zoom+**

**Saturday Community Brunch, 11 am- noon in the Hall**

**Sunday BCP Eucharist, 8-9 am.\***

**Sunday Choral Eucharist, 10-11:15 am.\***

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### **Next Sunday's Readings for Easter 3, April 19, 2026**

**Acts 2:14a & 36-41; Psalm 116; 1 Peter 1:17-23; Luke 24:13-35**