

**St. Andrew's Hespeler
Presbyterian Church
April 17th 2022
Easter Sunday**

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Monday—Friday 9am-12pm

Order of Worship for April 17. We will meet online and in person at 10 am. The Zoom link will be posted on the website. If you wish to attend in person, masking and social distancing are not required by law but we would continue to highly recommend that we do so as a sign of respect to others who may be vulnerable. This will be a communion service. If you are joining us from home, please prepare communion elements (bread and wine) so that we may all celebrate together.

Easter Candle Liturgy

L: The light shines in the darkness,

P: and the darkness did not overcome it.

P: Alleluia, Christ is risen; Christ is risen indeed!

Call to Worship

L: Hallelujah! O Day of Resurrection, let us shine with joy!

P: Christ has led us from death to life.

L: O Day of Resurrection, let us live with hope!

P: Christ has led us from earth to heaven.

L: Christ has risen from the dead. Hallelujah!

P: He has risen indeed! Hallelujah!

Prayer of Approach and Confession

L: Gracious, life-giving God, maker of all things visible and invisible, on the first day of the world, you spoke and out of chaos came creation. Out of shadows came light. On the first day of the week, Christ was resurrected by your grace, and out of death came life. And you always come to us through the Holy Spirit, to shine light on our way forward, offering your gift of new life in Christ Jesus. Praise and honour and blessing be to you, O God, Creator, Christ and Holy Spirit, this day and every day, now and always.

P: Loving and life-giving God, you raised Jesus from the grave and shattered the powers of sin and death. But we confess that we remain captive to fear, resisting the hope that new life is possible for us. We hide in tombs of indifference, seeking comfort rather than justice in this world. We cling to resentment and disappointment, refusing the freedom that comes with forgiveness. Forgive us, O God, and restore us to joy and wholeness through your great mercy.

L: This Easter Day, God has turned our mourning into

dancing! God has taken off our sackcloth and clothed us with joy! We are God's forgiven people.

P: Let us be at peace with God, with one another, and with ourselves, through the undying mercy of our Risen Lord, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Hymn #243 Jesus Christ is risen today

1. Jesus Christ is risen today, hallelujah!

Our triumphant holy day, hallelujah!

Who did once upon the cross, hallelujah!

Suffer to redeem our loss, hallelujah!

2. 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!

3. 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!

4. Sing we to our God above, hallelujah!

Praise eternal as his love; hallelujah!

Praise him, all ye heavenly host, hallelujah!

Father, Son and Holy Ghost, hallelujah!

Words: Anonymous; translation, Tate and Brady's New Version 1696

Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24

L: O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his steadfast love endures for ever! Let Israel say,

P: 'His steadfast love endures for ever.'

L: The LORD is my strength and my might; he has become my salvation. There are glad songs of victory in the tents of the righteous:

P: 'The right hand of the LORD does valiantly; the right hand of the LORD is exalted; the right hand of

the LORD does valiantly.'

L: I shall not die, but I shall live, and recount the deeds of the LORD. The LORD has punished me severely, but he did not give me over to death. Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them and give thanks to the LORD.

P: This is the gate of the LORD; the righteous shall enter through it.

L: I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation.

P: The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.

L: This is the LORD's doing;

P: it is marvellous in our eyes.

L: This is the day that the LORD has made;

P: let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Life and Work of the Church

John 20:1-18

Read by Isobel Buchanan

Luke 24:1-12

¹ But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, they came to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared. ² They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, ³ but when they went in, they did not find the body. ⁴ While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them. ⁵ The women were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, 'Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen. ⁶ Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, ⁷ that the Son of Man must be handed over to sinners, and be crucified, and on the third day rise again.' ⁸ Then they remembered his words, ⁹ and returning from the tomb, they told all this to the eleven and to all the rest. ¹⁰ Now it was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them who told this to the apostles. ¹¹ But these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. ¹² But Peter got up and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; then he went home, amazed at what had happened.

Offertory: "Risen is the Holy Christ" by Stanley Saxton
Martin Bohl

Celebration of our
Generosity

Sermon: "Joanna's
Easter Story"



Hymn #258 Thine be the glory

1. Thine be the glory, risen, conquering son,
endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won;
angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away,
kept the folded grave clothes, where thy body lay.
*Refrain: Thine be the glory, risen, conquering son;
endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won.*

2. Lo! Jesus meets us, risen from the tomb;
lovingly he greets us, scatters fear and gloom;
let the church with gladness
hymns of triumph sing,
for her Lord now liveth;
death hath lost its sting. *Refrain*

3. No more we doubt thee, glorious prince of life;
life is nought without thee: aid us in our strife;
make us more than conquerors,
through thy deathless love:
bring us safe through Jordan
to thy home above. *Refrain*

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Celebration of Communion

Prayers of the people (using chat to share requests)

Benediction

Other Lectionary Readings:

Isaiah 65:17-25

¹⁷ For I am about to create new heavens
and a new earth;
the former things shall not be remembered
or come to mind.

¹⁸ But be glad and rejoice for ever
in what I am creating;
for I am about to create Jerusalem as a joy,
and its people as a delight.

¹⁹ I will rejoice in Jerusalem,
and delight in my people;
no more shall the sound of weeping be heard in it,
or the cry of distress.

²⁰ No more shall there be in it
an infant that lives but a few days,
or an old person who does not live out a lifetime;
for one who dies at a hundred years will be considered a youth,
and one who falls short of a hundred will be
considered accursed.

²¹ They shall build houses and inhabit them;
they shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit.

²² They shall not build and another inhabit;
they shall not plant and another eat;
for like the days of a tree shall the days of my people be,
and my chosen shall long enjoy the work of their
hands.

²³ They shall not labour in vain,
or bear children for calamity;
for they shall be offspring blessed by the LORD—
and their descendants as well.

²⁴ Before they call I will answer,
while they are yet speaking I will hear.

²⁵ The wolf and the lamb shall feed together,
the lion shall eat straw like the ox;
but the serpent—its food shall be dust!

They shall not hurt or destroy
on all my holy mountain,
says the LORD.

1 Corinthians 15:19-26

¹⁹ If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are
of all people most to be pitied.

²⁰ But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the
first fruits of those who have died. ²¹ For since death
came through a human being, the resurrection of the
dead has also come through a human being; ²² for as all
die in Adam, so all will be made alive in Christ. ²³ But each
in his own order: Christ the first fruits, then at his coming
those who belong to Christ. ²⁴ Then comes the end, when
he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, after he
has destroyed every ruler and every authority and
power. ²⁵ For he must reign until he has put all his
enemies under his feet. ²⁶ The last enemy to be destroyed
is death.

News for Families:



Mission Moment – Sunday, April 17

In Afghanistan, an excited Salma had just passed Grade 4, but Salma's father didn't want her to continue her education because the school was too far away. When a meeting with the school didn't change his mind, community and religious leaders involved with a girls' education project visited Salma's parents. **They explained the importance of education for girls from both human rights and religious perspectives. After a few hours of discussion, Salma received permission to return to school.** Unfortunately, the current political situation in Afghanistan means many children are faced with uncertainty about their futures, particularly girls. This education project is supported by Presbyterian World Service & Development.



Next Week's Sermon:



A Tale of Two Churches

Thank you to everyone who sent birthday wishes or came for cake & coffee to celebrate Isobel's birthday this week.



The Presbyterian Church in Canada



Prayer Partnership

Engaging in God's Mission Through Word and Action

Earth's ecosystems and for those displaced and harmed by the climate crisis.

Saturday, April 23 We pray for the members and work of the Gender, Sexuality and Inclusion Advisory Committee.

Current Needs for Food Bank are: personal hygiene items (shampoo, soap, deodorant).

The sympathy of the congregation is extended to Corey Cotter Linforth upon the death of her mother this week. May she know comfort and peace.

Did you know that Joan Zondag turns 100 years old this week! Happy Birthday Joan and may you know God's blessings!

If you have a birthday and would like to celebrate with us, please let Joni know and we will arrange a time of fun and celebration.

jsmith@standrewshespeler.ca The next birthday we will be celebrating will be Sylvia W's, on Zoom, on April 30th @ 10:30 am. Everyone is welcome to join us for a time to chat together. The Zoom link will be posted on the website at 9:00 am on April 30.

We now have Prayer Cards! These prayer cards can be used by those in the sanctuary to request prayers for our Prayers of the People. Cards will be available at the back of the sanctuary and can be placed on the offering plate, also at the back of the sanctuary. The Prayer Cards will be delivered to Scott during the pause before Prayers for the People. Please remember that we need permission to pray, publicly, for others..

Let us Join in Prayer

Sunday, April 17 (Easter Sunday) We pray that we will be filled with the joy of Easter and a desire to live in new ways that reflect the gospel.

Monday, April 18 We give thanks for programs the church supports through Presbyterian World Service & Development that empower girls to rise above disadvantage and discrimination to pursue their goals.

Tuesday, April 19 We pray for presbytery and synod clerks as they provide churches with wise and compassionate advice.

Wednesday, April 20 We pray for the members and work of the Assembly Council.

Thursday, April 21 We pray for the people, ministries and mission of the Presbytery of Lanark and Renfrew.

Friday, April 22 (Earth Day) We pray for the well-being of the



And, finally, a new Easter Newsletter is out now. You can download it from the website or pick up a copy at the church (and take one for someone else while you are at it). Some copies have been placed in the "Bulletins" mailbox.