

# Kincardine United Church

## Easter Sunday

March 31st, 2024 11:00 a.m.

**Bold print in the bulletin invites you to say the words.**

\*An asterisk in the bulletin indicates you may sit or stand.

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**PRELUDE** Christ Lag In Todesbanden BWV 625 J. S. Bach

### **WELCOME**

### **ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE LAND**

We acknowledge the Traditional Territory of the Anishinabek Nation:

**The People of the Three Fires**

**known as Ojibway, Odawa and Pottawatomie Nations.**

We further give thanks to the Chippewas of Saugeen,

and the Chippewas of Nawash –

now known as the Saugeen Ojibway Nation –

as the traditional keepers of this land.

**Our thanks compel us to live fully into our journey of reconciliation –**

**a seven-generation process of intentional listening and learning.**

We seek to live together in respect, friendship and peace.

**Therefore, we commit ourselves to follow Jesus' calling us**

**into the world,**

**loving one another as we are loved by God.**

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

## GOD GATHERS US

INTROIT

Scherzo

Healey Willan

### LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

#### CALL TO WORSHIP AND PRAYER OF APPROACH

Christ is risen!

**Christ is risen, indeed!**

Come and celebrate on this day of jubilation.

**We come to rejoice in new life doubted yet rediscovered.**

Come and embrace fear transformed into bold discipleship,  
abandonment transformed into daring justice  
and faithful companionship transformed into deep spirituality.

**Christ is risen!**

Christ is risen, indeed!

**HALLELUJAH!**

Let us join as one in prayer, our hearts entwined with God's heart:

**Every Easter, surprising God, wonder overcomes daily routine.**

**Every Easter, risen Christ, your story touches us with new revelation.**

**Every Easter, sustaining Spirit, you lead us to explore deeper wisdom.**

**May we absorb the stories of faith anew**

**that we may continue to grow,**

**cultivating our place within the beauty of all our relations,  
giving fully of our complete selves as we who are called  
by Love alive.**

**Amen.**

**\*VOICES UNITED 155**

Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

## GOD SPEAKS TO US IN WORD

**BIBLE READING** 1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 15:1-11 from *The Message*

1-2 Friends, let me go over the Message with you one final time—this Message that I proclaimed and that you made your own; this Message on which you took your stand and by which your life has been saved. (I'm assuming, now, that your belief was the real thing and not a passing fancy, that you're in this for good and holding fast.)

3-9 The first thing I did was place before you what was placed so emphatically before me: that the Messiah died for our sins, exactly as

Scripture tells it; that he was buried; that he was raised from death on the third day, again exactly as Scripture says; that he presented himself alive to Peter, then to his closest followers, and later to more than five hundred of his followers all at the same time, most of them still around (although a few have since died); that he then spent time with James and the rest of those he commissioned to represent him; and that he finally presented himself alive to *me*. It was fitting that I bring up the rear. I don't deserve to be included in that inner circle, as you well know, having spent all those early years trying my best to stamp God's church right out of existence.

<sup>10-11</sup> But because God was so gracious, so very generous, here I am. And I'm not about to let his grace go to waste. Haven't I worked hard trying to do more than any of the others? Even then, my work didn't amount to all that much. It was God giving me the work to do, God giving me the energy to do it. So whether you heard it from me or from those others, it's all the same: We spoke God's truth and you entrusted your lives.

**\*VOICES UNITED 164**            The Day of Resurrection

**BIBLE READING**            Mark 16:1-8 from *The Message*

<sup>1-3</sup> When the Sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices so they could embalm him. Very early on Sunday morning, as the sun rose, they went to the tomb. They worried out loud to each other, "Who will roll back the stone from the tomb for us?"

<sup>4-5</sup> Then they looked up, saw that it had been rolled back—it was a huge stone—and walked right in. They saw a young man sitting on the right side, dressed all in white. They were completely taken aback, astonished.

<sup>6-7</sup> He said, "Don't be afraid. I know you're looking for Jesus the Nazarene, the One they nailed on the cross. He's been raised up; he's here no longer. You can see for yourselves that the place is empty. Now—on your way. Tell his disciples and Peter that he is going on ahead of you to Galilee. You'll see him there, exactly as he said."

<sup>8</sup> They got out as fast as they could, beside themselves, their heads swimming. Stunned, they said nothing to anyone.

**DOXOLOGY 104 MV** (*sung twice*) "Know That God Is Good"

**Know that God is good, know that God is good,  
know that God is good, God is good, God is good.**

**PRAYER BEFORE REFLECTION**

**REFLECTION**    "Blabbermouth"



**Christ has risen for the women bringing flowers to grace his grave.**

**Christ has risen for disciples huddled in an upstairs room.  
He whose word inspired creation can't be silenced by the tomb.**

- 3. Christ has risen to companion former friends who feared the night,  
sensing loss and limitation where their faith had once burned bright.  
They bemoan what is no longer; they suspect no hopeful sign  
'till Christ ends their conversation, breaking bread and sharing wine.**
  
- 4. Christ has risen, and forever lives to challenge and to change  
all whose lives are messed or mangled, all who find religion  
strange.  
Christ is risen, Christ is present making us what he has been –  
evidence of transformation through which God is known and  
seen.**

## **BENEDICTION**

**SONG OF COMMITMENT** (*sung twice*) "Go Now in Peace"  
*# 964 Voices United*

**Go now in peace, go now in peace.  
May the love of God surround you everywhere,  
everywhere you may go.**

**POSTLUDE**

Prelude on Vulpius

Healey Willan