



CHRIST CHURCH
Amherst., N S.

EASTER DAY

April 1st, 2018

- 8:30 a.m. - Holy Communion
10:00 a.m. - Sunday School, Coffee Hour
 Children's Easter Egg Hunt
11:00 a.m. - **Holy Eucharist with Procession**

EASTER INTRODUCTION

Today is our Passover feast.

This is the day when Christians everywhere are restored to grace and grow together in holiness.

This is the day when Jesus Christ broke the chains of death and rose triumphant from the grave.

How wonderful is the Father's care for us!
How boundless is God's merciful love!

The power of this holy day dispels evil, washes guilt away, restores lost innocence, brings mourners joy, and reconciles us to God once and for all.

Therefore, heavenly Father, in joy of this day, receive our sacrifice of praise, your Church's joyful offering.

PROCESSIONAL

Priest: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

People: The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Priest: May his grace and peace be with you.

People: May he fill our hearts with joy.

Priest: Let us go forth in peace.

People: In the Name of the Lord. Amen.

HYMN DURING PROCESSION

206 - "Christ the Lord Is Risen Today" (vs. 1 - 3)

Easter Station

Heavenly Father, in the joy of Easter accept our sacrifice of thanks and praise. For you alone are God, living and true: all glory, praise and power belong to you with Jesus Christ, the One who conquered death and with the Spirit blest for evermore. **Amen.**

HYMN # 206 - "Christ the Lord Is Risen Today" (vs. 4 - 5)

The Collect of the Day

Lord of life and power, through the mighty resurrection of your Son, you have overcome the old order of sin and death and have made all things new in him. May we, being dead to sin and alive to you in Jesus Christ, reign with him in glory, who with you and the Holy Spirit is alive, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

A Reading from the Book of Acts. (10 : 34 - 43)

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 118 - vs. 1 - 2; 14 - 24 (repeat v. 1) p. 866

A Reading from the First Letter of Paul to the Corinthians.

(15 : 1 - 11)

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM - "I Will Give Joyful Thanks" - D. Nolan

Gospel Acclamation - "Shout For God" - Klusmier

System 1: Chords: G, D, Em, C, D, G, C, Am. Lyrics: 1 Shout for God! (Shout for God!) Make a hap - py; 2 Hush for God! (Hush for God!) Let the qui - et; 3 Sing — for God! (Sing — for God!) Sing a pleas - ant; 4 Praise — our God! (Praise — our God!) Care for all God's

System 2: Chords: D, C, Am, D, G, D, Em. Lyrics: sound! (Make a hap - py sound!) Clap for God!; sing. (Let the qui - et sing.) Wait for God.; song. (Sing a pleas - ant song.) Work for God.; friendst (Care for all God's friendst) Love — our God!

System 3: Chords: C, D, C, G, D, Em7, C, D, G, C/G, G. Lyrics: (Clap for God!) God is all a - round!; (Wait for God.) Deep - est feel - ings bring.; (Work for God.) Good re - pla - ces wrong.; (Love — our God!) God's love nev - er ends!

System 4: (Musical notation only)

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Reader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Reader: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according
to John. (20 : 1 - 18)

People: Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

THE READING

Reader: The Gospel of Christ.

People: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

HYMN # 205 - "The Day of Resurrection"

SERMON

HYMN - "Come! Live In the Light!"

749 We Are Called

1. Come! Live in the light!
Shine with the joy and the love of the Lord!
We are called to be light for the kingdom,
to live in the freedom of the city of God.

Refrain:

We are called to act with justice;
we are called to love tenderly;
we are called to serve one another,
to walk humbly with God.

2. Come! Open your heart!
Show your mercy to all those in fear!
We are called to be hope for the hopeless
so hatred and violence will be no more.

Refrain:

3. Sing! Sing a new song!
Sing of that great day when all will be one!
God will reign, and we'll walk with each other
as sisters and brothers united in love.

Refrain:

The Nicene Creed

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The Intercessions

Jesus is alive; Love has won the victory over sin and death.

As we celebrate the risen Christ, let us pray to the God of life, in whom we live.

That the Church of God may be bursting with new life, filled with the love that takes even death in its stride' that new and mature Christians together, all in their various ministries, may work in God's strength for the coming kingdom.

You are our God:
who does all things well.

That the inhabitants of our planet may recognize God's glory all around, co-operate in the sharing of his gifts, and cultivate the habit of caring love.

You are our God:
who does all things well.

That God will bless our homes and families, our places of work and leisure, with new life and the hope of new possibilities touching the ordinary with beauty and joy.

You are our God:
who does all things well.

That all who feel trapped or imprisoned - physically, mentally or spiritually - may feel the stones rolled away and new light pouring into their lives.

You are our God:
who does all things well.

That those who have died to this earthly life may find the fullness of God's eternity, flooded with the light of his love.

You are our God:
who does all things well.

That we may live each moment thankfully, assured of God's company and mercy.

Merciful Father,
**accept these prayers
for the sake of your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**

Easter Peace

The risen Christ came and stood among his disciples and said, "Peace be with you." Then were they glad when they saw the Lord. Alleluia.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.
And also with you.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERTORY - # 220 - "Christ Is Risen, Christ Is Risen"

THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST
The Preparation of the Gifts

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Prayer Over the Gifts

God our strength and salvation, receive all we offer you this day, and grant that we who have confessed your name, and received new life in baptism, may live in the joy of the resurrection, through Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.

Eucharistic Prayer 3

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Proper Preface Easter

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The Lord's Prayer

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The Breaking of the Bread #8

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The Agnus Dei

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:
have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:
have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:
grant us peace.

The Communion

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Holy Eucharist is a joyful celebration of our life together in Jesus Christ. All baptized Christians are welcome to receive communion here. The response to receiving the bread and wine is 'Amen'. If you would like to come forward and receive a blessing instead of the bread and wine, please cross your arms as you come to the rail.

HYMNS DURING HOLY COMMUNION:

314 - "Laudate Omnes Gentes"

656 - "She Comes Sailing on the Wind"

The Congregation is invited to join in the singing of the Communion hymns.

Prayer After Communion

God of life, bring us to the glory of the resurrection promised in this Easter sacrament. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the risen Lord. **Amen.**

Blessing and Dismissal

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CLOSING HYMN “This Joyful Eastertide” # 471 N.B.

1. This joyful Eastertide,
away with sin and sorrow!
My love, the crucified,
hath sprung to life this morrow.

Refrain:

Had Christ, that once was slain,
ne'er burst his three day prison,
our faith had been in vain:
but now hath Christ arisen,
arisen, arisen, arisen.

2. My flesh in hope shall rest,
and for a season slumber,
till trump from east to west
shall wake the dead in number.
Had Christ.....
3. Death's flood hath lost his chill,
since Jesus crossed the river:
lover of souls, from ill
my passing soul deliver.
Had Christ....

MONDAY, APRIL 2nd - EASTER MONDAY

The office will be closed.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 4th

10:30 a.m. - **Bible Study**

THURSDAY, APRIL 5th

6:30 p.m. - **Choir Practice**

SUNDAY, APRIL 8th

8:30 a.m. - Holy Communion

10:00 a.m. - Sunday School, Coffee Hour

11:00 a.m. - **Easter Festival of Lessons and Hymns**

Sunday, April 15th - St. Monica's ACW Meeting - 7:00 p.m.

SCHOOL BAND SUMMER PLANT SALE

Looking for a beautiful hanging basket or planter now that Spring has arrived? The EB Chandler Jr. High and ARHS School Band Summer Plant Sale is now on. With over 20 kinds of flower baskets available, there is something for everyone.

For more information or to place an order, please see:

Erin MacNeil on April 8th after the 8:30 AM service

*** Plants will arrive on May 31st ***

