

# Cochrane Street United Church

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## **GATHERING AS GOD'S PEOPLE**

\*please stand as you are able

### **PRELUDE:**

### **\*INTROIT:**

### **\*WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **\*PASSING OF THE PEACE:**

Let our hospitality towards each other reflect God's love.

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us greet one another with the peace of Christ.

### **CELEBRATORY MUSIC # MV 122: This Is the Day**

**This is the day that God has made; we will rejoice and be glad!**

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**Singing halelu, singing halelu, singing halelu!**

**We will rejoice and be glad.**

### **CALL TO WORSHIP:**

Come you Easter people! Lift your voices and in triumph sing!

**Glory to the Lamb that was slain!**

**Honour to the Lord who was raised!**

Blessed are you Creator God!

**Worthy are you Holy Spirit of God!**

### **PRAYER OF APPROACH:**

Let us blend our hearts and voices as we draw near to God.

**Master of the universe, Creator of sea and sky we approach your throne in awe and wonder. No eye has seen nor ear heard of wonders such as these! You offer your Son for our sake and you send your Spirit to dwell in our hearts. Where we hesitate to come to you O Redeemer you do not hold back from approaching us. Open our hearts and renew our spirits that we may become citizens of your Kingdom. Amen.**

### **\*HYMN # 161 Welcome Happy Morning**

## **PRAYER OF CONFESSION:**

Let us come humbly into the presence of our faithful Judge trusting in God's goodness and mercy.

**We heard you, blessed Redeemer, plead to your Father in heaven that we be forgiven for not knowing what we do. We examine our lives and find, much to our discomfort, that there is so much we do not knowing why we do it, or how to keep from doing it. Our sins and our short-comings bind us to our shame as the nails bound you to your cross. Teach us how to let go and take these burdens from our weary arms. Forgive us please, we beg.**

## **ASSURANCE OF PARDON:**

The stone is rolled away—we are released!

The tomb is empty – we can be free!

Christ is risen!

**Thanks be to God. Amen.**

## **CHILDREN'S TIME**

## **OFFERING INVITATION**

## **OFFERTORY VOLUNTARY**

### **\*OFFERTORY HYMN # 904 refrain:**

This is the feast of victory for our God. Hallelujah, Hallelujah

### **\*OFFERTORY PRAYER**

### **\*HYMN # 213 Rejoice The Lord Is King**

## **GOD'S WORD FOR US TODAY**

## **PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION:**

**Eternal God,**

**In the reading of scripture, may your Word be heard;**

**In the meditations of our hearts, may your Word be known;**

**In the faithfulness of our lives, may your Word be shown. Amen.**

## **SCRIPTURE READING            1 Peter 1: 3-9**

The Word of the Lord – **Thanks be to God.**

## **PSALM 16**

**SCRIPTURE READING          John 20: 19-31**  
The Word of the Lord – **Thanks be to God.**

**ANTHEM:**

**SERMON:** If You Forgive . . .

**\*HYMN # 179 Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Give Thanks**

**GOING FORTH TO SHARE GOD'S LOVE**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND LORD'S PRAYER**

**\*HYMN # 159 The Strife Is O'er**

**PRAYER FOR GUIDANCE**

**Holy God, Dreamer of dreams,  
We offer Cochrane Street United Church to you. We are your people,  
this is your church. We come to you seeking your guidance, your  
purpose, your vision. Align our will with yours, so that we will be  
willing to do whatever it takes to carry out your plan. We ask you to  
break through in new ways in our church. Show us the great ministry  
you have in store for us. Help us dream your dreams. Pour out your  
Holy Spirit on us, giving us the vision, boldness, and confidence to do  
all that you call us to do. Amen.**

**COMMISSIONING AND BENEDICTION**

**CHORAL BENEDICTION:**

**POSTLUDE**