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GATHERING AS GOD'S PEOPLE

*please stand as you are able

PRELUDE: Fugue K401 W.A. Mozart
READING: Matthew 27: 57 – 61 Emily Keeping
SOLO: Gravity

EASTER PROCLAMATION:

This is the Good News – the stone is rolled away,
the tomb is empty. Christ is Risen.

Hallelujah! Christ is Risen.

This is the Good News

– once we were no people, now we are God's people.

Hallelujah! Christ is Risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Hallelujah.

***PROCESSIONAL HYMN #155: Jesus Christ is Risen Today**

***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.

OPENING PRAYER

God of resurrection,

you rolled the stone away

and the tomb of our world has been opened wide.

With the dawn has come a new creation.

Let our celebration today

empty our tombs,

renew our lives,

and release your power;
through the risen Christ we pray. Amen.

CHILDREN'S TIME: Bringing back our Hallelujahs!
Hallelu, Hallelu, Hallelu Hallelujah
Praise Ye the Lord!
Hallelu, Hallelu, Hallelu Hallelujah
Praise Ye the Lord!
Praise Ye the Lord! Hallelujah
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THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM

Silas Brendan Trevor Jewczyk

Son of Casey Christine Maddigan and Stefan Nicholas Jewczyk
God Parents: Nicholas Brendan Trask and Kathryn Charlotte Lenore
Jewczyk

Brothers and Sisters, we gather now to celebrate the gift of God's grace that is given to us in the Sacrament of Baptism.

We are one body and one spirit.

We have one hope in the risen Christ.

There is one Lord, one faith, one Baptism. One God and Creator of us all.

Out of the waters of baptism we rise to new life, forgiven of sin and one with Christ, members of Christ's body.

Presentation

On behalf of the congregation, I present the following persons for initiation into the Body of Christ through Baptism:

Silas Brendan Trevor Jewczyk

Profession of Faith

Desiring the freedom of new life in Christ, do you promise to resist evil and to live in love and justice?

I do, by the grace of God.

Do you believe in the Holy Trinity: Father, Son and Holy Spirit—in God, source of love, in Jesus Christ, love incarnate, and in the Holy Spirit, love's power?

I do, by the grace of God.

Will you join with your brothers and sisters in the mission and ministry of Christ's Church?

I will, God being my helper.

Vows for the Parents:

Will you share with your child the Christian life, and seek to grow with him in faith, hope and love?

I will, God being my helper.

Vows for the Sponsor and Godparents:

Do you promise through prayer and example to support and encourage **Silas Brendan Trevor Jewczyk** be a faithful Christian?

I do.

Vows for the Congregation

Let us pledge our support and care for those being baptized today:

As a baptized and baptizing congregation, we commit ourselves to support and uphold you within a community that worships God, loves and serves others, seeks justice and resists evil. May God grant us all the grace to live out our baptism.

Let us with the whole Church confess our faith:

**We are not alone,
we live in God's world.**

**We believe in God:
who has created and is creating,
who has come in Jesus,
the word made flesh,
to reconcile and make new,
who works in us and others
by the Spirit.**

We trust in God.

**We are called to be the Church:
to celebrate God's presence,
to live with respect in Creation,
to love and serve others,
to seek justice and resist evil,
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,
our judge and our hope.**

In life, in death, in life beyond death,

**God is with us.
We are not alone.
Thanks be to God.**

Prayer of Thanksgiving

We give you thanks, Eternal God,
for you nourish and sustain all living things
by the gift of water.

You led Israel out of slavery,
through the waters of the sea,
into the freedom of the promised land.

Blessed are you, O God.

In the waters of the Jordan,
Jesus was baptized by John.
and anointed with your spirit.
By the baptism of his own death and resurrection,
Christ set us free from sin and death.
And opened the way to eternal life.

Blessed are you, O God.

We praise you that in baptism
you give us your Holy Spirit,
who teaches us and leads us into all truth,
filling us with a variety of gifts,
that we might proclaim the gospel
and serve as a royal priesthood.

Blessed are you, O God.

Pour out, O God, your Holy Spirit upon us,
and upon this water
that this font may become our fount of blessing
and source of grace.

Blessed be the Lord our God, now and forever. Amen.

The Act of Baptism

I present to you Silas Brendan Trevor Jewczyk as member of the Body of Christ through Baptism.

SUNG BLESSING:

In God's circle of love, we hold on to each other;
I can see God's love through you.

**and take their places at the banquet
in the kingdom of God.”**

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is truly right and our greatest joy that we should praise you,
Hallelujah, thanks and praise, ever-living God,
worker of wonders, maker of miracles,
author of all life and giver of life eternal!
Out of chaos and fear you bring beauty and hope.
Out of despair and death you create new life.
And so, with the risen Christ, who makes all things new
by the power of his resurrection, we join in the song of a new day,
to sing your praise:

Sung Response:

**O holy, holy, holy God, O God of time and space.
All earth and sea and sky above bear witness to your grace.
Hosanna in the highest heav'n, creation sings your praise.
And blessed is the One whom comes and bears you name always.**

Holy God, source of life and goodness,
all creation rightly gives you praise.

In the fullness of time, you sent your child Jesus Christ,
to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us,
to reconcile us to you,

He healed the sick

and ate and drank with outcasts and sinners;

he opened the eyes of the blind

and proclaimed the Good News of your kingdom

to the poor and to those in need.

In all things he fulfilled your gracious will.

On the night he was betrayed our Lord Jesus Christ took bread;
and after giving thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to his disciples.

And said, Take, eat: this is my body which is given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.”

After supper he took the cup of wine;
and after giving thanks, gave it to them, and said,
“Drink this, all of you: this is my blood of the new covenant,
which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.
Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.”

Gracious God,
In Jesus, you have destroyed the power of death,
and by raising him to life you have given us life for evermore.
Great is the mystery of faith:

Sung response:

**For Christ has died and Christ is risen,
Christ will come again!
For Christ has died and Christ is risen,
Christ will come again!**

Recalling his death, proclaiming his resurrection,
and looking for his coming again in glory,
we offer you, O God, this bread and this cup.
Send your Holy Spirit upon us
and upon these gifts,
that all who eat and drink at this table
may be one body, one holy people,
a living sacrifice in Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all glory is yours, God most holy,
now and forever. Amen.

Lord's Prayer

Sung Response:

**Amen, Amen, O Holy One! Hosanna and Amen!
Amen, Amen, O holy One, Hosanna and Amen!**

Sharing of the Bread and the Cup
The bread that we break

is our sharing in the life of Christ.

The cup for which we give thanks

is our sharing in the life of Christ.

Prayer after Communion

For the bread we have eaten,

for the wine we have tasted,

for the life we have received,

we thank you God.

Grant that what we have done

and have been given here,

may so put its mark on us,

that it may remain always in our hearts.

Grant that we may grow

in Christian love and understanding,

and that ours may be lives of faithful action,

in Christ's name. Amen.

GOING FORTH TO SHARE GOD'S LOVE

***HYMN: Our Dreams**

Words by: Heather McMaster, Tune: Ash Grove (#242)

Our dreams we are dreaming, on God we are leaning
while seeking His guidance. His purpose and plan.

A church in transition, a change in our vision

has shown us, in truth, that together we can –

we can make the choices, to join all our voices

and build a new vision and dream and new dream.

With prayer and persistence we're going the distance

A challenge accepted to follow God's scheme.

Our footsteps may falter yet we will not alter

The path we have chosen, the future we see

To help one another and care for each other

In prayer and in worship that binds you and me.

We strive through our sorrow and reach for tomorrow

To build a new family, to build a new home

Our church in the future will stand as the Centre

With grace and with guidance, we are not alone.

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** Come, People of the Risen King arr. L. Larson

***POSTLUDE** Ricercare for Trombone Quartet Giovanni Gabrieli