

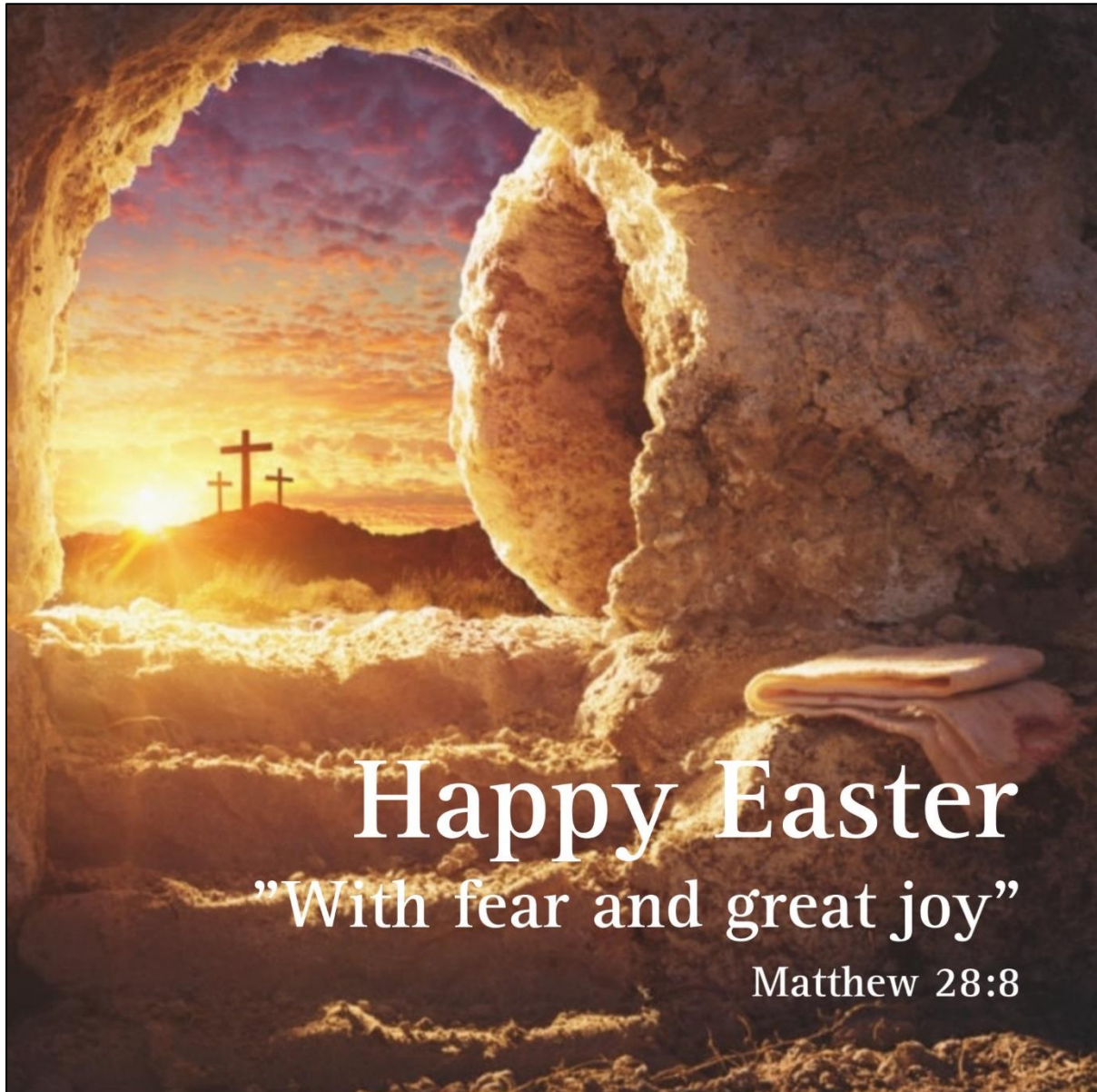


Northlea United Church

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Happy Easter

“With fear and great joy”

Matthew 28:8

April 9, 2023

Easter Sunday

At Northlea United Church,
we encourage one another as we:
Love God ~ Connect with others
Nurture the spirit ~ Serve the world

Thank you for joining us for service today whether in-person or online. If there is anything we can do to improve your experience, please let us know by calling the church office at 416 425 5252 or emailing us at office@northleaunited.ca. There are many ways to access online videos whether live streamed or pre-recorded. The Northlea United Facebook page or our website will have links to our services:

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Choral Prelude: Regina Caeli

Domenico Bartolucci (1917-2013)

(one of the Eastertide antiphons of Mary, the mother of Jesus.)

(Translation: Queen of heaven, rejoice, alleluia. For he whom you deserved to bear, alleluia. Has risen, as he said, alleluia. Pray for us to God, alleluia.)

Welcome

Acknowledgement:

We acknowledge that we worship on traditional land entrusted to us but belonging to the Creator. We are called to respect the history, spirituality, and culture of the many First Nations, who came to this place long before us, and our responsibility for the treaty territory wherein our church resides. May we not take the land, its first people, and all its many gifts for granted.

Joys and Concerns

Call to Worship:

Christ is Risen!

Christ is Risen Indeed!

Hallelujah!

On this day we celebrate resurrection.

The power of life has overcome the power of death.

Hallelujah!

The light of love has shattered the darkness of fear.

Hallelujah!

The way of peace has prevailed against the violence of empire.

Hallelujah!

We come to worship the God whose resurrection power

lives on in the Christ we serve.

Hallelujah!

— posted on Joanna Harader on her [Spacious Faith](#) blog.

Opening Hymn: Christ, the Lord, Is Risen Today

arranged by Kevin Keil, see page 7

Cantate Domino, canticum, novum! Hallelujah! / Sing to the Lord a new song. Hallelujah!

Lighting of the Christ Candle:

~ light the candle~

The light of Christ.
Thanks be to God

The Gift of Peace

(Take a moment to turn and greet the gathered community with a smile and a bow of greeting)

Opening Prayer:

**This is the day that you have made, life-giving God.
Joining with angels and archangels
and with the chorus that is rising throughout all the earth,
we will rejoice and be glad this day.
You take our endings
and you make your new beginnings.
You surprise and astound us
in places where we expected
that you were absent.
You challenge us to reconsider what is possible.
Living Lord,
Saviour Christ,
we praise you,
for you are raised by the power of God.
There is a new creation
and by your grace,
we are in it!
Alleluia! Amen.**

~ written by Christine Jerrett, and posted on [Christine Jerrett: Reflections on being the Church in God's new creation.](http://christinejerrett.wordpress.com/tag/prayer/)
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~ Listening ~

Psalm 118: This is the Day

Michael Joncas



This is the day the Lord has made; let us re-joice and be glad.



This is the day the Lord has made; let us re-joice and be glad.---

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Prayer for Illumination:

Holy Spirit, stir us with your word,
as we listen for inspiration in your sacred story.
Amen

Scripture: Matthew 28:1-10

Jackie Morris

In this reading we hear God's voice,
The Spirit is still speaking, thanks be to God.

Reflection: With Fear and Great Joy

~ Responding ~

Anthem: Rejoice in the Risen Christ

Allen Pote

Offering our Gifts: How shall we respond?

Prayers of the People:

Lord's Prayer:

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us away from temptation and deliver us from evil: for thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

Closing Hymn: Three Days

Arranged by Jeffrey Honoré. Text by M. D. Ridge, see page 8
Music by Gustav Holst, (1874-1932) THAXTED

Sending Forth:

With thankful hearts, we leave this space.

May God, our protector, bless our journey.

May Jesus Christ, the Risen One, call us to live the gospel word,
respect creation and love our neighbours,

and may the Holy Spirit inspire us to be Christ's Church in the world.

Go now to do God's work and live Christ's love.

Amen.

Sung Amen

Ken Canedo & Bob Hurd

A - - men. A - - men. Now and for - ev - er, a - - men. A - - men. A - - men.

rit. poco a poco al fine

Now and for - ev - er, a - - men.

The musical score is written on three staves in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 3/4 time signature. The melody consists of quarter and eighth notes, with some rests. The lyrics are placed below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across multiple notes. The first staff contains the first two phrases: 'A - - men.' and 'A - - men.', followed by 'Now and for - ev - er,'. The second staff continues with 'a - - men.', 'A - - men.', and 'A - - men.'. The third staff begins with the instruction 'rit. poco a poco al fine' and contains the final phrase 'Now and for - ev - er, a - - men.'.

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Postlude: Hallelujah Chorus

George Frideric Handel

(you are most welcome to sing along with the choir, organ and brass if you know the Chorus)

Music List

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Opening Hymn: Christ, the Lord, Is Risen Today

arranged by Kevin Keil



1. Christ, the Lord, is ris'n to - day,
2. Lives a - gain our glor - rious King; *Hal - - le - lu - jah!*
Choir 3. *Love's re - deem - ing work is done,*
4. Soar we now where Christ has led,



All on earth with an - gels say,
Where, O death, is now thy sting?
Fought the fight, the bat - tle won. *Hal - - le - lu - jah!*
Fol - l'wing our ex - alt - ed head;



Raise your joys and tri - umphs high,
Once he died our souls to save,
Death in vain for - bids him rise; *Hal - - le - lu - jah!*
Made like him, like him we rise,



Sing ye heav'ns and earth re - ply,
Where thy vic - to - ry, O grave?
Christ has o - pen'd par - a - dise. *Hal - - le - lu - jah!*
Ours the cross, the grave, the skies.

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707-1788, alt. Music: Robert Williams, 1781-1821.

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Men: 1. Three days our world was bro - ken; the Lord of life lay dead.
Women: 2. Three days and on the third day, the wom - en came at dawn.
All: 3. Three days our world was bro - ken and in an in - stant healed,



“Take up your cross,” he told us who fol - lowed where he led.
His tomb, they said, was emp - ty, his bro - ken bod - y gone.
God’s cov - e - nant of mer - cy in mys - ter - y re - vealed.



Would we now hang in tor - ment with thieves on ev - ’ry side,
All: Who could be - lieve their sto - ry? The dead do not a - rise,
Two thou - sand years are one day in God’s e - ter - nal sight,



our Pass - o - ver shat - tered, our hope cru - ci - fied?
yet he walks a - mong us, and with our own eyes
and yes - ter - day’s sor - rows are this day’s de - light.



Three days we hid in si - lence, in bit - ter fear and grief.
we’ve seen him at this ta - ble; we’ve shared his bread and wine.
Though still Christ’s bod - y suf - fers, pierced dai - ly by the sword,



Three days we clung to - geth - er where he had washed our feet.
Hearts burn - ing bright with - in us, we’ve seen his glo - ry shine.
yet death has no do - min - ion: the ris - en Christ is Lord!

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Reading Next Week

From *The Gathering*

Acts 2:14, 22-32; Psalm 16; 1 Peter 1:3-9; John 20:19-31

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