

Your Word came to fulfillment in your servant, Jesus, the Holy and Righteous One, who was rejected and handed over to death. Jesus was killed through our ignorance, but love and peace were not - cannot be - extinguished. Now Christ embraces us with hands still marked, and disturbs our fears and doubts with words of peace and the promise of life yet to be revealed.

#### PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

You come to share our simple meal, O Christ. We recognise you in the breaking of the bread, and the pouring of the cup. Let peace be what we receive here, and what we share everywhere. **Amen.**

*Communion is shared*

#### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

We have eaten together with the risen Christ.  
**Thanks be to God, for peace is ours to share. Amen.**

HYMN TIS 387 Christ is alive!

#### WORDS OF MISSION AND BLESSING

Go out then, as witnesses of these things.  
Attend to your heart, worship with integrity, trust in God.  
Proclaim forgiveness and healing in the name of Christ to all.  
And may God gently raise you from brokenness to wholeness.  
May Christ Jesus cast out your fear and doubt;  
And may the Holy Spirit give your heart joy,  
even as the bread and wine give your body life.  
The peace of Christ be always with you.  
**And also with you.**

*The sign of the peace is exchanged.*

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Thank you for your assistance.**



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**Pilgrim**  
Uniting Church

8.00am  
Morning Eucharist

Sunday, 18th April 2021

Easter 3  
COCU33B

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WELCOME and GREETING

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF LAND

PSALM OF THE DAY (Psalm 4:1,3,6-8 CEV)

You are my God and protector. Please answer my prayer.  
I was in terrible distress, but you set me free.  
Now have pity and listen as I pray.

**The Lord has chosen everyone who is faithful to be his very own, and he answers my prayers.**  
There are some who ask, "Who will be good to us?"  
**Let your kindness, Lord, shine brightly on us.**

You brought me more happiness  
than a rich harvest of grain and grapes.  
**I can lie down and sleep soundly because you, Lord, will keep me safe.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

God who walks with us, journey with us this day. On this occasion, may we move knowing you are beside us. God who is revealed in the scriptures, open our hearts and minds to your word. In this moment, may we be able to say, "Was not our hearts burning within us?"

God who welcomes us with radical hospitality, may we greet the people we meet this day as angels unaware. Throughout this day, may we pray for the others in our lives.

God who is known in the breaking of the bread, let the ordinary moments of this day become extraordinary sacredness. During this day, may we open our eyes to recognize the Spirit. *(silence)*

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In this time of tension and turmoil, pandemic and poverty, racial injustice, and climate change, like the disciples on the Road to Emmaus, we are often a church of grieving pilgrims: Our hopes decimated. Our dreams broken. Our hearts breaking. God of hospitality, break in with your teaching and wisdom. Take. Bless. Break. Give. We lament the brokenness of our world. We wait with kingdom vision. We long for resurrection hope. We would not be foolish and slow of heart. We would believe all that the prophets have declared. We will offer our thanks and praise and gratitude. Beginning with Moses and all the prophets, we remember that: You are the creator. You are the liberator. You are the vision of justice and compassion. You are the way. Thanksgiving! Interpret to us your mystery: Your transcendent holiness, Your immanent nearness, Your steadfast faithfulness, Your infinite love, Your amazing grace. Praise! Remind us of the Messiah: His birth and embodied incarnation, His life and learning and actions, His teachings and sacred wisdom, His suffering and unjust death, His glorious Easter and re-birth of hope. Gratitude! Stay with us, O Holy One, as guest in our hearts. Stay with us as hospitable and inclusive host.  
**Amen.** *(April 2021 Diaconal Minister Ted Dodd, United Church of Canada)*

HYMN TIS 477 Jesus calls us here to meet him

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

If our actions mirrored our words;  
if our hands were mentored by our hearts;  
if we walked the talk - what love we could share!  
The psalmist speaks of trusting in you, while lack of trust overtakes us.  
Jesus grants us peace - yet fear prevails.  
**Holy One, transform us into Easter people,  
through the power of love and forgiveness.**

*A time of silence as we reflect on these words for ourselves*

#### WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Love and forgiveness are given freely, lavishly,  
so that we might be renewed to our higher selves.  
**We receive God's love and forgiveness, and are renewed to speak  
more clearly, trust more fully, love more completely. We are indeed  
an Easter people!**

BIBLE READINGS: Acts 3: 12-19 Luke 24: 36b-48

#### REFLECTION

HYMN TIS 242 Lord of the dance

#### PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Christ remained present with his disciples, teaching them to love all people as neighbours. As his disciples in this age, we offer our prayers on behalf of the world in which we are privileged to live and our neighbours with whom we share it.

*People offer prayers*

This is my prayer/ **This is our prayer**

Open our hearts to your power moving around us and between us and within us, until your glory is revealed in our love of both friend and enemy, in communities transformed by justice and compassion, and in the healing of all that is broken. **Amen.**

#### THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name.**

**Your kingdom come,**

**your will be done on earth as in heaven.**

**Give us today our daily bread.**

**Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.**

**Save us from the time of trial,**

**and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power,**

**the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.**

#### PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Receive these gifts, O God, and transform us through the giving, that we may have eyes to see and hearts to understand not only what you do on our behalf, but what you call us to do so that your realm will come to fruition in peace and justice for all. **Amen.**

#### HOLY COMMUNION

#### THE INVITATION

#### THE NARRATIVE OF THE LAST SUPPER

#### THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

God be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us open our hearts.

**We open our hearts to God.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is indeed right to give you our thanks and praise, O God, for in great love you have made us your children and destined us for life in union with Christ. You revealed your purposes through the law of Moses, the prophets and the psalms, and declared your intention to suffer as a servant among us so that you might bring forgiveness to the nations.