

Bolton United Church
April 26 2020 - Third Sunday of Easter

Music:

Grace and Peace to you from the Risen Christ:

Acknowledging the Land

We acknowledge that we are in the traditional territory of the Mississaugas of the Credit, the Anishinaabe peoples, on whose land and by whose waters we gather. We acknowledge their stewardship as we worship, listen, learn, share, and heal together in the name of our Creator, the Holy One of Blessing.

Opening Prayer:

Most Holy and Loving God, we gather today during this Easter season, we come with our hearts overwhelmed with grief. We gather during this time of social isolation and personal distancing because of the Coronavirus. We hear the call of your children crying out in deep pain and agony for loved ones who have lost their lives to COVID 19 as well as for those who were tragically murdered in Nova Scotia this past week. We pause to remember their names, their faces, how they lived their lives and the memories these images will hold for us. We pray for comfort, for strength and most of all for your grace and mercy as we try to navigate our way, knowing that you journey with us through the storms of life. (Silence)

The Risen Christ is present with us in times of joy and in times of sorrow. The Resurrected One said peace be with you. Accept Christ's promise of Peace and walk into the light of a new day. Thanks be to God. Amen!

Hymn: VU 164 - The Day of Resurrection

Scripture:

Jeremiah 31: 15 – see attached

John 20: 11-18 – see attached

Anthem

Reflection: From Sorrow to Hope- see attached

Prayers:

Hymn VU 173 - Thine Is the Glory

Blessings:

Hymns:

VU 164 - The Day of Resurrection

The day of resurrection! Earth, tell it out abroad;
the passover of gladness, the passover of God!
From death to life eternal, from earth unto the sky,
our Christ has brought us over with hymns of victory.

Our hearts be free of evil, that we may see a-right
the Christ in rays eternal of resurrection light,
And, listening to the accents, may hear so calm and plain
Christ's own "All hail!" and, hearing, may raise the victor strain.

Now let the heavens be joyful, let earth its song begin,
the round world keep high triumph, and all that is there-in;
let all things seen and unseen their notes of gladness blend,
for Christ indeed is risen, our Joy that has no end.

VU 173 - Thine Is the Glory

Thine is the glory, risen, conquering Son:
endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won.

Angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away,
kept the folded graveclothes where the body lay.

CHORUS: Thine is the glory, risen, conquering Son:
endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won.

Lo, Jesus meets us, risen from the tomb!
Lovingly he greets us, scatters fear and gloom.

Let the church with gladness hymns of triumph sing,
for the Lord now liveth: death hath lost its sting.

CHORUS

No more we doubt thee, glorious Prince of life;
life is nought without thee: aid us in our strife;

make us more than conquerors, through thy deathless love;
bring us safe through Jordan to thy home above.

CHORUS