

Quispamsis United Church

May 16th, 2021 - The Seventh Sunday of Easter

Guest President: Rev. Dr. Basil Lowery

Music Director: Stephen Alexander

Hymn Leader: Chris Young

Reader: Sherry Kiervin

Welcome

Acknowledgement of Territories

Celebrations & Announcements

GATHERING TOGETHER

Lighting the Christ Candle

Prelude Praise the Lord Who Reigns Above – James Nares

Call to Worship (Responsive):

Because Jesus ascended and sits at the right hand of God,
a new world has broken into ours –

**a world in which justice comes for the poor
freedom comes for the prisoners
and healing for the sick.**

Because Jesus ascended and sits at the right hand of God,
a new community has been formed –

**a community that loves and cares for all members
a family that welcomes all who are abandoned and rejected
a place where all can belong.**

Because Jesus ascended and sits at the right hand of God,
a new creation has begun –

**all that was distorted is being restored
all that was corrupted is being renewed
all that was broken is being made whole.**

Because Jesus ascended and sits at the right hand of God,
a new world has begun.

Hymn: Hail the Day that Sees Him Rise VU 189 (Verses 1, 3, 5)

**1 Hail the day that sees him rise, hallelujah!
taken from our wondering eyes, hallelujah!
Christ, awhile to mortals given, hallelujah!
re-ascends his native heaven. Hallelujah!**

3 Though returning to his throne, hallelujah!
still he calls the world his own; hallelujah!
him though highest heaven receives, hallelujah!
still he loves the world he leaves. Hallelujah!

5 Still for us he intercedes, hallelujah!
his prevailing death he pleads, hallelujah!
near himself prepares our place, hallelujah!
first-fruits of our human race. Hallelujah!

Prayer of Approach

Theme Conversation

Prayer of Confession (Unison):

Lord Jesus Christ, you have called all your followers to carry the Good News of God's love and forgiveness to the ends of the earth. Yet we confess we cannot always find the words to tell others of our faith. We are often silent when others criticize the church that bears your name. We try to act out your love but it's hard to tell others why we do what we do for you. Forgive our hesitation to share the gift you have given us, and renew our courage to speak of our commitment to you.

Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Responsive Reading Psalm 47 (VU #771)

"Hallelujah! God has gone up with a shout"

Clap your hands, all you peoples,
cry out to God with shouts of joy!

**For the Most High is to be feared,
reigning in might, over all the earth. R**

God has subdued the peoples around us,
set nations at our feet,

**and has chosen for us a heritage,
the pride of Jacob, beloved of God.**

God has gone up with shouts of triumph,

has gone up with a fanfare of trumpets.

For God reigns over all the earth!

Sing praises with your utmost skill. R

God reigns over all the nations,
and sits in holiness enthroned.

**The nobles of the nations assemble
with the people of the Everlasting God.**

For earth's defenders belong to God,
to God the highly exalted. R

First New Testament Acts 1:1-11

Anthem We See the Lord - James Byrne (solo - Stephen Alexander)

Gospel Reading Luke 24: 44-53

Reflection Jesus Ascended 'Up'

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

Hymn: Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies VU 336

1 **Christ whose glory fills the skies,
Christ the true, the only light,
 sun of righteousness, arise,
 triumph o'er the shades of night.
Dayspring from on high, be near;
daystar, in my heart appear.**

2 **Dark and cheerless is the morn
unaccompanied by thee;
 joyless is the day's return,
 till thy mercy's beams I see,
till they inward light impart,
glad my eyes and warm my heart.**

3 **Visit then this soul of mine,
pierce the gloom of sin and grief;
 fill me, radiancy divine,
 scatter all my unbelief;
more and more thyself display,
shining to the perfect day.**

How Can I Give?

HOW CAN I GIVE TO MY CHURCH WHEN THE CHURCH IS CLOSED?

1/ If you have internet banking, you can E-transfer funds to QUC by sending the funds to QUC@nb.aibn.com. Do not forget to send a separate email with the answer to your security question.

2/ go to www.CanadaHelps.org and search for Quispamsis united Church. You can give to the church by using your credit card. The address says Gondola Point, do not worry, that is us.

3/ you can sign up for a pre-authorized remittance (PAR) donation which comes out of your bank account or credit card once a month. You can cancel this at any time. Contact Brion Crossman at 849-6003 for details.

4/ mail or deliver your giving's to our treasurer, Brion Crossman, 22 Country Crescent, Quispamsis, E2E 1T2

Offertory Dedication Hymn: Grateful MV 182

**Grateful for the life you give us
thankful for your holy son
joyful in your spirit flowing
over all O God of love
grateful for the bread of heaven
thankful for your holy word
joyful in your mercy flowing
we will praise you.**

Prayer of Dedication (Unison):

Eternal and ever-present God bless the gifts we offer you today with the power of your Holy Spirit. Use them and us to witness to the love of Jesus Christ and bring healing and hope to the world in his name. Amen.

Prayers for Ourselves and Others & Lord's Prayer

SENDING FORTH

Hymn: Crown Him with Many Crowns VU 211

1 Crown him with many crowns,
the Lamb upon his throne:
hark, how the heavenly anthem drowns
all music but its own!
Awake, my soul, and sing
of him who died for thee,
and hail him as thy matchless King
through all eternity.

2 Crown him the Lord of life,
who triumphed o'er the grave,
and rose victorious in the strife
for those he came to save.
His glories now we sing
who died and rose on high,
who died eternal life to bring,
and lives that death may die.

3 Crown him the Lord of peace,
whose power a sceptre sways
from pole to pole, that wars may cease,
absorbed in prayer and praise.
His reign shall know no end;
and round his pierced feet
fair flowers of Paradise extend
their fragrance ever sweet.

4 Crown him the Lord of love;
behold his hands and side,
rich wounds yet visible above,
in beauty glorified.
All hail, Redeemer, hail!
for thou hast died for me;
thy praise shall never, never fail
throughout eternity.

Commissioning and Benediction

Choral Benediction: Go Now In Peace

VU 964

Go now in peace, go now in peace.

**May the love of God surround you
everywhere, everywhere you may go.**

Postlude Our Christ Ascends - Todd Kendall