
St. James'-Rosemount United Church

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~ God's Compassionate Community Sharing Christian Faith ~



Joy
comes with
the dawn...

April 05, 2015 – Easter Sunday Sunrise Service
Worship Leader: Rev. Heather Davies

**Large Print Bulletins & Hearing Devices
are available - please ask for one.**

*Please Rise in Body or in Spirit when you see this symbol: **

WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

Still: A Poem

He dies.
Cold and dark, still and quiet, he lies.
Inside the tomb, alone, stopped, he lies.
Sun sets. Sun rises. Sun sets.
He is dead. He is dead. He is dead.
Still, "In God all things are possible."

Sun rises. He stirs. He stands. He speaks.
Christ breathes.
"In God all things are possible."
In God this was possible.
In God your things are possible. Still.

*Elaine Bidgood Sweet, Port Perry U.C.
and Prince Albert U.C., Port Perry, Ont.*

Call to Worship

One: And so we walk
From darkened hill to light-filled empty tomb.
We come seeking surprise and wonder
In the dawning light of Easter Day.
We greet the risen Christ
Who is here among us:
Christ is risen!

All: Christ is risen indeed! Allelujah!

*(Worship for all Seasons yr B pg 139 –
Anne MacDermid, 1994)*

- 1 Morning has broken like the first morning,
blackbird has spoken like the first bird.
Praise for the singing! Praise for the morning!
Praise for them, springing fresh from the Word!
- 2 Sweet the rain's new fall sunlit from heaven,
like the first dewfall on the first grass.
Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden,
sprung in completeness where God's feet pass.
- 3 Ours is the sunlight! Ours is the morning
born of the one light Eden saw play!
Praise with elation, praise every morning,
God's recreation of the new day!

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Opening Prayer (*unison*)

**All: God of all ages and of all people,
the shadow and gloom of Good Friday
have been dispersed by the light and colour of
Easter Sunday.**

**We rejoice in your power that turns our sorrow
into joy, our despair into hope,
our defeat into victory and evil into goodness.
Help us on this Easter morning,
O God to burst out of tombs that have trapped us:
tombs of selfishness and sinfulness,
greed and gluttony, scandal and corruption,
pride and prejudice.**

**Let now a new life of divine grace and human love
burst forth from each of us this Easter day,
through the grace of Jesus Christ, our Risen one.
Amen.**

Ruth Duck - Flames of the Spirit pg. 41

Easter Litany

One: Trembling, the women approached the tomb.
The tomb: that mysterious place of meeting.
Death meeting life. Women meeting the risen Christ.

**All: Trembling, we approach the edge
of where death and life meet.
Death, the unknown,
meets new life, also unknown.
New life faces us with its possibilities
and uncertainties. We approach, trembling.**

One: Easter morning: the women came face to face with
Jesus, face to face with the risen Christ.
They doubted, they feared, they were struck with awe
as life was returned to them from death.

**All: From a triumphant Palm Sunday to a dark,
betrayed Friday, we have journeyed to Easter.
Wiser now, we know that joy and sorrow,
life and death are bound together.
Passing through sorrow, through death, to life
and joy, we arrive at Easter**

One: The risen Jesus still bore the marks of the nails.
Life knows death, joy knows sorrow.
Yet it is life which triumphs over all,
and love which conquers all fear.

**All: Death is shattered!
The disciples stared death face to face,
and saw that it had lost its power.**

One: We have survived the deaths, the sorrows, the pains.
We receive new life.

**All: Rejoice! Life bursts through death. God is with us.
Alleluia!**

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Prayer of Illumination

One: O God for whom there are no barriers,
no stones too big to remove,
roll away our resistance to you.
Let your words fill us with new life
and bring us out from the tomb of indifference,
alive again in you.
In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Gospel Lesson: **Mark 16:1-8**

Hymn: **Joy Comes with the Dawn**

VU 166

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Reflection: **Joy Springs from the Tomb**

Prayers of Thanksgiving

Hymn: **This is the Day**

VU 412

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Benediction

Hymn **Joy Comes with the Dawn**

VU 166

R Joy comes with the dawn;
joy comes with the morning sun;
joy springs from the tomb
and scatters the night with her song,
joy comes with the dawn.

**Please join us inside the Rainbow Room
for a time of food and friendship
as we live into the wonder of the Risen Christ!**

IN OUR CHURCH:

Book Nook: Happy Easter!

No volunteer in the Book Nook today.

Embracing An Adult Faith Author and Bible scholar Marcus Borg invites us to join him in revisiting Christianity's most fundamental questions: Who is God? What does salvation mean? What place does Jesus hold in contemporary Christian faith? This five session study addresses fundamental questions that adults struggle with as faith matures. We will begin on ***Wed. April 8th*** in the Parlour 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Please sign the sheet on the Narthex table or **Contact the Church Office** if you plan to attend.

Reel Theology-- Thursday, April 23, 6 pm Potluck, then film. **Freedom's Land: Canada and the Underground Railroad--** (CBC-52 min.) How Canada and the "railroad" became the focus of the anti-slavery movement in the decade prior to the Civil War. Abolitionists, black and white, on both sides of the border, aid the cause using multiple pathways to freedom here. Discussion to follow. ALL WELCOME - adolescents & up.

Location: Janice's condo RSVP to **Contact the Church Office**

SJR Reads ***Mon., April 27th*** from 1:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. in parlour (enter at Kensington Ave door) We will be discussing another favourite book of our members, "Tara Road" by Maeve Binchy. Available at KPL. If you need a ride, **Contact the Church Office**. Come join a great discussion! .

Garage Sale Saturday, May 2nd, 2015

8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.



House cleaning this Spring? Collect those treasures and deliver them to SJR from Mon., April 27th to Thurs. April 30th - 8:00 am to 6:00 pm. Things that sell well include small appliances and tools, dishes, yard tools, glassware, household decorations, ... (cont'd) ➞ pots & pans, used tools, kid's toys, books, DVDs, CDs, jewelry, good clean used clothing, plants that you have spit and are ready to be planted and anything else you don't need or want.

"Many hands make light work" so check the sign-up sheets and let us know when you can help. All funds raised go to the Mission and Service Fund. Any questions can be directed to Cec Omand - **Contact the Church Office**

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Special thanks to Maureen Dennie, our layreader this morning!

FOR YOUR CALENDAR:



- ☐ Apr. 8 **VBS Video Bible Study** - 7:00 p.m. in the Parlour
- ☐ Apr. 23 **Reel Theology** - 6 pm at Janice Bock's place
- ☐ Apr. 27 **SJR Reads** 1:30-3:30 in the Parlour
- ☐ May 2 **Annual SJR Garage Sale**

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