

Christ Church Gabriola

A Collaborative Anglican – United Church

Open to All

We gather on the ancestral lands the Snuneymuxw people.



Second Sunday of Easter

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* Please stand if you are able

VU is Voices United Hymn Book

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MV is More Voices Hymn Book

We Gather to Celebrate God's Presence

All Are Welcome To Worship Together

We welcome you, whoever and wherever you are, to join us on a journey. We strive to accept each other as we are and welcome the ministry and participation of all persons regardless of age, gender identity, health, race, sexual orientation, differing abilities, religious or ethnic background or economic circumstance. We hope that in all that we do, in our worship and community life, that the Creator's unconditional love is experienced. We do this trusting The Creator is with us on the journey.

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Centering Stillness Let us prepare ourselves for worship

*One: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

All: And also with you.

***Call to Worship:**

One: We come from scattered lives to this sanctuary

**All: to seek our unity in the Spirit,
 to seek the grace of Jesus the Christ,**

One: to seek the peace of our Creator.

**All: God's people have gathered
 let us worship God**

***Collect:**

**Eternal God,
the strength of those who believe
and the hope of those who doubt,
may we, who have not seen, have faith
and receive the fullness of Christ's blessing,
who is alive with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever. Amen**

*Hymn: *Joy Comes With The Dawn*

VU# 166

Call to Confession:

One: God our Creator
your kindness has brought us
the gift of a new day.
Help us not to cling to yesterday
nor covet tomorrow
but to accept the uniqueness of today.

**All: By your love,
celebrated in your Word,
seen in your Son,
brought near by your Spirit,
take from us all we need carry no longer,
that we may be free again to choose to serve you
and be served by each other.**

Silence

**All: We believe that God forgives
and sets us free,
and at the day's beginning
we commit ourselves
to follow where Christ Calls
and to love one another. Amen**

***Passing of the Peace:**

One: The Peace of Christ be with you all!

All: And also with you!

Please share the peace of Christ with those around you.

We Listen to the Word

Reader: By the gift of your Spirit, calm and quiet our souls that
we may hear your Word today and be lifted up to walk with you.
In Christ's name we pray. Amen

First Reading: Acts 5:27-32

Psalm Psalm 118 VU p.837

Second Reading: Revelation 1:4-8

One: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

All: Thanks be to God.

***Hymn:**

Jesus Shall Reign

VU #330

Gospel Reading: (stand or sit as it your custom)

One: God be with you.

All: And also with you

One: The Good News of Jesus Christ according to John

All: Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

John 20:19-31

One: This is the Gospel of Christ.

All: Praise be to Jesus Christ

We Engage the Story

Reflection

Signs of the Spirit

Silent Reflection

***Hymn:**

You Tell Me That The Lord Is Risen

VU #185

Affirmation of Faith:

Music by R.G. Lang and Text by Frances Somerville,
Adapted from Chief Dan George "A Prayer Song"

We Respond to God's Love

Prayers of the People (stand or sit as it your custom)

Lord's Prayer (sung)

VU #959

Invitation for Offering:

Let us share the gifts we have received to further the work of our Church
in the world.

***Doxology:**

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Praise God the Source of life and birth,

Praise God the Word, who came to earth.

Praise God the Spirit, holy flame.

All glory, honour to God's name.

***Offering Prayer:**

All: Accept O God, we pray,

the offering we seek to make,

of ourselves and our resources,

and grant that we may ever work and pray

to build a world of peace

and joy and freedom;

through Christ Jesus. Amen

We Go Into the World

*Hymn:

Jesus Calls Us

VU #562

*Glory to God whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine. Glory to God from generation to generation, in the Church and in Christ Jesus, for ever and ever. Amen.

*Commissioning/Benediction

One: The guarding of the God of Life be on you

A: *The guarding of the loving Christ be on you*

B: *The guarding of the Holy Spirit be on you*

All: Every day and night to aid you and enfold you each day, each night !

One: Let us go forth into the world,
Rejoicing in the power of the Spirit! Alleluia!

Musical Postlude

*Please remain seated to reflect on the worship service or leave quietly
This service is over and our service begins*



Mission Statement

We follow Jesus Christ
Worshipping and Serving with Love and Joy
We open our minds, hearts, and doors to the world.

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