

# St James United Church

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SUNDAY, APRIL 18, 2021

10:30 am

*3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter*

**Welcome!**

*We are glad you have joined us in worship.  
May you feel the warmth of God's presence.*

*Our Mission:*

**To live God's love through our actions: Seek, Serve, Challenge.**

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**Reflection Question:**

“Does the resurrection produce faith or does faith produce the resurrection?”

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**WE GATHER AND APPROACH GOD**

*\*Bold indicates words said by All*

**PRELUDE**

**Amazing Grace** (arr. Joel Raney)

J.-C. Coolen, piano

**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Rev. Linda Maw

**LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE**

There once was someone, who said... and he said,

**"I am the Light of the World."**

**OPENING PRAYER**

Peter Chynoweth

Creator,

we bring our doubts and our questions,

**and as you touch our unbelief,****you turn them into adventures.**

Come now, O Spirit,

and create a moment of glory

**where we can sense you among us****and the world can witness in us****the good news that resurrection brings. Amen.**Written by Peter Chynoweth. *Gathering* Lent/Easter 2021, page 44. Used with permission.**OPENING HYMN***Good Christians All, Rejoice and Sing***VU 169**

(cantor vs 1, congregation + cantor vs 1-4)

Cantor: Nicholas Gryniewski, Baritone Choral Lead/Soloist Scholar

Piano: J.-C. Coolen, Music Minister

- 1 Good Christians all, rejoice and sing!  
Now is the triumph of our King!  
To all the world glad news we bring:  
Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah!
- 2 The Lord of life is risen today!  
Bring flowers of song, bedeck the way;  
let every tongue rejoice and say:  
Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah!
- 3 Praise we in songs of victory  
that love, that life which cannot die,  
and sing with hearts uplifted high:  
Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah!
- 4 Your name we bless, O risen Lord,  
and sing today with one accord  
the life laid down, the life restored:

Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah!

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## A TIME OF WONDER

### LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

#### RESPONSIVE PSALM

Psalm 4

VU 727

Answer me, when I call, O God, defender of my cause,  
for you set me free when I was in distress.

**Be gracious to me now  
and hear my prayer.**

How long, you people, will you defame my honour?

**How long will you love what is worthless and seek lies?**

Know this, that God has chosen the faithful;

**God hears me when I call.**

Stand in awe, and cease from sin;

**commune with your own heart upon your bed and be still.**

Offer the sacrifices that are appointed,

**and put your trust in God.**

There are many who say,

**'O that we might see prosperity!**

**Lift up the light of your face on us, O God.'**

But you have put gladness in my heart

more than those whose grain and wine are plentiful.

**Safe and sound, I lie down and sleep,**

**for you alone, God, make me dwell in safety.**

#### MUSICAL OFFERING

*Amazing Grace* (Craig Courtney)

Nicholas Gryniewski, baritone

J.-C. Coolen, piano

#### GREEK SCRIPTURE

Luke 24.36b-48

SERMON

*Believe It or Not!*

Rev. Maya Douglas

## RESPONDING TO GOD

SERMON HYMN

*Thine Is the Glory*

VU 173

Cantor: Nicholas Gryniewski, Baritone Choral Lead/Soloist Scholar

Piano: J.-C. Coolen, Music Minister

- 1 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 grave-clothes where the body lay.

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

- 2 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. *Refrain*

- 3 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. *Refrain*

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## OFFERTORY PRAYER

## PASTORAL PRAYER &amp; THE LORD'S PRAYER

CLOSING HYMN

*Be Thou My Vision*

VU 642

Cantor: Nicholas Gryniewski, Baritone Choral Lead/Soloist Scholar *v. 1, 2, 4, 5*

Piano: J.-C. Coolen, Music Minister

- 1 Be thou my vision, O joy of my heart;  
naught be all else to me save that thou art,  
thou my best thought, by day or by night,  
waking or sleeping thy presence my light.
- 2 Be thou my wisdom, my calm in all strife;  
I ever with thee, and thou in my life;  
thou loving parent, thy child may I be,  
thou in me dwelling, and I one with thee.
- 4 Riches I heed not, nor vain empty praise,  
thou mine inheritance, now and always;  
thou and thou only, the first in my heart,  
great God of heaven, my treasure thou art.
- 5 Great God of heaven, after victory won,  
may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's sun!  
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,  
still be my vision, O ruler of all.

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## BLESSING AND SENDING FORTH

### CONGREGATIONAL BLESSING

*Halle, Halle, Halle*

**VU 958**  
(sung twice)

Cantor: Nicholas Gryniewski, Baritone Choral Lead/Soloist Scholar  
Piano: J.-C. Coolen, Music Minister

**Hal-le, hal-le, hal-le-lu-jah!**  
**Hal-le, hal-le, hal-le-lu-jah!**  
**Hal-le, hal-le, hal-le-lu-jah!**  
**Hal-le-lu-jah! Hal-le-lu-jah!**

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**POSTLUDE**                    **Be Thou My Vision** (arr. Joshua Evanovich)  
J.-C. Coolen, piano

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Giving leadership in today's service:

J.-C. Coolen, Music Minister

Rev. Maya Douglas, Minister of Pastoral Care, Word and Sacrament

Nicholas Gryniewski, Baritone Choral Lead/Soloist Scholar

Rev. Linda Maw, Presider

We are also thankful for those serving as tech support:

Gord Burrell, Jordan Li, Don Munday, Karen Munday.

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**NEXT WEEK: Easter 4 – Sunday, April 25**

Scripture Readings: Psalm 23; John 10.11-18; Acts 4.5-12; 1 John 3.16-24.

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### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**We will be receiving our Lenten and Easter Outreach Offering** throughout the month of April. Our offering gifts will be used to support United Church Camps. The following YouTube video, Heaven among Stars, Trees and Lakes, describes some of camping' gifts. Please give generously. Thank you.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=J64MyxwkeE8>

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**Worship Service Coffee Hour:** To join Rev. Maya after worship at 12:30 p.m. on Sundays over Zoom in lieu of “meet and greet”, please use one of the following options.

Using the link below:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81414121724?pwd=S1lJakFPSnM5UEx1UWVUNHI5MktSUT09Using>

Meeting ID: 814 1412 1724

Passcode: 555637

OR

If you wish to phone in, please use the following information. Dial by your location:

+1 647 558 0588 Canada +1 647 374 4685 Canada

Meeting ID: 814 1412 1724 Passcode: 555637

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**The deadline for the Epistle is TODAY at noon.** This is the last issue before we break for the summer. If you have submissions, please send them to [sjepitle@yahoo.com](mailto:sjepitle@yahoo.com). This is the preferred method, although, hard copies could be dropped to the church to be put into the Epistle mailbox.

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**Our Bible Study group meets Mondays via Zoom at 1p.m.** We will read through the four lectionary readings for the week and discuss each one as well as how they may impact our lives and the world. Newcomers are always welcome!

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87231297360?pwd=NzVubjZnbjZsUEdmRG84MzFPaTZlQT09>

Meeting ID: 872 3129 7360

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**Sunday School every Sunday at 1:30 p.m. over Zoom.** If you have a child/grandchild from JK to Grade 9 who would like to participate please contact Karen at [karen\\_forgrave@hotmail.com](mailto:karen_forgrave@hotmail.com) so that she can be sure that you are included in the mailing list, and she can send you the Zoom Link.

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**The SJUC Junior & Youth Choir and Vocal Academy** is going strong and continues to welcome any enthusiastic young people aged 5-17 looking for a musical outlet. Rehearsals and private lessons are held on alternating Thursday evenings over Zoom. Please contact choir director Wendy Simone at [wcsimone@gmail.com](mailto:wcsimone@gmail.com) for more information and to register. We'd love to have you!

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**Senior Choir rehearsals** are virtually over Zoom on alternate Thursday evenings at 8 p.m. To participate in the Senior Choir, and for Zoom rehearsal meeting information, please contact J.-C. Coolen, Music Minister, at (905) 683-5757 or [jccoolen@sympatico.ca](mailto:jccoolen@sympatico.ca).

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**The new church Telephone Directory is now ready!** Addresses, phone numbers and emails have been updated. They can be picked up at church (\$3) or mailed to you (\$5) to cover printing costs and postage. Please let Matty know if you need one mailed to you. Not to be used for any commercial purpose!

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**We've posted a new episode in our series of YouTube videos** to help introduce new congregational song, introducing VU 169 Good Christians All, Rejoice and Sing. You may view it at <https://youtu.be/L4zaEuhaCMo>. You can also view the full list of videos on the church website, here: <http://www.stjamesunitedchurch.com/music/introducing-new-congregational-song/> Please feel free to enjoy and review these introductory videos as much as you desire, and do feel free to sing along! If you'd like to receive automatic notifications whenever we release a new video, directly to the bottom right of the YouTube video window, click on the red Subscribe button, then click on the Notifications bell.

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## UPCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS:

### **KAIROS: For the Love of Creation celebrates Earth Day**

Join us on Earth Day to celebrate the 1st anniversary of *For the Love of Creation* and participate in a discussion about how we can discern and nurture our gifts for climate action. *Discerning our gifts for climate action*: Thursday April 22 at 1 pm EDT, on Zoom. To register for this event, please click the link below:

<https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJMrdu-przkuGt04hqVvs2zRiUsejBwC6pfM>

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**Camping Sunday – NEXT Sunday, April 25, 2021, from 2 pm to 3 pm**

**Zoom Link:** <https://united-church.zoom.us/j/92292081317>

Join Us! April 25<sup>th</sup>, 2021 is Camping Sunday in the United Church of Canada, and we are inviting you to join the Shining Waters Regional Council camps and Jeffrey Dale, Minister for Faith Formation, Youth and Young Adults for an afternoon of camping fun, connection, and community building.

As many of you are aware, last summer was a difficult time for the camping ministry in Shining Waters. With the uncertainty this year continuing, we thought we'd take some time to celebrate camping ministry and how it has been an integral part of this region's youth and children's ministry. Come and hear about the various camping ministries in Shining Waters Regional Council and how they continue to connect with the children and youth throughout the region! There will be games and prizes (and we invite you to bring your own snacks)! This will be an intergenerational time for people of all ages.

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### **FUTURE SERVICES:**

**April 25, 2021** is Easter 4 Sunday.

**May 2, 2021** is Easter 5 & Anniversary Sunday. We are celebrating our 69th Anniversary! Our guest preacher will be the Rev. Susan Eagle.

**May 9, 2021** is Easter 6 & Mother's Day.

**May 16, 2021** is Easter 7 & Mental Health Sunday.

**May 23, 2021** is Pentecost Sunday. We will celebrate Holy Communion.

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## MINI-RECITAL

Nicholas Gryniewski, baritone

J.-C. Coolen, piano

### **Deh vieni alla finestra from *Don Giovanni***      Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart (1756-1791)

This aria from the opera *Don Giovanni*, sung by Don Giovanni, is his way of seducing a young maiden. Don Giovanni uses his sultry voice and words to hide his true intentions. His words are so innocent, but with less than innocent intentions.

#### **Deh vieni alla finestra**

Deh vieni alla finestra,  
o mio tesoro,  
Deh vieni a consolar,  
il pianto mio.

Se neghi a me di dar qualche ristoro,  
davanti agli occhi tuoi morir vogl'io.

Tu ch'hai la bocca dolce  
più che il miele,  
tu che il zucchero porti  
in mezzo al core,

non esser, gioja mia, con me crudele!  
lasciati almen veder, mio bell'amore!

#### **From Göthe's Faust**

I pray thee come to the window,  
oh my treasure,  
I pray thee come and console,  
these tears of mine

If you deny me any refreshment,  
I will die before your eyes.

You who have a sweet mouth  
more than honey,  
You who carry sugar  
in the middle of your heart,

Be not, my joy, cruel to me!  
Let me see you, my beautiful love!

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**Blow High, Blow Low**

Charles Dibdin (1745-1814)

This song by Charles Dibdin is a sailor's proclamation of love to his beloved. Based around wanting to come back to port, the composer was at sea at the time of writing this, so *Blow High, Blow Low* can be seen as Dibdin's longing for his wife.

**Blow High, Blow Low**

Blow high, blow low, let tempests tear  
 The main-mast by the board,  
 My heart with thoughts of thee, my dear,  
 And love well stor'd,  
 Shall brave all danger, scorn all fear,  
 The roaring winds the raging sea,  
 In hopes on shore, to be once more  
 Safe moor'd with thee.

Aloft while mountains high we go,  
 The whistling winds that scud along  
 And the surge roaring from below  
 Shall my signal be, to think on thee,  
 And this shall be my song:

And on that night, when all the crew  
 The mem'ry of their former lives  
 O'er flowing cans of flip renew,  
 And drink their sweethearts and their wives,  
 I'll heave a sigh, and think on thee,  
 And as the ship rolls thro' the sea,  
 The burthen of my song shall be: