



Sydenham Street United Church



Christ is Risen!

Reverend Catherine Elsdon
Easter Sunday
March 31, 2024
11:00 am

The lands on which we are meeting today are the traditional territories of the Anishinaabe and Haudenosaunee Peoples. We acknowledge their enduring presence on this land, as well as the presence of Métis, Inuit and other First Nations from across Turtle Island. We deeply respect the many generations of people who have cared for this land, and whose spiritualities, teachings and ways of knowing are closely tied to it. We seek to build right relations with these Peoples, to learn from them, and to live together on this land with respect and gratitude.

Easter Sunday
March 31 2024

Prelude Prelude in C major
The Strife is O'er

J.S. Bach
Healey Willan

Welcome

Land Acknowledgement

Introit Make A Joyful Noise Unto God, All Ye Lands

Healey Willan

Call to Worship

by Rev. Mindi Welton-Mitchell

The stone has been rolled away!

Christ is Risen!

The tomb is empty!

Christ is Risen!

The angel has told us, "He is not here."

Christ is Risen!

Hope lives!

Christ is Risen!

Love triumphs!

Christ is Risen!

Christ is Risen!

Christ is Risen indeed!

Hymn Voices United 155 "Jesus Christ Is Risen Today"

Candle Lighting

Prayer of Confession

by Wendy MacLean

Assurance More Voices 62 "There Is Room for All" x2

Children's Time

Hymn Voices United 958 "Halle, Halle, Halle"

Scripture

John 20:1-18

One: The story of Easter. Our story of hope and new life.

All: Hallelujah! Thanks be to God.

Anthem We Know That Christ is Raised

Stanford, Hal Hopson arr.

Announcements

Minute for Outreach

Invitation to the Offering

Dedicating our Gifts

by Gord Dunbar

Take these gifts and our hallelujahs, O God,
and bless them.

May they become hallelujahs for people near and far—
our loving response to inequity, fear, and separation.

In our giving, may we become hallelujahs for each other
and for people we encounter,
as living signs of your love in the world. Amen.

Hymn Voices United 186 “Now the Green Blade Rises”

Prayers of the People

Prayer of Jesus

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name.

Your kingdom come,
your will be done

on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins,
as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial,
and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.

Sermon Series “The Mystery of Easter—Yes!”

Anthem Risen Today & Joyful, Joyful

arr. Adam & Matt Podd

Hymn Voices United 166 “Joy Comes with the Dawn”

Blessing & Passing of the Peace

As our worship concludes, you are invited to turn to your neighbour and say, “Peace be with you.”

This phrase is an ancient greeting used by Jesus and his earliest followers.

Postlude Toccata

Michelle Leclerc



Sydenham Street United Church as an Affirming Congregation seeks to be a vital faith community within The United Church of Canada engaged in spirituality, justice and creativity, informed by Jesus Christ and the Bible, and discerning the call of the Trinity as we celebrate diversity, inclusivity and abundant life.

In need of prayer or support? Contact our Circles of Companionship or Rev. Catherine at 613-546-9616 ext 203 or minister@sydenhamstreet.ca

Thank You for Talents Shared Today:

Reverend Catherine Elsdon
Dr. Mark Sirett, Organist
Sydenham Street Choir
Barb Parker, Reader

Office Hours: Tuesday-Thursday 9:30 am-6:00 pm, Sunday 8:00 am-2:30 pm
82 Sydenham St. Kingston ON K7L 3H4
613-542-9616

Email: admin@sydenhamstreet.ca

Web: <https://sydenhamstreet.ca/ssuc1/>

Online Sunday Services: www.youtube.com/user/SydenhamStreet

Permission to podcast / stream the music in this service obtained from ONE LICENSE with license #M-400764. All rights reserved.

Contact the office to subscribe to our newsletter!

Thank you for your financial support!

**There are many ways to financially contribute to the ministries at
Sydenham Street United Church**

- Electronic Transfer (eTransfer) givings@sydenhamstreet.ca
- Donate by Pre-Authorized Remittance (PAR)
- Donate through CanadaHelps
- Place donation in offering plates at the sanctuary doors

For further information:

<https://sydenhamstreet.ca/ssuc1/donate/>