

Easter Sunday - A April 9, 2023

"Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb."

John 20:1

Welcome and Announcements

- Trinity is Welcoming, Open, Inclusive and Accessible.
 Trinity is an Affirming Congregation
- **†** Our building is open 9:00 am to 1:00 pm, Monday through Thursday

We Welcome Grant Birtch, our gusset musician for this morning.

12 April 10:00am, Bible Study 12:30pm, Healing Pathway 1:30pm, Christian Community	14 April 6:00pm, Rainbow 101 18 April 6:00pm, Potluck and Provers
1:30pm, Christian Community	6:00pm, Potluck and Prayers
7:00pm, Spiritual Leadership	

Smiths Falls Community Food Bank appreciates donations

Sunday School is the 2nd and last Sunday of the Month

Social Time after church - sign up in the Hall

The UCW will be hosting a viewing party and Tea for the Coronation of King Charles III on 6 May, 2023. In preparation, the UCW will be holding a Fascinator Workshop on 15 April from 1:00 - 4:00pm. Registration Forms are available in the entrance.



A fascinator is a formal headpiece, a style of millinery. Since the 1990s, the term has referred to a type of formal headwear worn as an alternative to the hat; it is usually a large decorative design attached to a band or clip. In contrast to a hat, its function is purely ornamental

New to You Sale - 29 April, 8:00am - 1:30pm. We welcome items such as - clothing, shoes, purses, scarves, soft cover books, puzzles, small pictures, jewellery, trinkets, odds and ends, dishes Etc. ... please no large appliances.

Please do not drop off before 2 April. When you drop items off, place them on the tables along the wall between the bathrooms. Please do not place items on the stage.

Inquiries may be made with Glenda Zieman at 613-283-2728

Trinity will be celebrating its 191st Anniversary, April 30. There will be a **Finger Food Luncheon** in the Fellowship Hall. If your last name begins with the letters A to M please, bring the 1st course. If your last name begins with the letters N to Z, please bring dessert.

Broadview magazine group subscription – If you wish to order the Broadview magazine as part of the group subscription, please forward your name to Brenda King at <u>bking1528@gmail.com</u>.

The cost is \$25 for the coming year and can be placed in the offering plate in an envelope indicating your name and that is for Broadview magazine, or you can drop it off at the church office. Deadline is 14 May.



Sunday, April 23, they will be with us during worship. The Sunday offering is for the life and work of Trinity United Church.

Discernment and Visioning Sessions will be held at Trinity with the guidance of the Rev Dr Peter Bartlett.

Session One - Who are We?

Sunday, 7 May, following Worship. Potluck Workshop



July 17 - 21 Trinity Smiths Falls

Next week, **16 April, Earth Day / Camping Sunday,** with our very own Teddy Dong ... Following the Fellowship Time we are invited to join the Outreach Team for a local clean up.

PITCH IN ALL RIDEAU REAL REAL ACTION LEAGUE SMERIES FALLS APRIL 15TH - 29TH 2023

Lets keep our community clean!



10 am - Bascule Bridge 1 pm - Jasper Rd. Boat Launch near Eric Hutchinson Rd.

Please contact jakeharrisonwilson@gmail.com

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Volunteer as an individual or as a group to collect garbage within the two week cleanup period.

Bags available from *The REAL Deal Store* from April 5th (Open Wed-Sat, 10-5pm).

Prizes will be awarded for participating! Please see our Facebook page for updates. **#PITCHINSF**

Introit "Christ is Risen, Alleluia" (Young)

Acknowledging Traditional Territory

Smiths Falls is located on the traditional territory of the Algonquin peoples dating back countless generations. We are grateful for our neighbours and recognize the opportunity to exercise the Ministry of Reconciliation

Call to Worship

This is the Good News – the light shines in the darkness & the darkness will never overcome it.

Hallelujah! Christ is risen.

This is the Good News: once we were no people; now we are God's people.

Hallelujah! Christ is risen.

This is the Good News – the grave is empty & Christ is risen. Hallelujah! Christ is risen indeed!

Let us worship God with Easter joy!

Opening Prayer

God of resurrecting power,
We are caught up in the joy of Easter and your love fills us with expectation.
Death will never overcome the life, and the powers of chaos will never overcome your loving intentions for the cosmos. Just as Jesus spoke to Mary in the garden that first Easter day, you call each of us by name because you love us.So we praise you for the hope you have given us, your powerful love and your promise of new life in Christ.So may we live our love for you gladly, today and every day, as we sing with our hearts full of praise:

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

Lenten Liturgy

Christ is risen! He is risen indeed!

The tomb is empty. Life has defeated death!

Rising from the grave, Jesus brings life to all the wrong places. Christ lives where death has ruled.

Rising from the grave, Jesus brings life to all the wrong people. Christ welcomes those who are often overlooked.

Christ's resurrection means that we are no longer lost in the wilderness.

He provides us with a living hope and travels with us to places where death had once prevailed.

The world has been turned upside down.

Life has defeated death! Hope has overwhelmed despair!

Joy has conquered gloom!

Hymn 155 "Jesus Christ Is Risen Today"

Jesus Christ is risen today, hallelujah! our triumphant holy day, hallelujah! who did once, upon the cross, hallelujah! suffer to redeem our loss, hallelujah!

Hymns of praise then let us sing, hallelujah! unto Christ, our heavenly King, hallelujah! who endured the cross and grave, hallelujah! sinners to redeem and save, hallelujah!

But the pains which he endured, hallelujah! our salvation have procured, hallelujah! now above the sky he's King, hallelujah! where the angels ever sing, hallelujah!

Sing we to our God above, hallelujah! praise eternal as God's love, hallelujah! praise our God, ye heavenly host, hallelujah! praise the Son and Holy Ghost, hallelujah!

Prayer of Confession

God of tender mercy,

We confess that faith doesn't come easy every Easter.

When we face loss in our own lives, sorrow can weigh us down.

Our challenges can feel like a stone too heavy to roll away.

Forgive us, O God. Let the hope of new life in Christ assure us that the power of your love that raised Jesus will never let us go. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

"No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends."

Dear friends, Christ has laid down his life for us and invites us to love one another as he has loved us. Let us rejoice in his redeeming, resurrecting love as we sing with grateful hearts:

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

Scripture	Acts 10:34-43
	Psalm 118 (VU 837)
	Colossians 3:1-4
	John 20:1-18
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Acts 10:34-43

Then Peter began to speak to them: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every people anyone who fears him and practices righteousness is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ - he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree, but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

Psalm 118 (VU 837)

Refrain -Hallelujah, hallelujah!

Let Israel now say: **"God's love endures forever."** Let the house of Aaron say: **"God's love endures forever."** Let those who fear God say: **"God's love endures forever."**

Refrain -Hallelujah, hallelujah!

> Open to me the gates of the temple, that I may enter and give thanks to God. **This is the gate of God; through it the righteous shall enter.** I thank you for you have answered me; you have become my salvation.

The stone which the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.

This is God's doing, marvellous in our eyes. This is the day that God has made, let us rejoice and be glad in it!

Refrain -Hallelujah, hallelujah!

Save us, O God, we pray;
God, we pray, give us success.
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of God.
We bless you from the house of God.
God, our God, has given us light;
with palm branches in hand let us march to the altar.
You are my God, and I will thank you;
you are my God, and I will extol you.

Refrain -Hallelujah, hallelujah!

Colossians 3:1-4

So if you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on the things that are above, not on the things that are on earth, for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

John 20:1-18

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him." Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, and the cloth that had been on Jesus's head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed, for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. Then the disciples returned to their homes.

But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb, and she saw two angels in white sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. They said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him." When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?" Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away." Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to him in Hebrew, "Rabbouni!" (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, "Do not touch me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'" Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord," and she told them that he had said these things to her.

Meditation "I Don't Know How To Love Him" (Lloyd Webber)

Reflection While it was Still Dark

Hymn 166 "Joy Comes At The Dawn"

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.

Weeping may come;

weeping may come in the night, when dark shadows cloud our sight.

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.

Sorrow will turn,

sorrow will turn into song, and God's laughter makes us strong.

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.

We will rejoice,

we will rejoice, and give praise, to the One who brings us grace.

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.

Invitation to the Offering

On Easter Day, we celebrate God's most precious gift to us in Christ's dying and his rising.

As we present our gifts to God this morning, may our generosity reflect God's goodness, and the hope we have in Christ Jesus, our Risen Lord.

Offering Options

- E-transfers to <u>secretary@trinityunitedsf.ca</u>
- delivery to church office
- through Trinity website DONATE button
- PAR

Offering Prayer

Generous God,

This day we recognize how much you have given us in Jesus. Bless these gifts so they may offer the hope and joy we feel today to the world you love so dearly. In the name of your greatest gift we pray. Amen.

Hymn 359 "He Came Singing Love"

He came singing love and he lived singing love; he died singing love. He arose in silence.For the love to go on we must make it our song; you and I be the singers.

He came singing faith and he lived singing faith; he died singing faith. He arose in silence. For the faith to go on we must make it our song; you and I be the singers.

He came singing hope and he lived singing hope; he died singing hope. He arose in silence.For the hope to go on we must make it our song; you and I be the singers. He came singing peace and he lived singing peace; he died singing peace. He arose in silence.For the peace to go on we must make it our song; you and I be the singers.

Prayers of the People

God of power and possibility, You broke open the tomb that held our Lord.

Now break into your church where your people are distracted by concerns and worries.

Resurrect, renew and revive your church!

God, in your mercy, Hear our prayer.

God of resurrection and new life, You broke into the hearts of Jesus' fearful friends.

Now break into our relationships with one another. Where they are vibrant and life-giving, nurture them. Where they are strained by old hurts and misunderstandings, or carelessly taken for granted, mend them.

Resurrect, renew and revive our life together!

God, in your mercy, Hear our prayer. God of might and mercy,

You broke the schemes of those who stood in the way of your love.

Now break into the governing systems of your world.

Stir the minds and hearts of leaders to work for justice and equitable sharing.

Where laws are corrupt, or people suffer under harsh rule, call them to account.

Resurrect, renew and revive the leaders of the world!

God, in your mercy, Hear our prayer.

God of healing and hope,

You broke the bonds of death which tried to shackle new life.

Now break into situations of illness, pain, grief, and loss.

Wherever people are sick in body, mind, or spirit, wherever someone mourns the loss of any relationship or dream, bring your healing grace.

Resurrect, renew and revive our lives!

God, in your mercy, Hear our prayer.

God of Easter Renewal and Resurrection, You have broken into our lives again this day. We give you thanks for the power of your love to remake every situation

that brings us challenge or choice.

Break into all our moments of celebration and joy, too.

Give us gratitude, the impulse to share, and a spirit of grace and understanding.

Resurrect, renew and revive your people!

God, in your mercy, Hear our prayer.

Now we pray in one voice the words that Jesus gave us -

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name;

thy kingdom come;

thy will be done; on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, for ever and ever. **Amen.** **EOORC Prayer Cycle** Église Unie Saint-Marc

Ecumenical Prayer Cycle Bulgaria, Hungary, Romania

We Depart to Serve in Peace and with Love

Time for the Young

Hymn 352 "Lord Of The Dance"

I danced in the morning when the world was begun, And I danced in the moon and the stars and the sun, And I came from heaven and I danced on the earth; At Bethlehem I had my birth.

Dance, then, wherever you may be; I am the Lord of the dance, said he, And I'll lead you all, wherever you may be, And I'll lead you all in the dance, said he.

I danced for the scribe and the pharisee, But they would not dance and they would not follow me; I danced for the fishermen, for James and John; They came with me and the dance went on.

Dance, then, wherever you may be; I am the Lord of the dance, said he, And I'll lead you all, wherever you may be, And I'll lead you all in the dance, said he.

I danced on the Sabbath and I cured the lame; The holy people said it was a shame, They whipped and they stripped and they hung me high, And left me there on a cross to die.

Dance, then, wherever you may be; I am the Lord of the dance, said he, And I'll lead you all, wherever you may be, And I'll lead you all in the dance, said he.

I danced on a Friday when the sky turned black; It's hard to dance with the devil on your back; They buried my body and they thought I'd gone, But I am the dance and I still go on.

Dance, then, wherever you may be; I am the Lord of the dance, said he, And I'll lead you all, wherever you may be, And I'll lead you all in the dance, said he.

They cut me down and I leap up high; I am the life that will never, never die; I'll live in you if you'll live in me; I am the Lord of the dance, said he.

Dance, then, wherever you may be; I am the Lord of the dance, said he, And I'll lead you all, wherever you may be, And I'll lead you all in the dance, said he.

Benediction

Go now, with wonder at the empty tomb to amaze you, with the joy Mary felt in the garden to lift your hearts, and the disciples' hope at news Jesus had risen to encourage you. And may God's resurrecting love open the future for you, empowered by the Spirit and embraced by Jesus, our Risen Lord.

Choral Amen

Postlude "Jesus Christ, Superstar" (Lloyd Webber)



Recurring Events and Activities at Trinity		
Every Monday, 1:00pm	Book Group	
First Monday, 9:30am	UCW	
Fourth Monday, 9:30am	Property Team / Church Hall	
Every Tuesday, All Day	Pastoral Visitation	
First Tuesday, 1:00pm - 3:00pm	Retirement Residences	
First Tuesday, 7:00pm	Outreach and Social Justice	
Third Tuesday, 9:30am	Stewardship & Finance Team / Upper Room	
Third Tuesday, 6:00pm	Potluck and Praise	
Every Wednesday, 10:00am	Bible Study / Seasonal Study	
Second Wednesday, 12:30pm	Healing Pathway	
Second Wednesday, 7:00pm	Spiritual Leadership Meeting	
Fourth Wednesday, 12:30pm	Healing Pathway	
Last Wednesday, 7:00pm	Council	
Second Friday, 6:00pm	Rainbow 101	
Every Sunday, 8:30am (Except Second Sunday)	Choir Practice	
Every Sunday, 11:30am	Soaking Prayer	
Second Sunday, 8:30am	Early Communion	
Second Sunday, 9:00am	Choir Practice	
Second Sunday, 10:30am	Sunday School	
Last Sunday, 10:30am	Sunday School	
Last Sunday, 1:00pm	Lanark Drum Circle	