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## GATHERING IN THE SPIRIT

Choir Anthem: Morning Has Broken arr. Harry Simeone

Welcome  
Hallelujah, he is risen!  
**He is risen indeed!**

Gathering Hymn VU 166 Joy Comes with the Dawn

Lighting the Christ Candle

Territorial Acknowledgement

**We gather on land that has sustained bodies, hopes, and dreams for a very long time. We acknowledge the Kosapsum and Songees, Lək<sup>w</sup>əŋən peoples—all relations yearning for right relationship. And so we recommit to a complex journey toward reconciliation.**

Opening Prayer

God of life and new beginnings,  
on this Easter morning we come with hearts full of hope:  
**hope for the healing of the world,  
hope of meeting Christ beside the empty tomb.  
Breathe new life into us, O God.**  
Help us to live into the abundance of being a people of the resurrection:  
**help us to live as witnesses to your love.  
Breathe new life into us, O God.**  
Now, in this time of worship, make us aware of your unwavering presence that is full of forgiveness and full of grace.  
**Hear our song, hear our prayer. Be with us.  
Breath new life into us, O God. Amen.**

Hymn VU 155 Jesus Christ is Risen Today (see Insert)

Welcoming New Members

Ela van Sertima; Bill Stolworthy; Darlene Stolworthy  
Jackie Cox-Ziegler; Scott Jantzen; Melanie Jantzen

♪ Halle, halle, hallelujah!

~ VU 958 ~

Sharing the Peace of Christ

## SHARING THE GOOD NEWS

Opening to the Word

Choir: *Alleluia!*

~ William Boyce ~

Scripture Reading: Matthew 28:1-10

Read by Colleen Nichol

Reflection

Hymn VU 183 We Meet You, O Christ

## RESPONDING WITH OUR WHOLE HEARTS

Communion

Communion Songs: **VU 457 As We Gather at Your Table; VU 460 All Who Hunger**

The Lord's Prayer ~ *Paraphrase by Steve Garnaas-Holmes* ~  
**O Infinite, Intimate One, Source of our being,  
whose presence is heaven,  
all Creation sings of you, "Holy!"  
May your Realm unfold among us;  
May our only story be the story of your grace,  
this world blossoming out of your delight.  
Give us the breath of life, one breath at a time.  
Accept our brokenness;  
give us acceptance of others who are broken.  
Lead us beyond our desires  
and save us from cooperating with evil.  
For the world is within you; all power is from you,  
and all glory is about you,  
in eternity, which is in the present moment. Amen.**

Offering

Solo: *Laudate Dominum* by W.A. Mozart

*“O praise God, all ye nations. Praise God, all ye people’  
For loving kindness has been bestowed upon us  
and God’s truth endures forever.”*

Offertory Response

~ VU 179 ~

♪ **Hallelujah, hallelujah,  
Give thanks to the risen Christ  
Hallelujah, hallelujah,  
Give praise to God’s name.**

Announcements: Work of the People

### **GOING OUT TO SERVE**

Hymn VU 352 I Danced in the Morning

Commissioning and Blessing

Response:

~ VU 586 ~

♪ **We shall go out with hope of resurrection;  
We shall go out, from strength to strength go on;  
We shall go out and tell our stories boldly;  
Tales of a love that will not let us go.  
We’ll sing our song of wrongs that can be righted  
We’ll dream our dreams of hurt that can be healed;  
We’ll weave a cloth of all the world united  
Within the vision of new life in Christ**

**We’ll give a voice to those who have not spoken,  
We’ll find the words for those whose lips are sealed;  
We’ll make the tunes for those who sing no longer,  
Expressive love alive in every heart.  
We’ll share our joy with those who still are weeping;  
Raise hymns of strength for hearts that break in grief,  
We’ll leap and dance the resurrection story,  
Including all in circles of our love.**

## **James Bay United Church**

*Following in the way of Jesus  
on the journey inward  
and the journey outward*

**April 5, 2026  
Easter Sunday**

