



WELCOME

Sherbrooke Mossspark Parish Church

EASTER

Sunday 4th. April 2021



ORDER OF SERVICE

Introit *Easter* – R. Vaughan Williams
Words: G. Herbert

Rise heart; thy Lord is risen. Sing his praise
Without delays,
Who takes thee by the hand, that thou likewise
With him mayst rise:
That, as his death calcined thee to dust,
His life may make thee gold, and much more just.

Awake, my lute, and struggle for thy part
With all thy art.
The cross taught all wood to resound his name,
Who bore the same.
His stretched sinews taught all strings, what key
Is best to celebrate this most high day.

Consort both heart and lute, and twist a song
Pleasant and long:
Or since all music is but three parts vied
And multiplied;
O let thy blessed Spirit bear a part,
And make up our defects with his sweet art.

**Call to
Worship** Alleluia! Christ is Risen
The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia

Praise 410 Jesus Christ is risen today

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

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

3 But the anguish he endured, Alleluia!
our salvation have procured; Alleluia!
now in heaven Christ is King, Alleluia!
where the angels ever sing, Alleluia!

4 Sing we to our God above, Alleluia!
praise eternal as his love, Alleluia!
praise him, all you heavenly host, Alleluia!
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, Alleluia!

Prayers (Sung Kyrie) Gormley

This is the ancient prayer of the Church asking for God's mercy upon us.

Lord have mercy upon us.
Christ have mercy upon us.
Lord have mercy upon us.

Prayer for the Day Glorious Lord of life, by the mighty resurrection of your Son you overcame the old order of sin and death to make all things new in him. Grant that we who celebrate with joy Christ's rising from the dead may be raised from the death of sin to the life of righteousness; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

(Book of Common Worship, PC, USA)

Epistle Acts 10:34-43

(p.123)

34 And Peter opened his mouth and said: "Truly I perceive that God shows no partiality, **35** but in every nation any one who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. **36** You know the word which he sent to Israel, preaching good news of peace by Jesus Christ (he is Lord of all), **37** the word which was proclaimed throughout all Judea, beginning from Galilee after the baptism which John preached: **38** how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all that were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. **39** And we are witnesses to all that he did both in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; **40** but God raised him on the third day and made him manifest; **41** not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. **42** And he commanded us to preach to the people, and to testify that he is the one ordained by God to be judge of the living and the dead. **43** To him all the prophets bear witness that every one who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

Anthem *Surrexit a mortuis* – C. M. Widor

<p>Surrexit a mortuis, Christus Dei Filius, Pastor bonus, Pastor qui animam Pro grege suo posuit. Pascha nostrum immolatus est Christus.</p> <p>Surrexit a mortuis. Alleluia.</p>	<p><i>He rose from the dead, Christ, the Son of God, the good shepherd, the shepherd who for his flock laid down his life. Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us.</i></p> <p><i>He rose from the dead. Alleluia.</i></p>
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Gospel St Mark 16:1-8 (p.51)

1 And when the sabbath was past, Mary Mag'dalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salo'me, bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. **2** And very early on the first day of the week they went to the tomb when the sun had risen. **3** And they were saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the door of the tomb?" **4** And looking up, they saw that the stone was rolled back; --it was very large. **5** And entering the tomb, they saw a young man sitting on the right side, dressed in a white robe; and they were amazed. **6** And he said to them, "Do not be amazed; you seek Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has risen, he is not here; see the place where they laid him. **7** But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going before you to Galilee; there you will see him, as he told you." **8** And they went out and fled from the tomb; for trembling and astonishment had come upon them; and they said nothing to any one, for they were afraid.

**Nicene
Creed**

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;

he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father [and the Son], who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Praise

409 Jesus is risen, alleluia

1 Jesus is risen, alleluia
Worship and praise him, alleluia!
Now our redeemer bursts from the grave;
lost to the tomb, Christ rises to save

*Come, let us worship him, endlessly sing;
Christ is alive and death loses its sting.
Sins are forgiven, alleluia!
Jesus is risen, alleluia!*

2 Buried for three days, destined for death,
now he returns to breathe with our breath.
Blest are the ears alert to his voice,
blest are the hearts which for him rejoice.

3 ‘Don’t be afraid!’ the angel had said
‘Why seek the living here with the dead?
Look where he lay, his body is gone,
risen and vibrant, warm with the sun.’

4 ‘Go and tell others, Christ is alive.’
Love is eternal, faith and hope thrive.
What God intended, Jesus fulfilled;
what God conceives can never be killed.

5 Let heaven echo, let the earth sing:
Jesus is saviour of everything.
All those who trust him, Christ will receive;
therefore rejoice, obey and believe

SERMON

1 The strife is o'er, the battle done;
now is the Victor's triumph won;
now be the song of praise begun.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

2 The powers of death have done their worst,
but Christ their legions has dispersed;
let shouts of holy joy outburst.

3 The three sad days are quickly sped;
he rises glorious from the dead;
all glory to our risen Head!

4 He broke the bonds of death and hell;
the bars from heaven's gateways fell;
let hymns of praise his triumph tell.

5 Lord, by the painful wounds you bore,
death lost its sting for evermore;
living in you, our praises soar.

Offerings

Prayers of Dedication, Thanksgiving and Intercessions

Praise

419 Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son

Thine be 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 thy body lay.

*Thine be the glory, risen conquering Son,
Endless is the victory, thou o'er death hast won.*

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 her Lord now liveth, death hath lost its sting.

No more we doubt thee, glorious Prince of life;
life is naught 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.

BLESSING

Voluntary *Toccata from* Symphony No. 5 – C. M. Widor

PLEASE NOTE **you will be shown your seat by one of the duty team today. We ask you remain in it for the duration of the Service. Please follow the guidance of the team who are responsible for ensuring you are kept safe.**

You are required to familiarise yourself with the current government guidelines about social distancing and hand-sanitising while in the building. Please remember we have to operate a one-way system of entry and exit to the building

Attendance at Services

Up to 50 people will be permitted to be present in the sanctuary for public worship on Sunday's and Thursday's. If wishing to attend please contact the office to register in advance, otherwise we may not be able to allow you admission (Government regulations).

The Readings are printed

The Young Church talk is on the website each weekend and Messy Church will produce a video every month covering the topic for that month. This also will be on the church website.

Kirk Sessions – Tuesday 6th and Wednesday 7th April, 7.30pm: a reminder that we are holding two kirk sessions next week. At the meeting on Tuesday 6th April, the annual report and accounts will be received. On Wednesday 7th April we are being joined by Linda Walker from the Presbytery Advisory Committee who will taking us through the Vacancy process. The meetings are being held via zoom.

Happy Easter from your friends at Sherbrooke Mossspark Church

The little bag placed on your seat as you arrive at Church this morning contains an EASTER EGG gifted to you thanks to a kind donation from a member of our congregation. Each bag has been prepared and presented with Covid-19 regulations in mind, and is yours to take home with our best wishes.

PLEASE SEE NOTICE BELOW:

Vacancy Procedure Act V111 2003 – Sherbrooke Mosspark Church

Electoral Register and Nominating Committee

Given the Covid restrictions impacting worship and related activities, the protocols for the Electoral Register and Nominating Committee have had to be adapted. In drafting these protocols, due notice has also been taken of the Vacancy Protocol (v2, 16 July 2020).

Overview: in line with the Vacancy Procedure Act V111 (2003) the following notices will be read out at the appropriate Sherbrooke Mosspark's Church services, placed in the order of service and positioned on the Church website. This approach is being adopted to ensure anyone who feels they should be on Sherbrooke Mosspark's Electoral Register is given due consideration by the Keeper of the Roll and Session Clerk.

In addition, from Sunday 28th March, individuals who feel they should be on Sherbrooke Mosspark's Electoral register should notify Christine Higgison, Keeper of the Roll, or Clare Williams, Session Clerk, via the church office (email: sherbrooke-init@btconnect.com or telephone: 0141 427 1968). It would be preferred if all notifications are received on or before 6th of April. However, notifications can still be received by 11.15am on Sunday 11th April 2021.

The Electoral Register will be agreed in principle at the Kirk Session on Wednesday 7th April with ratification by the Kirk Session on Sunday 11th April. On Sunday 11th April, ahead of the Electoral Register being attested by the Kirk Session, the Interim Moderator will outline to the Kirk Session how the Electoral Register has been available and enquiries dealt with.

Form C – Supplementary (Covid) 2021

Preparation of Electoral Register – intimated on Sunday 28th March and Sunday 4th April by Revd Tom Pollock, placed in order of service and positioned on church website

Notice is hereby given that in view of the forthcoming vacancy, due to Tom Pollock's imminent retirement, in this congregation of Sherbrooke Mosspark, the Kirk Session is about to make up an Electoral Register. This Electoral Register is a list of those who will be eligible to vote when the time comes to elect a Nominating Committee and subsequently in the election of a new minister.

If your name and current address are already on the Communion Roll, then you will automatically be placed upon the Electoral Register. You will need to take no further action.

If you are a regular worshipper here, but are still a member of another congregation, and you wish to participate in the election of a minister to this congregation of Sherbrooke Mosspark, then you should arrange to hand into the Keeper of the Roll or Session Clerk a valid Certificate of Transference before the Kirk Session meets.

If you are a regular worshipper here, and not a member of this or any other congregation, then the Kirk Session can add your name to the Electoral Register as an 'adherent'. If you wish the Kirk Session to consider this, you should obtain a form from either the Keeper of the Roll or the Session Clerk, complete it and return it to the Church office before the Kirk Session meets.

The Kirk Session will meet via zoom on Wednesday 7th April 2021 at 7.30pm to make up the Electoral Register in principle, with ratification on the 11th of April.

Mark Johnstone
Interim Moderator

Form G – Supplementary (Covid) 2021

Election of Nominating Committee – intimated on Sunday 28th March and Sunday 4th April by Revd Tom Pollock, placed in order of service and positioned on website

Notice is hereby given that a meeting of this congregation of Sherbrooke Mossspark will be held in the Church on Sunday 11th April at the close of morning worship for the purposes of appointing a Nominating Committee. The task of the Nominating Committee will be to nominate one person to this congregation of Sherbrooke Mossspark to be the new minister.

At that meeting, the congregation shall be invited to elect up to 13 people, who are on the Electoral Roll of this congregation of Sherbrook Mossspark, to serve on the Nominating Committee. If you wish to propose anyone to serve on the Committee it is requested this be done in writing (email) prior to the Church service on the 11th of April. However, you may propose someone at the congregational meeting after the service. It is important any nominee has indicated a willingness to serve.

Mark Johnstone
Interim Moderator

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Minister: Tom Pollock

Organist: John Gormley

Beadle: Cameron Aitken

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