



*Christ is risen!
He is risen, indeed!*

CENTRAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH HAMILTON
Easter Sunday Worship Service
April 5, 2026 10:30 a.m.
Minister – Rev. Hannah Lovaglio
Director of Music Ministries – Dr. Marcus Scholtes
Lector – Kelvin Olumide
Greeters – Robert & Greame McMurrich, Dennis Floresco

A Warm Welcome to Worship at Central this morning!

Welcome, Families! We offer a staffed nursery throughout the service for young ones up to age 4. Children's bulletins and colouring pages are available on the table in the Sanctuary entryway. There is no Faith Finders program today, as it is a great day for families to worship together.

* Indicates standing, as you are able.

PRELUDE *Alleluia, Alleluia* - W. Byrd
Fancies, Toys and Dreams - G. Farnaby, Arr. by Howarth
Sheep May Safely Graze - J. S. Bach

OUR APPROACH TO GOD

INTROIT *A Pentatonic Alleluia*

R. Whitney, Ed. by R. Soto

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: This is the day

**All: hope tiptoes us awake;
light guides us through the shadows.**

This is the day the Lord
**plants joy in our winter hearts;
drowns out despair's cries with laughter.**

This is the day the Lord has made
**the day grace does cartwheels in graveyards;
resurrection wonder outshines the brightest sun;
an empty tomb fills us with good news.**

* HYMN – Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

Hymn 243 (see pg. 7-8)

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Hallelujah, Christ is Risen
He is Risen Indeed!

PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION

After prayers of adoration are offered on behalf of the gathered body, together we confess our sins:

**Gracious God,
our sins are too heavy to carry,
too real to hide and too deep to undo.
Forgive what our lips are afraid to name
and what our hearts can no longer bear.
Set us free from a past we cannot change,
open us to a future in which we can be changed
and give us the grace to grow more and more in your likeness and image.
In Jesus' name, we pray.
Amen**

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S LOVE AND FORGIVENESS

THE PEACE:

As loved and forgiven children of God who have been made new, we greet one another this morning with an Easter acclamation. Turn to your friends and neighbors greeting them with the peace of words like these: Hallelujah, Christ is Risen! **He is Risen Indeed!**

GOD'S WORD FOR THE CHILDREN

Hymn 348 v. 1

*Tell me the stories of Jesus I love to hear,
things I would ask him to tell me if he were here:
scenes by the wayside, tales of the sea,
stories of Jesus, tell them to me.*

* HYMN – At The Dawning Of Salvation

Hymn 248 (see pgs. 9-10)

GOD SPEAKS TO US

SCRIPTURE READING

John 20:1-18

SPECIAL MUSIC *Allegro* from Divertimento No. 3

G. F. Telemann

Sara Traficante, Kirk Starkey, and Ramona Starkey

MEDITATION: **What Died Didn't Stay Dead**

**Jesus is Lord
Jesus suffered, died, and was buried,
but God raised him from the dead.
Risen and ascended,
he is alive now, the living Lord.
His resurrection means that our faith is not empty,
that final victory is assured over all evil powers
which destroy and deform life,
and that death, the last enemy, is conquered.
Thanks be to God who gives us the victory
through Jesus Christ our Lord!**

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD

* HYMN – The Day Of Resurrection

Hymn 249

1. The day of resurrection: earth, tell it out abroad,
the Passover of gladness, the Passover of God!
From death to life eternal, from earth unto the sky,
our Christ hath brought us over with hymns of victory.
2. Our hearts be pure from evil, that we may see aright
the Lord in rays eternal of resurrection light,
and, listening to his accents, may hear, so calm and plain,
his own 'All hail!' and, hearing, may raise the victor strain.
3. Now let the heavens be joyful; let earth its song begin;
let the round world keep triumph, and all that is therein;
invisible and visible, their notes together blend,
for Christ the Lord hath risen, our joy that hath no end.

THE OFFERING

*Tithes and offerings can be given electronically through Canada Helps website,
found using the QR code to the right.*



CHORAL OFFERTORY *Come, Ye Faithful* - R. S. Thatcher

*Come, ye faithful, raise the strain of triumphant gladness;
God hath brought His Israel into joy from sadness;
'Tis the Spring of Souls today, Christ hath burst His prison,
And from three days sleep in death as a Sun hath risen.*

*Now the Queen of seasons, bright with the day of splendour,
With the royal feast of feasts, comes its joy to render;
Comes to glad Jerusalem, who with true affection
welcomes in unwearied strains Jesus' Resurrection.*

*Neither might the gates of death, nor the tomb's dark portal,
Nor the watchers, nor the seal, hold Thee as a mortal;
But today amidst the twelve Thou didst stand, bestowing that
Thy peace which evermore passeth human knowing.*

* THE DOXOLOGY AND PRESENTATION OF GIFTS

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise God all creatures here below;
praise God above, ye heavenly host; praise Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost.*

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION

As prayers of intercession are offered, we lift them up to the Lord together, saying:
God, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

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,
and the power, and the glory,
For ever and ever. Amen**

GOD SENDS US

* HYMN - Thine Be The Glory

258 (see pgs. 11-12)

* BENEDICTION

HALLELUJAH CHORUS G. F. Handel, Trans. by W. F. Mills/ Organ Arr. by P. Scholtes

POSTLUDE *Fantasy on "Jesus Christ has Risen Today"* - J. Gale

*Following the postlude, all are invited for Easter Fellowship in the Hall,
found through the doors at the front of the sanctuary.*



Flowers are a sign of the resurrection, of hope born in darkness and new life taking root. If you have a friend, neighbor, or loved one who would benefit from the gift of an Easter plant, please take one and share. Perhaps bring along an Easter Bulletin as well, and may the blessing of God's resurrecting love embrace all with hope, joy, and faith.



"A big thank you to the Hamilton Brass Quintet for sharing their musical talents with us this morning"

Charlotte McIntosh & Shaw Nicholson, trumpets
Micajah Sturgess, horn
Megan Hodge, trombone
Jen Stephen, tuba

Welcome to Central. If you're new today, we're glad you've come.

We're a community seeking to live with courage, kindness, and grace. We don't have all the answers, but we trust God is with us as we learn and grow together. There's a place for you here.

Statement of Welcome and Inclusion
Central Presbyterian Church
God's Love Includes Everyone



No matter who you are, how you identify, whom you love, or where you are on life's journey: know you are welcome here, and you are loved by God.

The full CPC Statement of Welcome is available on our website:

www.cpchamilton.ca/welcome-statement/

For any pastoral concerns, please contact the Rev. Lois Whitwell (905-522-9098 or lois@cpchamilton.ca). Central's Prayer Team is available to receive needs in confidence. Contact Pam Carpenter at 905-526-0631 or carpenterfamily@sympatico.ca.

Jesus Christ is risen today

EASTER HYMN 7777 with hallelujahs

Descant

4. Sing we to our God a - bove, hal - le - lu - jah!
 4. Puis-que ta mort fut sui - vi - e, al - lé - lu - ia!

C G/B C F F/C C /E G7/D C (F/A) C/G G7 C

1. Je - sus Christ is risen to - day, hal - le - lu - jah!
 2. Hymns of praise then let us sing

1. Bri - sant ses li - ens fu - nè - bres, al - lé - lu - ia!
 2. Les sol - dats, le sceau, la pier - re,

praise e - ter - nal as his love; hal - le - lu - jah!
 du tri - om - phe de la vi - e, al - lé - lu - ia!

F C F C/E Dm7 C/E C/G G C /E G7sus4-3/DC F/A C/G C C

our tri - um - phant ho - ly day, hal - le - lu - jah!
 un - to Christ our heav - en - ly King,
 Christ est sor - ti des té - nè - bres, al - lé - lu - ia!
 n'ont pu le gar - der en ter - re,

Words: Latin, anonymous; translation, Tate and Brady's New Version 1698; vs.4, Charles Wesley (1707-1788); French translation, Ruben Saillens Music: Lyra Davidica 1708, 1749; descant, Derek Holman (1931-)

Words: public domain Music: descant, copyright © Derek Holman

praise him, all ye heaven - ly host, hal - le - lu - jah!
 Je veux, ô mon di - vin Roi, al - lé - lu - ia!
 G Am76 G/B G/F C/E Dm7-6 C G Am7-6 G G/D D7 G

who did once up - on the cross, hal - le - lu - jah!
 who en - dured the cross and grave, al - lé - lu - ia!
 le ciel, la terre ont chan - té,
 et c'est pour nous qu'au - jour - d'hui,

Fa - ther, Son and Ho - ly Ghost, hal - le - lu - jah!
 mou - rir et naître a - vec toi! al - lé - lu - ia!
 G /F C/E C F/A F /C C C /E F Am C/E G7 C

suf - fer to re - deem our loss, hal - le - lu - ia!
 sin - ners to re - deem and save, al - lé - lu - ia!
 Jé - sus est res - sus - ci - té,
 le ciel s'ou - vre de - vant lui!

3. 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!
3. Il vit notre Roi de gloire! alléluia!
 sépulchre, où est ta victoire? alléluia!
 le Christ est le vainqueur fort, alléluia!
 qui triomphe sur la mort, alléluia!
4. Sing we to our God above, hallelujah!
 praise eternal as his love; hallelujah!
 praise him, all ye heavenly host, hallelujah!
 Father, Son and Holy Ghost, hallelujah!
4. Puisque ta mort fut suivie, alléluia!
 du triomphe de la vie, alléluia!
 Je veux, ô mon divin Roi, alléluia!
 mourir et naître avec toi! alléluia!

At the dawning of salvation

NETTLETON 8 7 8 7 D lmbic

E♭ /G B♭sus4 - 3 E♭ /G

1. At the dawn - ing of sal - va - tion, in the
 2. He is ris - en in the morn - ing; he is
 3. For the glo - ry of sal - va - tion in the

A♭ E♭ B♭6 7 E♭ Gm 9 Cm /B♭ A♭maj7 E♭/G

morn - ing of the world, Christ is raised, a liv - ing
 ris - en from the dead; he is laugh - ter af - ter
 dawn of Eas - ter day we will praise you, lov - ing

Fm7/C B♭ E♭ /G A♭ E♭/G B♭6 7 E♭

ban - ner by the love of God un - furled.
 sad - ness; he is light when night has fled.
 Fa - ther; we re - jice to sing and pray

Words: Jock Curle Music: American folk melody; harmony, John W. Wilson (1905–1992)

Words: copyright © Josef Weinberger Ltd., 1979. Reproduced by permission of the copyright owners.

Music: harmony, copyright © 1983 by Hope Publishing Co.

(Eb/Bb) Fm6 Eb/G (Eb)maj7 Ab Eb/G Ab (Bb/F) Cm Bb6 /Ab

Through the day - light, through the dark - ness, Christ leads
 He has suf - fered; he has tri - umphed; life is
 with the Son and with the Spir - it. Lead us

Eb/G (Eb)maj7 Fm7 Gm Cm7 Bb6 7 Eb/G Ab(sus#4-3)Cm7

on his great ar - ray: all the saints and all the
 his a - lone to give: as he gave it once, he
 on, your great ar - ray, saints and sin - ners cel - e -

Fm7 Bb Eb /G Fm7-6 Eb/G Bb6-7 Eb

sin - ners he has gath - ered on his way.
 gives it ev - er - more, that we may live.
 brat - ing your tri - um - phant love to - day.

Thine be the glory

MACCABAEUS 10 11 11 11 with Refrain

D /F# (A7/E) D /F# A7/E A7/C# D A

1. Thine be the glo - ry, ris - en, con- quering son,
 2. Lo! Je - sus meets us, ris - en from the tomb;
 1. À toi la gloi - re, O Res - sus - ci - té!
 2. Vois - le pa - raî - tre: c'est lui, c'est Jé - sus,

D /F# D Em 6 D/F# G6 A7 D

end - less is the vic - tory thou o'er death hast won;
 lov - ing - ly he greets us, scat - ters fear and gloom;
 À toi la vic - toi - re pour l'é - ter - ni - té!
 ton Sau - veur, ton maî - tre! Oh! ne dou - te plus!

D A7 Bm C#dim7 Bm/D Edim Bm F#

an - gels in bright rai - ment rolled the stone a - way,
 let the church with glad - ness hymns of tri - umph sing,
 Brill - ant de lu - miè - re, l'ange est des - cen - du,
 Sois dans l'al - lé - gres - se, peu - ple du Sei - gneur,

Bm /A E7/G# E7 F#m D6 E7 A

kept the fold - ed grave clothes, where thy bo - dy lay.
 for her Lord now liv - eth; death hath lost its sting.
 il rou - le la pier - re du tom - beau vain - cu.
 et re - dis sans ces - se que Christ est vain - queur.

Words: French, Edmond L. Budry (1854–1932); translation, R. Birch Hoyle (1875–1939)
 Music: George Frideric Handel (1685–1759)

Words: copyright © World Student Christian Federation from *Cantate Domino* Music: public domain

D /F# (A7/E)D /F# A7/E A7/C# D A

Thine be the glo - ry, ris - en, con-quer-ing son;
 À toi la gloi - re, O Res - sus - ci - té!

D /F# D Em 6 D/F# A7sus4-3 D

end - less is the vic - tory thou o'er death hast won.
 À toi la vic - toi - re pour l'é - ter - ni - té!

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.

3. Craindrais-je encore?
 Il vit à jamais,
 celui que j'adore,
 le Prince de paix;
 il est ma victoire,
 mon puissant soutien,
 ma vie et ma gloire:
 non, je ne crains rien.

Central Presbyterian Church Calendar

~ Sunday, April 5, 10:30 a.m.	Easter Sunday Worship Service
~ Tuesday, April 7, 10:00 a.m.	Knit & Knatter Group (Guild Room)
~ Tuesday, April 7, 7:30 p.m.	Session Meeting
~ Thursday, April 9, 7:30-9:30 p.m.	Central Choir Rehearsal
~ Thursday, April 9, 7:30-9:30 p.m.	Small Group Study (Guild Room)
~ Sunday, April 12, 9:00 – 10:00 a.m.	Final Lenten Book Study on the Gospel of John
~ Sunday, April 12, 10:30 a.m.	Sunday Worship Service
~ Sunday, April 12, 3:00 p.m.	Music@Central: Marcus Scholtes & Ben Smith
~ Wednesday, April 15, 7:00 p.m.	Societus Vicorum (Guild Room)

Central Presbyterian Church – Land Acknowledgement

We acknowledge with gratitude and respect that Central Presbyterian Church is located on the traditional territories of the Anishnaabek and Haudenosaunee peoples.

This land is protected by the Dish with One Spoon Wampum Belt Covenant, an agreement to share and care for the lands, air, and waters around the Great Lakes.

We further acknowledge this land is covered by the Between the Lakes Purchase, 1792, between the Crown and the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation.

We recognize that we must learn about the rich history of this land to better understand our role as residents, neighbours, partners and caretakers. We are all treaty people.



CENTRAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

165 Charlton Avenue West
Hamilton, ON L8P 2C8
Telephone: 905-522-9098
Email: info@cpchamilton.ca
Website: www.cpchamilton.ca

Minister – The Rev. Hannah Lovaglio
Director of Pastoral Care – The Rev. Lois Whitwell
Minister Emeritus – The Rev. Dr. Alan M. McPherson
Director of Music Ministries – Dr. Marcus Scholtes
Coordinator of Discipleship – Michael Lovaglio
Bookkeeper – Michelle Frebald
Office Administrator – Helena Bootsma
Custodian – David Lewington
Nursery Coordinator – Brenda Ziemann
Sunday & Special Event Custodian – Geoff French
Central's Copyright license: © CCLI #2886178