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Melville United Church
Easter Sunday,
April 5, 2026

Presiding: Rev. Dr. Karen Boivin
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Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Land Acknowledgement

Lighting the Christ Candle

Easter Proclamation

One: Christ has risen!

All: Christ has risen indeed!

One: The stone the builders rejected
is now the cornerstone of our faith.

All: God's love has done marvelous things.

One: Let us rejoice and be glad!

All: Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

Hymn - Hey Now ! Sing Hallelujah! MV 121

Refrain

Hey now! Singing hallelujah!

Hey now! The morning has come!

Hey now! Singing hallelujah!

The tomb was empty at the rising sun.

1. Jesus loved people and he made them friends,
Hey now, the tomb was empty.
He called to the children and the women and men.
Hey now, the tomb was empty.

Hey now! Singing hallelujah!

Hey now! The morning has come!

Hey now! Singing hallelujah!

The tomb was empty at the rising sun.

2. Jesus healed people and he helped them be well.
Hey now, the tomb was empty.
He taught about God in the stories he'd tell.
Hey now, the tomb was empty.

Hey now! Singing hallelujah!

Hey now! The morning has come!

Hey now! Singing hallelujah!
The tomb was empty at the rising sun.

3. Jesus loved people and they said he was a king.
Hey now, the tomb was empty.
He turned all the tables on everything.
Hey now, the tomb was empty.

Hey now! Singing hallelujah!
Hey now! The morning has come!
Hey now! Singing hallelujah!
The tomb was empty at the rising sun.

4. Jesus had power and they took him away.
Hey now, the tomb was empty.
They nailed him to a cross and they killed him one day.
Hey now, the tomb was empty.

Hey now! Singing hallelujah!
Hey now! The morning has come!
Hey now! Singing hallelujah!
The tomb was empty at the rising sun.

5. Jesus loves people and he lives again!
Hey now, the tomb was empty.
Calls us disciples and he calls us his friends.
Hey now, the tomb was empty.

Hey now! Singing hallelujah!
Hey now! The morning has come!
Hey now! Singing hallelujah!
The tomb was empty at the rising sun.

Opening Prayer

One: Generous God, thank you for the wisdom gained

**All: as we walked with Jesus through the ups and downs
he experienced in his ministry.**

One: We are grateful for the faith and strength found

**All: in his willingness to take
the hard journey to the Cross for us.**

One: You then encouraged us not to be afraid
to enter his dark tomb

**All: And miraculously, you brought us out
into this garden of a world
where hope, peace, joy and love
are found in the company of the Risen Christ.**

One: In thanksgiving for your constant and transformative love
we pray the prayer that Jesus gifted to us...

Jesus' Prayer

Children's Time

Easter Canata: "You Are the Christ!" Presented by the Melville U.C. Choir and dramatist Jeff Smith

You are the Christ; Lift Up Your Heads; Heart of Stone; Chief of Sinners Though I Be; Shadows of the Night; Peter Wept a Bitter Tear; Living Lamb of God; My Shepherd will Supply My Need

Offering Invitation

Offering Prayer

Offertory Hymn: The Spring Has Come VU 187

- 1 The spring has come, let all the church be part of it!
The world has changed, and God is at the heart of it!
New light, new day, new colour after winter grey.
New light, new day,
the spring has come, let all the church be part of it!
- 2 The sun is warm, let all God's children play in it!
The world expands, let's spread the Gospel way in it!
New leaf, new thrust, new greening for the love of Christ.
New leaf, new thrust,
the sun is warm, let all God's children play in it!
- 3 The spring has come, new people are the flowers of it.
Through wind and rain, new life is in the showers of it.
New bud, new shoot, new hope will bear the Spirit's fruit.
New bud, new shoot,
the spring has come, new people are the flowers of it!

Joys and Concerns

- **Birthday**
 - Lillian Gohn April 7

Prayers of the People

Closing Hymn: Jesus Christ is Risen Today (vs. 1 &4) VU 155

- 1 Jesus Christ is risen today, hallelujah!
our triumphant holy day, hallelujah!
who did once, upon the cross, hallelujah!
suffer to redeem our loss. Hallelujah!
- 4 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!

Commissioning and Benediction

One: As Melville United Church,

All: let us feed Christ's lambs.

One: As individuals,

All: let us care for Christ's sheep.

One: All together,

All: We will feed Christ's sheep!

Postlude: Threefold Amen VU 974

Welcomers: Linda and Norm Porritt

Counters: David Gohn, Phil Brown

Worship Schedule

April 12 th	2 nd Sunday of Easter	Rev. Jeff Hawkin
April 19 th	3 rd Sunday of Easter	Social Justice
April 26 th	4 th Sunday of Easter	Rev. Karen Boivin
May 3 rd	5 th Sunday of Easter	Rev. Jeff Hawkin

Council Meeting Apr 8, May 6, & Jun 3. Please reach out to a Council member if there is a concern or question to be shared with Council.