

Welcome to Fort Massey. We extend a special welcome to those who are single, married, divorced, widowed, straight, gay, confused, well-heeled or down at heel. We especially welcome wailing babies and excited toddlers. We welcome you whether you can sing like Pavarotti or just growl quietly to yourself. You're welcome here if you're 'just browsing,' just woken up or just got out of prison. We don't care if you're more Christian than the Moderator of the United Church of Canada, or haven't been to church since Christmas ten years ago. We extend a special welcome to those who are over 60 but not grown up yet, and to teenagers who are growing up too fast. We welcome keep-fit mums, hockey dads, starving artists, tree-huggers, latte-sippers, vegetarians, junk-food eaters. We welcome those who are in recovery or still addicted. We welcome you if you're having problems, are down in the dumps or don't like 'organized religion.' (*We're not that keen on it either!*) We offer a welcome to those who think the earth is flat, work too hard, don't work, can't spell, or are here because granny is visiting and wanted to come to the ol' Kirk. We welcome those who are inked, pierced, both or neither. We offer a special welcome to those who could use a prayer right now, had religion shoved down their throat as kids or got lost on the Armdale roundabout and wound up here by mistake. We welcome pilgrims, tourists, seekers, doubters... and you! (adapted, used with permission, *Coventry Cathedral, England*)

C O V I D – 1 9: wash your hands - social distancing - self isolation

Creating Community c. 1871

Home of Mon/Wed/Fri evening AA/CA groups, Tue evening & Wed morning
Yoga, Wed afternoon Tea & Tango, Thu morning Japanese Playgroup,
Thu evening Girl Guides, Fri afternoon Muslim Prayers

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Fort Massey *United Church*
HALIFAX ~ NOVA SCOTIA

April 12, 2020 – A Virtual Service

Found on FMC Facebook & Web Pages
Thanks to *Ian MacDonald*, Camera



Resurrection Sunday
EASTER DAY

THE WORD MADE FRESH

PRELUDE

Verset in F Major
by Louis-A-J Lefébure Wély

GATHERING WORDS

Trinity Bell is rung.
Christ has risen.
He has risen, indeed!
Community Candle is lit.

HYMN: VU 155

Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

WELCOME & NOTICES

OFFERING

Response: What Can I Do? (2x)

READINGS

“Easter in Our Eyes” by Robert Raines; Gospel of Matthew 28-10
Offered as wisdom for the journey.
May we walk in its light.

SERMON

Joy in the Morning

HYMN: VU 166

Joy Comes with the Dawn

PRAYER

The Lord’s Prayer

VU 921

HYMN: VU 164

The Day of Resurrection

PARTING WORDS

POSTLUDE

**Voluntary in F
by William Hine**

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We minister together, thanks to your support. Please contact Ruth MacKenzie for inquiries around financial giving (envelopes/PAR) at 902.477.5365; or Linda MacDonald re volunteering or serving on a committee at 902.470.0365.

Getting together via ZOOM

Coffee Party, online, Wednesdays at 10:30 AM.

Access info for Zoom meetings will be emailed out to you the morning of your event.

Women’s Coffee Group, Book Study Group, and Men’s Breakfast can also meet online via Zoom – start experimenting.

Hope Cottage Ministry: We still need folks to help is June, Aug, Oct and Dec. Because of social distancing the dining room is closed. Donations of boxes (6x6x4), sandwich meats, juice boxes, granola bars, and fruit are welcome, as well as financial donations. We will collect/deliver, or you can drop off directly at Hope Cottage. Contact Teresa Orser, 902-266-7959 cell/text or ptmhorser@yahoo.ca

Brunswick St Mission is preparing daily meals for city shelters. Many new younger volunteers have come forward to prepare the meals. Now they need money to purchase the food. Financial donations are now being gratefully received.
The Brunswick Street Mission, 2107 Brunswick St., Halifax, NS B3K 2Y4 902-423-4605 bsm1@eastlink.ca

A 150 Project. As you know, next year, 2021, Fort Massey Church celebrates its 150th anniversary. With that in mind, we're looking for your photos. Use a camera, cellphone, ipad - whatever your fancy. We're looking for photos from unusual vantage points – your balcony or window, the top of your apartment building, the waterfront, Citadel Hill, the library, Dartmouth waterfront, etc. We will set up a display in the Music Room as an exhibit; and use some of these photos for our Facebook and web pages. Get snapping!

The following events have been postponed

Women's Coffee, Yoga with Andrew Mackay, Yoga for 50 plus, Tea & Tango, Thu morning Video Series, A visit to the exhibit, Egyptian Mummies & Eternal Life, Choir Practice, Men's Breakfast

The following events have been cancelled

AST Gala Dinner, May 8, The Lord Nelson Hotel
AST Convocation, May 9, St. Agnes Church, Halifax
Region 15 Annual Meeting, May 21-24, Sackville, NB
Atlantic Seminar in Theological Education, June 14-19,
Tatamagouche, NS

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!
- 2 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!
- 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!
- 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!

What can I do? What can I bring?
What can I say? What can I sing?
I'll sing with joy. I'll say a prayer.
I'll bring my love. I'll do my share. (2x)

VU 166

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.

- 1 Weeping may come;
weeping may come in the night,
when dark shadows cloud our sight. R
- 2 Sorrow will turn,
sorrow will turn into song,
and God's laughter make us strong. R
- 3 We will rejoice,
we will rejoice, and give praise,
to the One who brings us grace. R

VU 164

- 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 has brought us over with hymns of victory.
- 2 Our hearts be free of evil, that we may see aright
the Christ in rays eternal of resurrection light,
and, listening to the accents, may hear so calm and plain
Christ's own 'All hail!' and, hearing, may raise
the victor strain.
- 3 Now let the heavens be joyful, let earth its song begin,
the round world keep high triumph, and all that
is therein;
let all things seen and unseen their notes
of gladness blend,
for Christ indeed is risen, our Joy that has no end.