

**KNOX PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH****Harvey, N.B.****“Reaching up to God, to reach out to the World”**

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**April 5<sup>th</sup>, 2015****Easter Sunday****WE GATHER TO PRAISE GOD***\* Please stand as you are able***Prelude****Parade of Flowers****Processional Hymn** Jesus Christ is risen today 243**\*Call to Worship:**

Please see Lenten insert

**Prayer of Approach****Prayer of Confession**

**Lord of life, you know our tears and our sorrows;  
 you know our doubts and our misgivings; you  
 know our sins and our shortcomings. Heal us  
 and strengthen us. Forgive us and call to us now,  
 that we may leave the garden of despair with the  
 confidence that you walk with us every step of  
 the way. (silent prayer) Amen.**

**Assurance of Pardon****Family Hymn** Lord of the dance 250**Time with the Y-POG****WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD**

**Prayer of Illumination:** Open our eyes, Lord  
 Open our eyes, Lord, we want to see Jesus,  
 To reach out and touch him, and say that we  
 love him  
 Open our ears, Lord, and help us to listen.  
 Open our eyes, Lord, we want to see Jesus.

**First Scripture:** Acts 10: 34-43 (p. 1333)

**\*Responsive Psalm:** Psalm 118: 1-2, 14-24  
 (bulletin p. 6)

**\*Gloria Patri:**  
 Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the  
 Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning is now  
 and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.  
 Amen.

**Epistle:** 1 Corinthians 15: 1-11 (p. 1399)  
 The Word of the Lord  
**Thanks be to God**

**The Gospel:** Mark 16: 1-8 (p. 1221)  
 The Gospel of our risen Lord  
**Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ**

**Sermon**

**WE RESPOND TO THE WORD**

**Anthem**

**Offering**

**\*Doxology:**  
 Praise God from whom all blessings flow  
 Praise Him, all creatures here below  
 Praise Him above, ye heavenly host  
 Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

**\*Prayer of Dedication**

*The Communion*

(The communion liturgy this morning is adapted from Transformed by Life:  
A Wild Goose publication – the publishing house of the Iona Community)

## The Invitation

**\*Communion Hymn:** Worship the Lord 555

**\*Apostle's Creed** (Book of Praise 539)

## The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

**And with you also.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

*The people join in the ancient song after these words;*

... We join our voices with that of Creation and with all those who bear witness across the world and throughout the ages to the transforming power of God's love and life:

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the  
Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

*Prayers of thanksgiving continue and the people are invited to "proclaim the mystery of faith:"*

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

*The presence of the Holy Spirit is invoked and the prayer concludes as the people join together in...*

## The Lord's Prayer

## The Words of Institution

**The Communion****Prayer after Communion/Prayers of the People**

Hymn: Thine be the glory 258

**\*Charge and Benediction****\*Choral Amen****\*Song of Dismissal**

As we go now from this moment,  
As we leave behind our time together.  
May we walk with one another,  
May we help each other on the way.

As we go now from this moment,  
As we go into the future together.  
May we treasure one another,  
May we realize how precious we are.

**Postlude**

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**HAPPY EASTER and WELCOME** We are pleased that you have joined us for worship today. If you are worshipping with us for the first time today, a special welcome is extended to you.

**THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS** are with all who are sick, in hospital or at home; as well as those awaiting diagnosis and/or treatment. And we hold close all those who are grieving the loss of a loved one.

**GUILD** will meet this Wednesday, April 8<sup>th</sup>, at 7pm in the church basement. Jean will contact members regarding what to bring. New members always welcome!

**FACEBOOK** Knox Presbyterian Church – Harvey has its own Facebook page! Take a look, “like” us, follow up to stay informed, and be sure to “share” with all your friends and family.

# Thank You

A sincere thank you to all who assisted in the marking of Holy Week this year. To; those offering flowers here this morning in memory of loved ones; those providing the various elements for services; those participating in the various services; the choir for their gifts; the children for their parading (and constant joy and energy); the crew who, on this day most appropriately, helped us to “break the fast” – with special thanks to Lynn and Marlene for organizing; the Guild for the preparation of the sanctuary and placement of the flowers; Dave & Lois Thornton for opening their home to us at sunrise this morning. And thank you to each individual sitting in our pews on this special Sunday, as well as the fifty-one “little Easters” we celebrate each year. Your presence here is a blessing to all assembled.



**Psalm 118: 1-2, 14-24**

One: Tell the Lord how thankful you are, because he is kind and always merciful.

**All: Let Israel shout, "God is always merciful!"**

One: My power and my strength come from the Lord, and he has saved me.

**All: From the tents of God's people come shouts of victory: "The Lord is powerful!"**

One: With his mighty arm the Lord wins victories! The Lord is powerful!"

**All: And so my life is safe, and I will live to tell what the Lord has done.**

One: He punished me terribly, but he did not let death lay its hands on me.

**All: Open the gates of justice! I will enter and tell the Lord how thankful I am.**

One: Here is the gate of the Lord! Everyone who does right may enter this gate.

**All: I praise the Lord for answering my prayers and saving me.**

One: The stone that the builders tossed aside has now become the most important stone.

**All: The Lord has done this, and it is amazing to us.**

One: This day belongs to the Lord! Let's celebrate and be glad today.

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