

**South Kinloss Presbyterian Church**  
**Easter Sunday, April 20, 2025**

**Musical Prelude**

**Welcome**

**PWS&D Easter Call to Worship**

One: Words of faith's story help celebrate this day of resurrection:

**All: God creates a new heaven and a new earth, be glad and rejoice!**

One: God's steadfast love endures forever; the Lord has become our salvation.

**All: The stone was rolled away—he is not here, he is risen.**

One: We say with joy: Christ is risen!

**All: He is risen indeed! Hallelujah!**

**Opening Hymn #243 Jesus Christ is risen today**

**Prayer of Approach and Lord's Prayer**

*. . . . offering your gift of new life in Christ Jesus.*

**Loving and life-giving God; you raised Jesus from the grave and shattered the powers of sin and death. But we confess that we remain captive to fear, resisting the hope that new life is possible for us. We hide in tombs of indifference, seeking comfort rather than justice in this world. We cling to resentment and disappointment, refusing the release that comes with forgiveness. Forgive us, O God, and restore us to joy and wholeness through your great mercy, as we continue in prayer together,**

**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 debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.**

**Assurance of Pardon**

**Music Ministry**

**Hymn #674 In the bulb there is a flower**

**Family Focus**

**Elder Ordination and Induction - Mary Downey and Ellen Peel**

**Prayer for Illumination**

**Scriptures**

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

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love endures forever.

Let Israel say: "His love endures forever." The Lord is my strength and my defense; he has become my salvation.

**Shouts of joy and victory resound in the tents of the righteous:**

**"The Lord's right hand has done mighty things! The Lord's right hand is lifted high; the Lord's right hand has done mighty things!"**

I will not die but live, and will proclaim what the Lord has done.

The Lord has chastened me severely, but he has not given me over to death.

**Open for me the gates of the righteous; I will enter and give thanks to the Lord. This is the gate of the Lord through which the righteous may enter.**

I will give you thanks, for you answered me; you have become my salvation. The stone the builders rejected has become the cornerstone;

**the Lord has done this, and it is marvelous in our eyes. The Lord has done it this very day; let us rejoice today and be glad.**

**John 20: 1-18 The Empty Tomb**

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene went to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the entrance. So she came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved, and said, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we don't know where they have put him!" So Peter and the other disciple started for the tomb. Both were running, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent over and looked in at the strips of linen lying there but did not go in. Then Simon Peter came along behind him and went straight into the tomb. He saw the strips of linen lying there, as well as the cloth that had been wrapped around Jesus' head. The cloth was

still lying in its place, separate from the linen. Finally the other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, also went inside. He saw and believed. (They still did not understand from Scripture that Jesus had to rise from the dead.) Then the disciples went back to where they were staying. Now Mary stood outside the tomb crying. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb and saw two angels in white, seated where Jesus' body had been, one at the head and the other at the foot. They asked her, "Woman, why are you crying?" "They have taken my Lord away," she said, "and I don't know where they have put him." At this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not realize that it was Jesus. He asked her, "Woman, why are you crying? Who is it you are looking for?" Thinking he was the gardener, she said, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have put him, and I will get him." Jesus said to her, "Mary." She turned toward him and cried out in Aramaic, "Rabboni!" (which means "Teacher"). Jesus said, "Do not hold on to me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father. Go instead to my brothers and tell them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'" Mary Magdalene went to the disciples with the news: "I have seen the Lord!" And she told them that he had said these things to her.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Sermon:** In a Garden of New Life

**Hymn #592:** I, the Lord of sea and sky

**Invitation to the Offering**

**Doxology #661**

We give thee but thine own, whate'er the gift may be;  
all that we have is thine alone, a trust, O Lord, from thee.

**Prayer of Dedication**

**Mission Moment**

**Announcements** (see next page)

**Prayers of the People**

**Closing Hymn #250: I danced in the morning**

**Benediction**

**Benediction Song**

**Musical Postlude**

### **Announcements**

- There will be a Worship Service at Pinecrest today at 1:30pm.
- Robert will be on vacation – Monday, April 21<sup>st</sup> and returning Monday, April 28<sup>th</sup>. For Pastoral Crae, please contact Rev. Peggy Kinsman. (226) 422-2224.  
[pkinsman50@icloud.com](mailto:pkinsman50@icloud.com)
- Sunday, May 4<sup>th</sup> at 10:00am. 152<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary Service at Lucknow Presbyterian Church. Rev. Kathy Fraser will lead worship.
- Mother's Day, Sunday, May 11<sup>th</sup>, we will celebrate the Sacrament of Holy Baptism and the Reception of New Members.
- Save the Date! Saturday, May 31<sup>st</sup> *Secret Pal* Wrap-Up Dinner at 5pm.
- Sunday, June 8<sup>th</sup> at 10:00am. 169<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Service at South Kinloss Presbyterian Church. Rev. Kathy Fraser will lead worship.
- Rev. Royal's Office Hours at Lucknow Presbyterian Church, 578 Havelock Street, Lucknow.  
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