



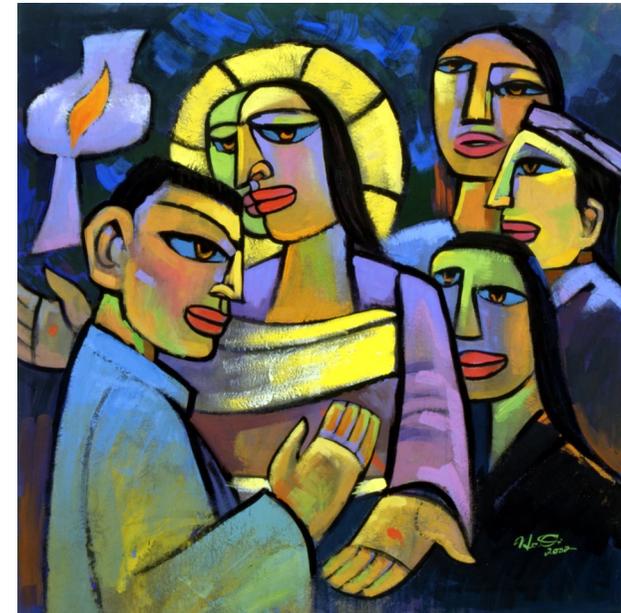
Pilgrim
Uniting Church

11.00am Choral Worship

Sunday, 28th April 2019

Easter 2
COCU32C

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THE GATHERING OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD

ORGAN PRELUDE

The people are invited to stand for the entrance of the Bible.

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CALL TO WORSHIP

Christ is risen!

He is risen indeed!

When the disciples saw the Lord,

they were very joyful.

The joy of Christ be with you all.

And also with you.

HYMN 149 Light's glittering morn bedecks the sky w 1, 9-11, 13

WELCOME and GREETING

Those who wish to do so may share a sign of peace with those immediately around them using words such as 'God's Peace be with you/ and also with you'. Please respect those who wish to use the time for quiet contemplation.

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

God of mystery, God of loving presence:

on this first day of the week we are drawn together
by the promise of life made new.

**Breathe into us,
unlock our hearts,
and set us free into joy. Amen**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

We find ourselves locked up inside ourselves,
just as the disciples gathered behind closed doors.

We too are afraid.

**We too need the breath of the Holy Spirit,
dispelling our fears and unlocking our hearts.**

We question. We doubt. We demand to see in order to believe.

**We too need your peace,
in a world of violence and unrest.**

Help us to boldly claim our faith, our hope, our love.

A time for silent prayer

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

O give thanks to God,
for God is good.

God's steadfast love endures forever.

We are forgiven, we are free, we are at peace.

Thanks be to God. Amen

THE SERVICE OF THE WORD

ANTHEM Now the green blade riseth

French carol, arr. Simon Lindley b. 1948

THE SENDING FORTH OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD

HYMN 145 Good Christians all, rejoice and sing!

WORDS OF MISSION AND BLESSING

Go now to love and forgive,

for as God sent Christ,

so now Christ is sending you.

Obey God above any other authority

and bear witness to Christ's resurrection life.

And may God continue the work of salvation in you;

May Christ Jesus meet you in your doubts and fears;

And may the Holy Spirit fill you with peace

and speak through you with mercy.

*You are invited to be seated for the playing of the postlude,
or to leave at this point without disturbing those who wish to listen.*

POSTLUDE Carillon de Westminster

Louis Vierne 1870-1937

(Organiste titulaire, Notre-Dame de Paris 1900-1937)

Please stand as the Bible is taken from the church.

Presiding Minister

Scripture Reader

Organist & Choir Director

Assistant Organist

Rev Dr Greg Elsdon

Graham Moseley

Peter Kelsall

Christopher Bridge

The Choir of Pilgrim Church

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*Please join us for tea or coffee and fellowship in the Lounge
after the service.*

GOSPEL READING John 20: 19-31

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

HYMN 150 Love's redeeming work is done

SERMON

THE RESPONSE TO GOD IN WORD AND ACTION

HYMN 154 O Sons and daughters vv 1, 5-9

*During the singing of this hymn our offering will be received.
Please remain standing for the dedication prayer.*

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Receive these gifts, O God,
and transform us through the giving,
that we may have eyes to see and hearts to understand
not only what you do on our behalf,
but what you call us to do
so that your will be done on earth. **Amen**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Loving God, as Christ remained present to his disciples
after the resurrection,
teaching them to love all people as neighbours,
make your presence known to us, always.
As his disciples in this age,
we offer our prayers on behalf of the universe
in which we are privileged to live
and our neighbours with whom we share it.

Prayers are offered:

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer

concluding with:

**Open our hearts to your power moving
around us and between us and within us,
until your glory is revealed in our love of both friend and enemy,
in communities transformed by justice and compassion,
and in the healing of all that is broken. Amen**

THE LORD'S PRAYER *(printed inside cover of hymn book)*

The children are invited to go with Jenny Ward to the Lounge for special activities.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

O God, you raised up Jesus Christ
as your faithful witness and the first-born of the dead.
By your Holy Spirit, help us to witness to Christ
so that those who have not yet seen
may come to believe in him
who is, and was, and is to come. **Amen**

FIRST READING Acts 5: 27-32

In this is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 150

- 1 O praise God in his holiness praise him in the firmament of his power.
- 2 Praise him in his noble acts
praise him according to his excellent greatness.
- 3 Praise him in the sound of the trumpet
praise him upon the lute and harp.
- 4 Praise him in the cymbals and dances
praise him upon the strings and pipe.
- 5 Praise him upon the well-tuned cymbals
praise him upon the loud cymbals.
- 6 Let every thing that hath breath praise the Lord.

Please stand and sing the concluding Gloria

**Glory be to the Father, and / to the / Son:
and / to the / Holy / Spirit;**

**As it was in the beginning, is now and / ever /shall be
world without / end. A / - / men.**

SECOND READING Revelation 1: 4-8

In this is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM Most glorious Lord of life William H Harris 1883-1973

Please stand for and face the gospel.

A reading from the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to John.

Glory to you, Lord