

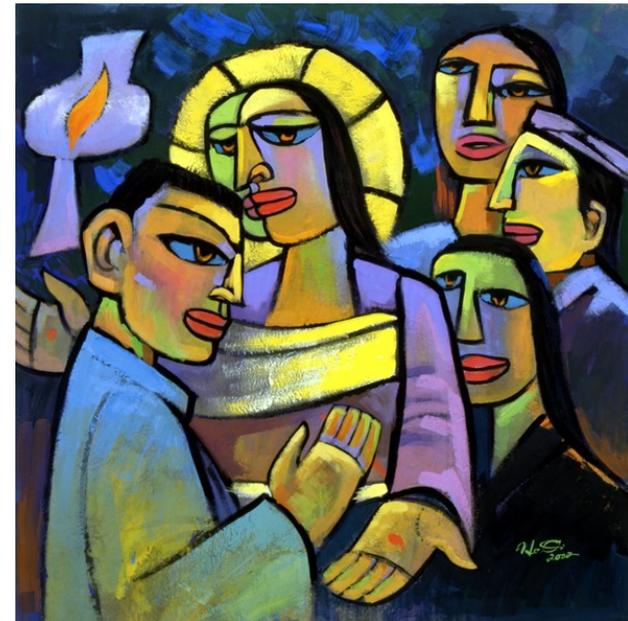


Pilgrim
Uniting Church

8.00am
Morning Eucharist

Sunday, 28th April, 2019

Easter 2
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WELCOME AND GREETING

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF LAND

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.



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HYMN TIS 385 Now is eternal life

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.**

PSALM FOR THE DAY Psalm 150

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.

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

BIBLE READINGS: Revelation 1: 4-8
John 20: 19-31

REFLECTION

PRAYERS FOR OTHERS

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 of the People:
*This is my prayer / **this is our prayer***

Communion is shared

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

If we have been afraid,
this meal has restored our courage.
If we have been unsure,
this meal has confirmed our hopes.
Thank you, loving God, for refreshing us at this table. **Amen.**

HYMN TIS 387 Christ is alive!

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.

And may the peace of Christ be always with you.
And also with you.

The sign of the peace is exchanged.

*Everyone is invited to stay for a light continental breakfast
following this service.*

Resurrection happened because Christ was first prepared to die. Defying death, he refused to release his hold on life and love. So now, as he encouraged us, we choose to remember so that we too can truly live.

At supper on the night before he died Jesus took bread and blessed it.

Then he broke it and gave it to his disciples saying:

This is my body, broken so that you may know life. Eat it and remember me.

After the meal Jesus took wine and blessed it.

Then he gave it to his disciples saying:

This is my blood, shed so that you may know life. Drink it and remember me.

So, now, Lord of Life, we share in this meal, we celebrate together, and we remember you. And we will continue to do this until resurrection has flooded the whole creation.

THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

God be with you.

And also with you.

Open up your hearts.

We open them to God.

Let us give thanks and praise.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right to give you our thanks and praise, O God, for you meet us in our doubts and fill us with life and peace.

You are the one who was and is, and is to come — the beginning and the end — who breathed life into the earth and its creatures. Our ancestors put their trust in you and celebrated your mighty acts of salvation.

You sent your child, Jesus, as a faithful witness to your goodness and love. He was killed by the powerful, but you raised new life through him. Appearing behind the locked doors of our fear Christ breathes Holy Spirit into us and commissions us to carry words of peace and mercy to the world.

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

Let this food and drink be breath and Spirit to us, empowering us to live and serve as your faithful ones. **Amen.**

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

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name.

Your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours, now and for ever. Amen.

HYMN TIS 380

Yours be the glory

The offering will be collected during this Hymn.

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.**

COMMUNION

THE INVITATION

Through light and the word, through bread and wine,

we recall Christ's death and resurrection,

we share Christ's triumph over sin and death,

and with invincible hope we renew our faith

in Christ's presence at this table and in our lives.

Come, for all are welcome.

REMEMBERING THE LIFE AND WORDS OF JESUS:

Christ is risen!

He is risen indeed!

Let's celebrate this irrepressible life;

let's open our hearts to the joy and wonder of infinite possibility,

of unquenched hope,

of eternal resurrection.

We celebrate, we raise our voices and our hearts in worship and thanksgiving to the God who lives.