

**Pilgrim Uniting Church  
12 Flinders Street, Adelaide**

**8.00am MORNING WORSHIP**

**Easter 3C**  
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**5th May 2019**

The Easter season is a time for celebrating our restored relationship to God, our reconciliation to our neighbours, our renewed responsibility to steward God's creation. Thinking of the resurrection makes it easy to reflect on my images of God's eternal world - a world in which the language is love and the culture centres on mutuality and generosity. A place where there is no more crying or oppression or pain, a place where justice will come for the poor and the sick will be healed, a place where God's creation is restored and there is abundance and prosperity for all. Let us turn our lives again to the things of God.

**WELCOME AND COMMUNITY SHARING**

**GATHERING**

Christ is risen!

**He is risen indeed!**

Our gathering here today is another wave of the one mighty resurrection event.

**We are gathered by the living Christ.**

Let us delight in his Presence, and reaffirm our love and commitment.

**We love because Christ has first loved us.**

**HYMN:** TiS 181 Come O God of all the earth / Sing Out Earth and Skies

**CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE** *(based on Psalm 30)*

God of mercy, fountain of all goodness,

**search us and know our hearts.**

Out of the depths, I cry to you, O God.

**God, hear my voice!**

You hid your face: **I was dismayed.**

O God, be attentive to the voice of my pleas!

If you, O God, should mark sinfulness:

**who could stand?**

I wait for God. My soul waits for God

- more than those who watch for the morning

**More than those who watch for the morning.**

There is forgiveness with you, O God.

Weeping may linger for the night,

**but joy comes with the morning.**

*A silence is kept*

Hope in God!

**My soul will praise God and not be silent.**

God has turned my mourning into dancing;

**and clothed me with joy.**

With God there is steadfast love and power to redeem.

**I will give thanks to God forever. Amen.**

**HYMN: Come sing to God** (*based on Psalm 30*)

Come sing to God, O living saints,  
Sing praises to God's name.  
God's anger is not permanent,  
God's love will never wane.  
Though tears may tarry for the night  
With sighs of deepest pain,  
Yet joy comes with the morning sun,  
A peace that is not vain.

You change my grief to joy-filled dance,  
My sorrows you destroy.  
In faithfulness you hear my cry  
And fill my life with joy.  
And so to you my heart shall sing,  
My voice your goodness raise.  
You are my God, forevermore,  
My life shall sing your praise.

*(Words: Fred R. Anderson, vv1 & 4; Tune: Ellacombe)*

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

God of grace, open our spirits to hear your word to us.  
May we trust your wisdom and seek your guidance  
as we hear your words of truth. Amen

**BIBLE READINGS**      Acts 9:1-6, (7-20)      John 21:1-19

**REFLECTION**

**PRAYERS FOR OTHERS**

*Prayers are offered:* This is my prayer/**this is our prayer**

**THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**HYMN:** TiS 477 Jesus calls us here to meet him (vv 1-3)

(v4)    Jesus calls us to his table  
          rooted firm in time and space,  
          where the Church in earth and heaven  
          finds a common meeting place.  
          Share the bread and wine, his body;  
          share the love of which we sing;  
          share the feast for saints and sinners  
          hosted by our Lord and King. *(Words: Bell & Maule; tune: Gaelic Air TiS 477)*

**PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

Generous god, we bring our offerings: our time, our talents, our treasures.  
May these gifts be used in wisdom and justice in the church and its mission in  
the name of the Risen one Jesus Christ. **Amen**

**HOLY COMMUNION**

**THE INVITATION**

## THE NARRATIVE OF THE LAST SUPPER

### THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

The joy of the living Christ be with you all

**And also with you.**

Let us lift up our hearts

**We lift them to God**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

It is indeed right to give you our thanks and praise, O God, for you alone are worthy to receive all power and riches and wisdom and strength and honour and glory and praise. You created the heavens and the earth. In mercy and love you saved a people from the pit of slavery, and commissioned them to bring your name before all the world. Jesus lived your compassion to the full and called us to follow him. When he was killed by those who would murder your Way, you raised him to life again and enthroned him as the centre of heaven's worship. He meets us in our uncertainty, redeeming even our failures and betrayals, offering forgiveness and removing the scales from our eyes, so that we might recognise you in everything, and express our love in worship and service. And so with all the company of heaven and earth we rejoice and praise your holy name saying:

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

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

### PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

Lord we pray that in your goodness and mercy your Holy Spirit may fall upon us and upon these symbols of the life of Christ - the bread of life and the cup of salvation. Grant that all who share this bread and this cup may become one body and one spirit, a living sacrifice in Christ to the praise of your holy name.

### THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

The bread of life. The cup of salvation

Gifts of God for the people of God.

*Communion is shared*

### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Through Jesus we have been fed, just as he humbly fed his disciples long ago. Like John and Peter and the other disciples at that daybreak breakfast, may we trust all that Christ offers us and follow the Way of Jesus. **Amen**

### WORDS OF MISSION AND BLESSING

Go now and follow the risen Christ.

Love God and nourish the faith of God's little ones.

Make Christ known to all people

for God has chosen you as an instrument

to lead others into the way of mercy and love.

And may the blessings of the eternal God, Father, Son

and Holy Spirit be upon you now and always. Amen

The peace of God be with you. **And also with you.**

*The sign of peace is exchanged*

*Everyone is welcome to join us for a light breakfast in the Lounge.*