



**Pilgrim**  
Uniting Church

# 11.00am Choral Eucharist

Sunday, 4th April 2021

**Easter Day**  
COCU31B

*The church is fitted with a hearing loop which covers the body of the church.  
Hearing aid wearers are advised to switch their aid to T-setting.*

**This Service is being live streamed. The Service will also be available for viewing on YouTube at 'Pilgrim Uniting Church Adelaide' for two months**

COMMUNION SETTING      Mass in D Major      Antonín Dvořák 1841-1904

## THE GATHERING OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD

### ORGAN PRELUDE

*The people stand for the entrance of the Bible.*

### CALL TO WORSHIP

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**Christ is risen indeed!** (*Christ Candle is lit*)

Today we celebrate new life, new joy, new possibilities. We look with trembling hope into the face of a love which is beyond understanding.

**We will see the glory of God!**

All the earth may resound with joy, for God has overcome all which would threaten life. Christ has entered every dark place and is present amongst us, surrounded by the light of true life. This life will never be defeated by the betrayals or violence of humankind.

**For love is stronger than death and Christ is the source of our salvation.**

Come, Holy Spirit of Christ, come. Be found alive among us here, arising in our hearts with all your gifts and inviting us to believe in a new day.

**Come, Holy Spirit, come. Amen.**



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PROCESSIONAL HYMN 147 Jesus Christ is risen today

1.  
Jesus Christ is risen today, Alleluia,  
our triumphant holy day, Alleluia,  
who did once, upon the cross,  
Alleluia,  
suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia.

2.  
Hymns of praise then let us sing,  
Alleluia,  
unto Christ, our heavenly King,  
Alleluia,  
who endured the cross and grave,  
Alleluia,  
sinners to redeem and save.  
Alleluia.

3.  
But the pains that he endured  
Alleluia,  
our salvation have procured;  
Alleluia,  
now above the sky he's King,  
Alleluia,  
where the angels ever sing Alleluia.

Words: *Lyra Davidica* 1708 and others  
Tune: Easter Hymn;  
Melody from *Lyra Davidica* London 1708 as  
altered in the 18<sup>th</sup> century, arr. Adrian Ozols.  
Vs. 3 descant by Christopher Gower b. 1939

GREETING AND WELCOME

Those who wish to do so may share a COVID safe 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 THANKSGIVING

On this Easter morning we welcome you, Risen One, into our lives and offer our praise for your life that cannot be quenched. We welcome your risen life in our midst for it is life changing, life giving and life sustaining. We welcome the hope it brings to our world. We welcome the joy it brings in our darkness. We welcome the empty tomb for we know that it means you are on the loose in our world. We welcome you amongst us, and pray we may become more receptive to the incredible promise of new life: life to challenge all that is deathly in our world, life to challenge all that is dull in our hearts.

**We open ourselves to worship. Amen.**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Friends, had we been there that first Easter morning, it is likely that many of us would have been with the disciples - hiding out in fear, locked behind doors, alone with our thoughts in the upper room. I wish I could say that I would have gone with the women, that I would have been brave and determined. I wish I could say that I would have held onto my faith. But the truth is, we'll never know.

What I do know is that Jesus came back for all of us - not the few who had maintained faith or the few who stayed with him until the end. He came back for the broken and the afraid, for the cowardly and the greedy. For the women in the garden, and for the disciples hiding in the upper room.

**Services at Pilgrim Uniting Church**

**Mid-Week**

Thursdays @ 12.15pm

**Evensong in 2021 @ 5.00pm**

10th April, 8th May, 5th June, 10th July, 14th August, 11th Sept,  
9th Oct & 13th Nov.

ANZAC Remembrance 6.00pm 25th April  
Service of Remembrance 6.00pm 31st October

**Sundays**

8.00am Morning Eucharist

9.30am Community Worship

11.00am Choral Worship

**Please help us to comply with the COVID-SAFE Regulations by wiping  
the areas you have touched on the pews, after the service.  
Thank you for your assistance.**

You are a people who know that deathliness is not an end. There is yet more life.

May God surround you with everlasting love.

May Christ Jesus raise new life in you.

And may the Holy Spirit anoint you with power to do good.

*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

*Please stand as the Bible is taken from the church*

Presiding Minister	Rev Sandy Boyce
Scripture Reader	Peter Trevaskis
Organist & Choir Director	Peter Kelsall
Assistant Organist	Christopher Bridge

The Choir of Pilgrim Church

Soloists:

Margot Holbert, Suzanne Pederson

Riana Chakravarti, Vicki McGregor

Kim Worley, Sean Tanner

Andrew Turner, James Scott

Trumpet    Geoff Bradley  
              Nick Bauer

Trombone    Dave Winnal  
               Cassie Pope

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

He came back for those who betrayed him and those who worshipped him. He came back for you and for me. So join me in the prayer of confession, knowing that no matter where we are on the spectrum of faith, Jesus lived, loved, and returned for us. Let us pray.

Today we hear that deathliness is defeated and a new world has begun. We do not know how to respond. We do not know how to trust that new life is ours. Therefore we confess that we have not risen into this new day sure that we are renewed; sure that each day is a new world opened to us through love. We have not lived the great joy of our forgiven and renewed hearts and minds. We have not danced for joy in the morning nor sat speechless with gratitude in the evenings. We have missed the earth-shaking, earth-sustaining, earth-renewing burst of love that comes to us in the story of resurrection.

Lord have mercy.

**Lord have mercy.**

*A time of silence is kept*

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WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Hear this: Christ is risen! Christ is risen indeed!

Loves conquers fear. Day banishes night. Laughter defies despair.

And all the earth sings for joy. Christ is risen and we are free!

**Thanks be to God! Alleluia!**

GLORIA

**THE SERVICE OF THE WORD**

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Eternal God, your Word creates all things

and your Spirit renews the earth.

**We listen for your Word and attend to your Spirit. Amen.**

FIRST READING            Isaiah 25: 6-9

<sup>6</sup>On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines, of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear. <sup>7</sup>And he will destroy on this mountain the shroud that is cast over all peoples, the sheet that is spread over all nations; he will swallow up death forever. <sup>8</sup>Then the Lord God will wipe away the tears from all faces, and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the Lord has spoken.

<sup>9</sup>It will be said on that day, Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us. This is the Lord for whom we have waited; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

In this is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand for and face the gospel*

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

**Glorify to you, Lord**

GOSPEL READING Mark 16: 1-8

16When the sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. <sup>2</sup>And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. <sup>3</sup>They had been saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?" <sup>4</sup>When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. <sup>5</sup>As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man, dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. <sup>6</sup>But he said to them, "Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him. <sup>7</sup>But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you." <sup>8</sup>So they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ**

HYMN 140 Christ is alive!

1.  
Christ is alive! Let Christians sing.  
The cross stands empty to the sky.  
Let streets and homes with praises ring.  
Love, drowned in death, shall never die.

2.  
Christ is alive! No longer bound  
to distant years in Palestine,  
but saving, healing, here and now,  
and touching every place and time.

3.  
In every insult, rift and war,  
where colour, scorn or wealth divide,  
Christ suffers still, yet loves the more,  
and lives, where even hope has died.

4.  
Women and men, in age and youth,  
can feel the Spirit, hear the call,  
and find the way, the life, the truth,  
revealed in Jesus, freed for all.

5.  
Christ is alive, and comes to bring  
good news to this and every age,  
till earth and sky and ocean ring  
with joy, with justice, love and praise.

Words: Brian A. Wren b. 1936  
Tune: Truro; *Psalmodia Evangelica* 1789

SERMON

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

*All are welcome to receive Holy Communion. Please come forward in double file down the centre aisle to receive the elements, and return by the side aisles. If you are unable to come forward for communion, please indicate to the ushers who will arrange for communion to be brought to you. There is wine in the chalice and grape juice in the glasses. Please place empty glasses in the baskets.*

COMMUNION MOTET Agnus Dei (Dvořák)

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

God of Good Friday and God of Easter Sunday, as again we take on our lips the joyous and explosive greeting, 'Christ is risen', may we take into our hearts, the beautiful but challenging truth that our faith in you does not cut us off from the world, but immerses us in it. God of Good Friday, give us your peace, God of Easter Sunday, go with us now.

**For Christ is risen! Alleluia!**

THE SENDING FORTH OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD

HYMN 160 Thine be the glory

1.  
Thine be the glory,  
risen, conquering Son,  
endless is the victory  
thou o'er death hast won;  
angels in bright raiment  
rolled the stone away,  
kept the folded grave-clothes  
where thy body lay.

2.  
Lo, Jesus meets us,  
risen from the tomb;  
lovingly he greets us,  
scatters fear and gloom;  
let the church with gladness  
hymns of triumph sing,  
for her Lord now liveth,  
death hath lost its sting:

*Thine be the glory,  
risen, conquering Son,  
endless is the victory  
thou o'er death hast won.*

3.  
No more we doubt thee,  
glorious Prince of Life;  
life is naught without thee:  
aid us in our strife;  
make us more than conquerors  
through thy deathless love;  
bring us safe through Jordan  
to thy home above:

Words: French, 19<sup>th</sup> century,  
Edmond Budry 1854-1932  
tr. Richard Hoyle 1875-1939  
Tune: Maccabæus;  
G.F. Handel 1685-1759 arr. Adrian Ozols

WORDS OF MISSION AND BLESSING

You carry a great and wonderful secret, one that shapes your life and the essence of who you are.

## THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

### 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.

### THE INSTITUTION

#### THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Christ is risen!

**He is risen indeed!**

We are the body of Christ.

**His Spirit is with us.**

Let us lift up our hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

Thanks and praise to you, awesome God, who takes death and looks it square in the eye saying, 'I'm not finished yet!'. Blessed are you, O God, who breaks open wide the tomb of our world, calls life out of death, and leads all creation into life eternal. Blessed are you, O holy God: you are the Life and Light of all. Again & again you meet us where we are. Again and again, you show us the path of life.

And again and again we remember the story of Jesus, your Son, who in the night he was betrayed, took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

And again, we remember that after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, therefore, his calling, his healing, his dying and rising, again and again, we share this holy meal, and experience your salvation.

This morning, with the whole realm of nature around us, with earth, sea, sky, and bush, with creatures great and small, with angels and archangels, with all the saints before us, with brothers and sisters, east and west, north and south, we sing praises for life, hope and joy:

### SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS

#### THE CONSECRATION

Come now, Spirit of Jesus, brood over this bread and this wine and us. May they be for us vibrant with life, healing, renewing and making us whole. Burst forth in us with your life-giving power that we might recognize your presence in each and every person who breaks bread and shares wine round this table. **Amen.**

## THE RESPONSE TO GOD IN WORD AND ACTION

### HYMN 157

The day of resurrection!

1.  
The day of resurrection!  
Earth, tell it out abroad;  
the Passover of gladness,  
the Passover of God;  
from death to life eternal,  
from earth unto the sky,  
our God hath brought us over  
with hymns of victory.

2.  
Our hearts be pure from evil,  
that we may see aright  
the Lord in rays eternal  
of resurrection-light;  
and, listening to his accents,  
may hear so calm and plain  
his own 'All hail', and, hearing,  
may raise the victor strain.

3.  
Now let the heavens be joyful,  
and earth her song begin,  
the round world keep high  
triumph,  
and all that is therein;  
let all things seen and unseen  
their notes of gladness blend,  
for Christ the Lord is risen,  
our joy that hath no end.

Words: St. John of Damascus d. c. 754  
tr. J.M. Neale 1818-1866  
Tune: Ellacombe;  
18<sup>th</sup>-century German melody as included in  
Mainz *Gesangbuch* 1833

*Please remain standing for the dedication prayer.*

#### PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Loving God, in the offering of our gifts and of our lives;  
we remember the abundance of love and hope that is ours to share.  
May these gifts be as new life to any in need. **Amen.**

#### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Loving Jesus, because we believe that you know every part of our life, we have confidence to come to you with our prayers both for ourselves and others.

*A silence is kept.*

We offer our prayers in the name of Jesus Christ, our living Lord and Saviour who taught us to pray:

#### 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 forever. Amen.**