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Pilgrim
Uniting Church

11.00am
Choral Worship

Sunday, 11th April 2021

Easter 2
COCU32B

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in the front half of the church and 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.**

THE GATHERING OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD

ORGAN PRELUDE

The people stand for the entrance of the Bible.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Our worship is grounded in a real event: "That which was since the beginning yet which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have touched with our own hands, that we proclaim to you, so that your joy may be complete." (1 John 1: 1,4)

Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed!

Let us worship God!

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

1.
Light's glittering morn bedecks the sky;
heaven thunders forth its victor-cry:
Alleluia.
The glad earth shouts her triumph
high,
And groaning hell makes wild reply:
Alleluia.

9.
That Eastertide with joy was bright,
the sun shone out with fairer light,
Alleluia.
when, to their longing eyes restored,
the glad apostles saw their Lord:
Alleluia.

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10.
He bade them see his hands, his side,
where yet the glorious wounds abide;
Alleluia.
the tokens true which made it plain
their Lord indeed was risen again:
Alleluia.

11.
Jesu, the King of gentleness,
do thou thyself our hearts possess,
Alleluia.
that we may give thee all our days
the tribute of our grateful praise:
Alleluia.

GREETING AND WELCOME

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 long to find a place of belonging and welcome, O God. We want to be known - not just our names, but our very selves, our dreams and longings, our fears and failings, and be warmly, unrestrainedly welcomed. The community of Christ offers such a place - a place of people with failings and disagreements, yet who still look out for one another; a place of difference and struggle yet where we can all belong; a place of faith and deep doubt, a place of awkward stumbling toward Christlikeness; a place of worship, of mystery and of rest; a place of belonging for people of all ages and stages. Though we can't always see it, although sometimes it doesn't feel like it, this is such a place. Not the building and the furniture - but those who gather each week in the name of Christ, and try hard to remember each other's names. We recognise the blessing of the community of Christ, and also the way our words and actions sometimes contribute to division, hurt and misunderstanding. We take time to reflect on our own lives and the things that keep us from God and from each other.

13.
All praise be thine, O risen Lord,
from death to endless life restored:
Alleluia.
All praise to God the Father be
and Holy Ghost eternally:
Alleluia.

Words: Latin, 4th century
tr. J. M. Neale 1818-1866
Tune: Lasst uns erfreuen;
Melody form an Easter hymn in *Geistliche Kirchengesang* Cologne 1623 arranged by
Ralph Vaughan Williams 1872-1958

THE SENDING FORTH OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD

HYMN 625 Word of God, come down on earth

1.
Word of God, come down on earth,
living rain from heaven descending;
touch our hearts and bring to birth
faith and hope and love unending.
Word almighty, we revere you;
Word made flesh, we long to hear
you.

2.
Word eternal, throned on high,
Word that brought to life creation,
Word that came from heaven to die,
crucified for our salvation,
saving Word, the world restoring,
speak to us, your love outpouring.

3.
Word that speaks your Father's love,
one with him beyond all telling,
Word that sends us from above
God the Spirit, with us dwelling,
Word of truth, to all truth lead us,
Word of life, with one Bread feed us.

Words: James Quinn 1919-2010
Tune: Liebster Jesu (Dessau);
Melody by J.R. Ahle 1625-1673,
harmonised by J.S. Bach 1685-1750

At the conclusion of the service, a Baptismal candle is presented.

The Minister takes the white baptismal candle, lights it from the Christ candle and presents it to Clara's parents:
Clara, you belong to Christ, the light of the world. Walk always as a child of the light.

WORDS OF MISSION AND BLESSING

May the justice of God rule in our land.
May the compassion of God temper our leaders.
May the wisdom of God guide the people.
May the mothering of God protect the weak.
May the forgiveness of God break down barriers.
May the peace of God bind us together.
May the love of God give birth to a new day.
And the blessing of God: Creator, Liberator, and Presence,
remain with us all now and forever, **Amen.**

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 Christ lag in Todesbanden Georg Böhm 1661-1733
(Christ lay in the bonds of death)

Please stand as the Bible is taken from the church.

3.
We find it hard, Lord, to believe.
Long habit makes us want to prove:
to see, to touch, and thus perceive
the truth and person whom we love;
yet, as in fellowship we meet,
you come yourself, each one to
greet.

4.
You come to us, our God, our Lord.
You do not show your hands and
side,
but give, instead, your best reward as
in your promise we abide.
By faith we know, and grow, and wait
to see and praise you, soon or late.

Words: J.R. Peacey 1896-1971
Tune: Surrey; Henry Carey 1687-1743

OFFERING AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION

We long for a gentler humanity, a kinder world:
**with our money and our hearts,
with our minds and with every good intention,
this is our prayer. Amen.**

PRAYERS FOR OTHERS

We remember in our prayers the people and places and concerns that
are close to our hearts at this time.

A time of silence is kept.

Compassionate God, open our hearts:

that we may feel the breath and play of your spirit,
unclench our hearts:
that we may reach out to one another in openness and generosity,
free our lips:

that we may speak for those whose voices are not heard,
unlock our ears:
to hear the cries of the broken-hearted,
and open our eyes:

to see Christ in friend and stranger,
that in sharing our love and our pain,
our poverty and our prosperity:
**we may move towards that peace and justice
which comes from you and so be bearers of divine reconciliation.**

(Source: South Australian Council of Churches e-news, August 2016)

God in community, holy in one, we offer our prayers
in the name of Jesus 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 for ever. Amen**

A time of silence as we reflect on these words for ourselves.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

May our actions and words reflect that we are Easter people, confident
that risen life is present here, among us. May our identity as people
beloved of God draw us up to our full humanity. May our common
identity in the community of Christ and our communal witness of faith
bind us together. May our lives be open to the transforming work of
God's Spirit.

May it be so. Amen.

THE SERVICE OF BAPTISM

The children are invited to come forward for the baptism.

*After the baptism there will be quiet activities will continue in the west
chapel.*

THE SERVICE OF THE WORD

ANTHEM Most glorious Lord of life W.H. Harris 1883-1973

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

As we come to the Scriptures, may our hearts be open to hear God's
Word afresh. **Amen.**

FIRST READING Acts 4: 32-35

³² Now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and
soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but
everything they owned was held in common. ³³ With great power the
apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and
great grace was upon them all. ³⁴ There was not a needy person among
them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the
proceeds of what was sold. ³⁵ They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was
distributed to each as any had need.

In this is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 133

Chant: Donald Mossman 1913-2003

- 1 Behold, how good and joyful a thing it is brethren, to dwell together in
unity!
- 2 It is like the precious ointment upon the head, that ran down unto the
beard, even unto Aaron's beard, and went down to the skirts of his
clothing.
- 3 Like as the dew of Hermon which fell upon the hill of Sion.
- 4 For there the Lord promised his blessing and life for evermore.

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 1 John 1: 1 - 2: 2

¹We declare to you what was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands, concerning the word of life—²this life was revealed, and we have seen it and testify to it, and declare to you the eternal life that was with the Father and was revealed to us—³we declare to you what we have seen and heard so that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. ⁴We are writing these things so that our joy may be complete.

⁵This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in him there is no darkness at all. ⁶If we say that we have fellowship with him while we are walking in darkness, we lie and do not do what is true; ⁷but if we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. ⁸If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. ⁹If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. ¹⁰If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

²¹My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; ²and he is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

In this is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM O sons and daughters Henry Walford Davies 1869-1941

Please stand for and face the gospel

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

Glory to you, Lord

GOSPEL READING John 20: 19-31

¹⁹When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.'²⁰After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. ²¹Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.'²²When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.'

²⁴But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵So the other disciples told him, 'We have seen the Lord.' But he said to them, 'Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.'

²⁶A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.'²⁷Then he said to Thomas, 'Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.'²⁸Thomas answered him, 'My Lord and my God!' ²⁹Jesus said to him, 'Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.'

³⁰Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. ³¹But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

The gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

HYMN 415 Eternal light, shine in my heart

1.
Eternal light, shine in my heart;
eternal hope, lift up my eyes;
eternal power, be my support;
eternal wisdom, make me wise.

3.
Until by your most costly grace,
invited by your holy word,
at last I come before your face
to know you, my eternal God.

2.
Eternal life, raise me from death;
eternal brightness, make me see;
eternal Spirit, give me breath;
eternal Saviour, come to me:

Words: Christopher M. Idle b. 1938
Tune: Warrington; Harmony
slightly altered from Ralph Harrison 1748-
1810

SERMON

THE RESPONSE TO GOD IN WORD AND ACTION

HYMN 412 Dear Lord, we long to see your face

1.
Dear Lord, we long to see your face,
to know you risen from the grave,
but we have missed the joy and
grace
of seeing you, as others have;
yet in your company we'll wait,
and we shall see you, soon or late.

2.
Dear Friend, we do not know the
way,
nor clearly see the path ahead,
so often, therefore, we delay
and doubt your power to raise the
dead;
yet with you we will firmly stay -
you are the Truth, the Life, the Way.