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8.00am
Morning Eucharist

Sunday, 11th April 2021

Easter 2
COCU32B

The church is fitted with a hearing loop. Hearing aid wearers are advised to sit in the front half of the church and switch their aid to T-setting.

WELCOME AND GREETING

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

We acknowledge that we are on the land of the Kurna people and that the Spirit was in the land revealing God to them through law, custom and ceremony. The same love and grace that was finally and fully revealed in Jesus Christ sustained the Kurna people and gave them particular insights into God's ways. Therefore, we honour the wisdom of the Kurna Elders and their continuing culture, and pray that we might all work together for reconciliation and justice in this nation. *[words from the Preamble to the Uniting Church Constitution]*

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 TiS 385 Now is eternal life

1

Now is eternal life
if risen with Christ we stand,
in him to life reborn,
held firm within his hand;
no more we fear death's ancient dread,
in Christ arisen from the dead.

2

For God, the living God,
stooped down to share our state;
by death destroying death
Christ opened wide life's gate.
He lives, who died; he reigns on high;
who live in him shall never die.

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3
Unfathomed love divine,
come reign within my heart;
from you no depth or height,
not life or death can part;
my life with you in God shall be,
now and through all eternity.

Words: George Wallace Briggs 1875-1959
Tune: Eastview
James Vernon Lee 1892-1959

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 133

¹ How very good and pleasant it is when kindred live together in unity!
² It is like the precious oil on the head, running down upon the beard,
on the beard of Aaron, running down over the collar of his robes.
³ It is like the dew of Hermon, which falls on the mountains of Zion.
For there the Lord ordained his blessing, life for evermore.

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:

1 John 1: 1 – 2: 2

¹ We 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

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.

**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.**

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.**

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.**

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.

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

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**

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

1
Yours be the glory,
risen, conquering Son,
endless is the victory
over death you've won;
angels in bright raiment
rolled the stone away,
kept the folded grave-clothes,
where your body lay.

Refrain

2
See, 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 the Lord is living,
death has lost its sting.

Refrain:
*Yours be the glory,
risen, conquering Son,
endless is the victory
over death you've won.*

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

Refrain:
*Yours be the glory,
risen, conquering Son,
endless is the victory
over death you've won.*

*Words: Edmond Louis Budry 1854-1932
Tr. Richard Birch Hoyle 1875-1939 alt.
Tune: Maccabaeus*

*Adapted from George Frederick Handel 1685
-1759*

OFFERING AND 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.**

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.**