



Pilgrim
Uniting Church

11.00am Choral Worship

Sunday, 18th April 2021

Easter 3
COCU33B

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.

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 are invited to stand for the entrance of the Bible.

CALL TO WORSHIP

When fears and doubts keep us in their awful company:
The Holy One is present with us, whispering of peace.
When we toss and turn late at night:
The Holy One is present with us, whispering of peace.
When we stumble through shadows and quagmires:
The Holy One is present with us, whispering of peace.
We come here to remember together
the presence of holy peace with us
in every time, place, and circumstance.
Let us worship God!

HYMN 145 Good Christians all, rejoice and sing!

1.
Good Christians all, rejoice and sing!
Now is the triumph of our King.
To all the world glad news we bring:
Alleluia.

2.
The Lord of Life is risen for ay:
bring flowers of song to strew his way;
let all the earth rejoice and say
Alleluia.



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3.
Praise we in songs of victory
that Love, that Life, which cannot
die,
and sing with hearts uplifted high
Alleluia.

4.
Thy name we bless, O risen Lord,
and sing to-day with one accord
the life laid down, the life restored:
Alleluia.

Words: C.A. Alington 1872-1955
Tune: Gelobt sei Gott; Melody from Melchior
Vulpius's *Gesangbuch* 1609,
harmonised by Friedrich Layritz 1808-1859

WELCOME and GREETING

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 INVOCATION

God of Easter, touch us with your grace.
You show us your hands,
so we may reach out to mend the broken;
you show us your feet, so we may walk with those the world passes by;
you show us your face,
so we may recognize our sisters and brothers in all whom we meet.

Risen Christ: touch us with your compassion.

You open our eyes, so we may see God's love;
you open our minds, so we may welcome God's Word;
you open our lips, so we may be God's witnesses.

Spirit of Hope; touch us with your peace.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

If our actions mirrored our words;
if our hands were mentored by our hearts;
if we walked the talk – what love we could share!
The psalmist speaks of trusting in you,
while lack of trust overtakes us.
Jesus grants us peace, yet, for us, fear prevails.
Holy One, transform us into Easter people,
through the power of love and forgiveness.

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

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Love and forgiveness are given freely, lavishly,
so that we might be renewed to our higher selves.

**We receive God's love and forgiveness,
and are renewed to speak more clearly,
trust more fully, love more completely.
We are indeed an Easter people!**

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 BENEDICTION

We too are invited to walk always as children of the light. And as we go, may God who is love strengthen us in our love for others. May Christ who is peace grant us peace that passes all understanding. And may the Holy Spirit who is inspiration equip us to be hope and joy for all whom we meet. **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 J.S. Bach 1685-1750
(Christ lay in the bonds of death)

Please stand as the Bible is taken from the church.

Presiding Ministers

Rev Sandy Boyce

Scripture Reader

Rev Dr Greg Elsdon

Organist & Choir Director

Ian Giles

Peter Kelsall

The Choir of Pilgrim Church

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

**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.**

Remind us of the Messiah: His birth and embodied incarnation, His life and learning and actions, His teachings and sacred wisdom, His suffering and unjust death, His glorious Easter and re-birth of hope.
(April 2021 Diaconal Minister Ted Dodd, United Church of Canada)

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, the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.**

THE SENDING FORTH OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD

HYMN 437 Go forth and tell!

1.
Go forth and tell! O Church of God,
awake!
God's saving news to all the nations
take:
proclaim Christ Jesus, Saviour, Lord
and King,
that all the world his glorious praise
may sing.

2.
Go forth and tell! God's love
embraces all,
he will in grace respond to all who
call:
how shall they call if they have
never heard
the gracious invitation of his word?

3.
Go forth and tell! The doors are
open wide:
share God's good gifts - let no one
be denied;
live out your life as Christ your Lord
shall choose,
your ransomed powers for his sole
glory use.

4.
Go forth and tell! O Church of God,
arise!
Go in the strength which Christ
your Lord supplies;
go till all nations his great name
adore
and serve him, Lord and King for
evermore.

Words: James E. Seddon 1915-1983
Tune: 362 Woodlands:
Walter Greatorex 1877-1949

ANTHEM Jesu, dulcis memoria T.L. de Victoria 1548-1611
Translation:
Jesus, the very thought of Thee
With sweetness fills the breast!
Yet sweeter far Thy face to see
And in Thy Presence rest

BAPTISM of Eloise Rose Haskard Ess

THE SERVICE OF THE WORD

PSALM 4 Chant: G.J. Elvey 1816-1893
1 Hear me when I call, O God of my righteousness thou hast set me at
liberty when I was in trouble; have mercy upon me, and hearken unto
my prayer.
2 ye sons of men, how long will ye blaspheme mine honour
and have such pleasure in vanity, and seek after leasing?
3 know this also, that the Lord hath chosen to himself the man that is
godly. When I call upon the Lord, he will hear me.
4 Stand in awe, and sin not; commune with your own heart,
and in your chamber, and be still.
5 Offer the sacrifice of righteousness and put your trust in the Lord.
6 There be many that say: Who will shew us any good?
7 Lord lift thou up the light of thy countenance upon us.
8 Thou hast put gladness in my heart
since the time that their corn, and wine, and oil, increased.
9 I will lay me down in peace, and take my rest
for it is thou, Lord, only, that makest me dwell in safety.

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.**

READING 1 John 3: 1-7
See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of
God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is
that it did not know him. ²Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will
be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is
revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. ³And all who have
this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure. ⁴Everyone who commits
sin is guilty of lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. ⁵You know that he was
revealed to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. ⁶No one who abides
in him sins; no one who sins has either seen him or known him. ⁷Little
children, let no one deceive you. Everyone who does what is right is
righteous, just as he is righteous.

In this is the word of the Lord
Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM This joyful Eastertide
 Dutch trad. harmonised by Charles Wood 1866-1926

Please stand for and face the gospel

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

Glory to you, Lord

GOSPEL READING Luke 24: 36b-48

Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." ³⁷They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. ³⁸He said to them, "Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? ³⁹Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have." ⁴⁰And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. ⁴¹While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, "Have you anything here to eat?" ⁴²They gave him a piece of broiled fish, ⁴³and he took it and ate in their presence. ⁴⁴Then he said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled." ⁴⁵Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, ⁴⁶and he said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, ⁴⁷and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. ⁴⁸You are witnesses of these things.

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

HYMN 564 Restore in us, O God

1.
Restore in us, O God,
the splendour of your love;
renew your image in our hearts,
and all our sins remove.

2.
O Spirit, wake in us
the wonder of your power;
from fruitless fear unfurl our lives
like springtime bud and flower.

3.
Bring us, O Christ, to share
the fullness of your joy;
baptise us in the risen life
that death cannot destroy.

4.
Three-personed God, fulfil
the promise of your grace,
that we, when all our searching ends,
may see you face to face.

Tune: Southwell; Adapted from Psalm 45 by
William Daman 1540-1591
Words: Carl P. Daw Jr. B. 1944

SERMON

THE RESPONSE TO GOD IN WORD AND ACTION

HYMN 389 Behold the amazing gift of love

1.
Behold the amazing gift of love
the Father has bestowed
on us, the sinful sons of men,
to call us sons of God!

2.
Concealed as yet this honour lies,
by this dark world unknown,
a world that knew not when he
came,
ev'n God's eternal Son.

3.
High is the rank we now possess;
but higher we shall rise,
though what we shall hereafter be is
hid from mortal eyes.

4.
Our lives, we know, when he
appears,
shall bear his image bright;
for all his glory, full disclosed,
shall open to our sight.

5.
A hope so great and so divine
may trials well endure;
and purify us all from sin,
as Christ himself is pure.

Words: *Scottish Paraphrases* 1781
based on 1 John 3: 1-3
Tune: 385 Abridge; Isaac Smith 1734-1805

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 realm will come to fruition in peace and justice for all. **Amen.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Christ remained present with his disciples, teaching them to love all people as neighbours. As his disciples in this age, we offer our prayers on behalf of the world in which we are privileged to live and our neighbours with whom we share it.
Silent prayers are offered

In this time of tension and turmoil, pandemic and poverty, racial injustice, and climate change, we wait with kingdom vision. We long for resurrection hope. God who walks with us, journey with us this day. Beginning with Moses and all the prophets, we remember that you are the creator. You are the liberator. You are the vision of justice and compassion. You are the way.

Interpret to us your mystery: Your transcendent holiness; Your immanent nearness; Your steadfast faithfulness; Your infinite love; Your amazing grace.