



11th April 2021- Easter 2 Yr B

Welcome:

Greeting:

As we celebrate the risen Christ,
May the Lord be with you
And also with you

Moment of Stillness:

Let's take a moment to be still and aware of the God's presence within and all around us.

Christ Candle:

We light this light to remind us that Christ is here with us.
Christ is always with us.

Acknowledgement First Peoples:

We acknowledge the sovereign First Peoples of this country on which we gather today; the Gadigal and Wangal people. And we pay our respects to their Elders past and present, together with all descendants.

We commit ourselves to support Voice, Treaty, Truth – justice for First Nations Peoples.

Call to Worship:

Lord Jesus Christ, the light of your love shines on,
illuminating the places where you are present.

As the bewildered disciples pondered the stories of your
appearance, you penetrated the darkness of their fear and
doubt with your word of peace.

**Increase our understanding, we pray,
and open our minds and hearts to see you.**

You showed them the appalling marks of evil
pierced on your hands and feet.

You opened their minds to understand
why you had to die to defeat evil and death.

**Increase our understanding, we pray,
and open our minds and hearts to receive you.**

Speak your word of peace to us
and let your love shine on the dark areas in our lives.

**Increase our understanding, we pray,
and open our minds and hearts to hear you.**

Opening Prayer:

Encounter with us now, enlivened God
Spring us from the safety-net of our sanctuaries
Expose us to the challenge of your gospel
Coax us to throw our caution to the wind.

May we, who name ourselves Christ's followers today,
embody the command to be his witnesses;
the gathered community scattered to make known your truth,
to teach and tend, revive and reconcile.

Confirm our faith and send us out rejoicing
because we have put our trust in your liberating power.

In the name of the Risen Christ we pray

Amen

Song: The Servant King

1. From heaven You came, helpless babe,
entered our world, Your glory veiled.
Not to be served, but to serve,
and give Your life that we might live.

Chorus:

This is our God, the Servant King,
He calls us now to follow Him
to bring our lives as a daily offering
of worship to the Servant King.

2. There in the garden of tears,
my heavy load He chose to bear.
His heart with sorrow was torn,
'Yet not My will but Yours,' He said.
3. Come see His hands and His feet,
the scars that speak of sacrifice.
Hands that flung stars into space
to cruel nails surrendered.
4. So, let us learn how to serve,
and in our lives enthrone Him.
Each other's needs to prefer,
for it is Christ we're serving.

Song: Holy One

We look to You Lord,
up to the heavens we sing.
Your presence we seek,
we give You all that we bring.
The faith that You give
grows as Your word is revealed.
The truth in our hearts,
the hope Your spirit sealed.

And You, oh Lord, are the Holy One,
Redeemer and Ancient of Days,
Creator of all the Universe,

Worthy of all of our Praise.

Holy One, *holy, holy*, Only One, *only One*,
Holy One, *holy, holy*, Only One, *only One*.

Prayer of Confession:

We come to God
knowing that we have failed to obey the call of Jesus
to love God and one another with our whole hearts;
but we come also to a God who reaches out to us
with healing and reconciliation.

In this knowledge, let us pray.

When our faith stands at the grave,
grieving for a stone that's rolled away,
Forgive us.

When our faith is short of understanding
though the truth is there to see,
Forgive us.

When our faith beset by doubt,
sees no further than an empty tomb today,
Forgive us.

Bring to mind the cry of Mary,
'I have seen the Lord!'
and grant us faith to believe!

In spite of our doubts,
**may we recognise you in our midst:
real, wounded and resurrected**

In spite of our doubts,
**may we know when we come face to face
with the love that is greater than all deaths**

In spite of our doubts,

may we reach out to touch the wounds of the world's pain
trusting that when grace and love surround them
they will become part of Christ's resurrected body.
and in spite of our doubts,
may we live as though we are part of Christ's resurrected body too.

Words of Assurance:

In all our doubts and fears, hear the words of Christ to us:
'Your sins are forgiven'.

Thanks be to God

Peace:

May the peace of the Risen Christ be with you
And also with you.

Song: I know that my Redeemer lives

1 I know that my Redeemer lives -
what joy this blest assurance gives!
He lives, he lives, who once was dead;
he lives, my everlasting Head.

2 He lives, to bless me with his love:
he lives, to plead for me above;
he lives my hungry soul to feed;
he lives to help in time of need.

3 He lives, and grants me daily breath;
he lives, and I shall conquer death;
he lives, my mansion to prepare;
he lives, to lead me safely there.

4 He lives, all glory to his name;
he lives, my Saviour, still the same;
what joy the blest assurance gives,
I know that my Redeemer lives!

Moment for the young at heart:

Bible Readings:

1 John 1:1-4

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—² this 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—³ we 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. ⁴ We are writing these things so that our^[a] joy may be complete.

John 20:19-31

¹⁹ When 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.” ²⁰ After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. ²¹ Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.” ²² When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³ If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.”

²⁴ But Thomas (who was called the Twin^[a]), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵ So 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.”

²⁶ A 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.” ²⁷ Then 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.” ²⁸ Thomas answered him, “My Lord and my God!” ²⁹ Jesus said to him, “Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.”

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

In this is the Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Reflection:

Moment of Stillness:

Prayers of the People:

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 in the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom the power and the glory are yours.
Now and forever.
Amen**

'Freddo' Moment: The congregation share good news

Community News:

Offering Prayer:

**God of great gifts:
With resurrection humming in our hearts,
our minds are tuned to your song of peace.
We joyfully give these gifts to you,
a tangible chorus of thanksgiving,
a harmony of hope for your kingdom come.
Amen.**

Song: Crown him with many crowns

Crown him with many crowns,
the Lamb upon his throne;
hark! how the heavenly anthem drowns
all music but its own:
awake, my soul, and sing
of him who died for me,
and hail him as your chosen king
through all eternity.

Crown him the Lord of love;
behold his hands and side,
those wounds yet visible above
in beauty glorified;
no angel there on high
can fully bear that sight,
but downwards bends a burning eye
at mysteries so bright.

Crown him the Lord of years,
the Potentate of time,
Creator of the rolling spheres,
majestic and sublime:
all hail, Redeemer, hail!
for you have died for me;
your praise shall never, never fail
throughout eternity.

Benediction & Blessing:

Christ is alive
May the risen Christ be with you
Love is alive
May you walk in the love of the risen Christ.
Hope is alive
May you walk in the hope of the risen Christ.
Peace is alive
May you walk in the peace of the risen Christ.
We are alive
May we know the new life of the risen Christ within us.

And the blessing of God Almighty:
Creator, Light and Life
Be upon you
And remain with you always.

3-fold-Amen

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