



18<sup>th</sup> April 2021- Easter 3 Yr B  
Baptism

***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:***

Peace be with you.

**And also with you.**

Come and see the love God has given to us.

**Come and see what it means to be children of God.**

Come with this hope, that Christ's presence is real.

**With joy, we come to see the Lord.**

***Opening Prayer:***

Painting the brilliant night sky with stars,  
out of the fabric of your hope,  
you raised creation out of chaos,  
Gracious God,  
giving life and calling it good.

Walking with disciples  
down grief's lonely road,  
you sang of how  
God had raised you from the dead,  
so that listening,  
they might believe;  
believing they might  
go and invite all  
to follow you,  
Bread of Life,  
to feast on your love forever.

Reaching out your love to us,  
so we would touch others;  
filling us with your gifts,  
so we could be your body in the world;  
piercing our darkness with hope,

so we might bring healing  
to the broken:  
you raise us to new life,  
Spirit of God.

God in Community, Holy in One,  
hear us as we pray  
**Amen**

**Song: Shout to the Lord**

My Jesus, My Saviour,  
Lord there is no one like You.  
All of my days, I want to praise  
the wonders of Your mighty love.

My comfort, my shelter,  
tower of refuge and strength.  
Let every breath, all that I am,  
never cease to worship You.

Shout to the Lord, all the earth let us sing!  
Power and majesty, praise to the King!  
Mountains bow down and the seas will roar  
at the sound of Your name.  
I sing for joy at the work of Your hands.  
Forever I'll love You, forever I'll stand.  
Nothing compares to the promise I have in You.

**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

God of love,

We come before you as a broken people.  
Our thoughts and deeds distract us from  
your triumphant “yes!” of Easter.  
Though your grace surrounds us everywhere we go,  
though you walk with us on our journey,  
though you take, break, bless, and give,  
we too often say “no!” to your invitation  
to live freely for you and one another.

O Lord, forgive us when we turn away from you.  
God of Easter,  
help us to recognise your risen-ness.  
Guide us so we can walk with you,  
cleansing us that we might live life in all its fullness.  
**Come to us in the breaking of the bread.**  
**Come to us as we are**  
**but don't leave us as we are;**  
**In your mercy, Lord, hear our prayer.**  
**Amen**

***Words of Assurance:***

Just as Jesus came to the disciples  
So, he comes to us.  
Just as Jesus walked along beside the disciples,  
So, he walks along beside us.

Hear then the words of Jesus 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: Father welcomes all his children**

*Chorus:*

Father welcomes all his children  
to his family through his Son.  
Father giving his salvation,  
Life for ever has been won.

Little children, come to me,  
for my kingdom is of these.  
Life and love I have to give,  
Mercy for your sin.

In the water, in the Word,  
in his promise be assured:  
Those who are baptised and believe  
shall be born again.

Let us daily die to sin;  
Let us daily rise with Him.  
Walk in the love of Christ our Lord.  
Live in the peace of God.

***Moment for the young at heart:***

***Baptism of Tia and Samuela:***

***Congregational Responses:***

*The minister says to the congregation:*

In unity with the whole Church, let us stand and affirm the faith into which we were baptised.

*The people stand.*

Do you believe in God?

***I believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.***

Do you believe in Jesus Christ?

***I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead.***

***On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.***

Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

***I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.***

The people sit.

***Song: Family sing as children are presented to the congregation***

I ask you, the people of this congregation, will you continue to provide this place of worship and witness, to maintain the life of worship and service, that **Tia and Samuela** and all the children in our community may grow in the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the knowledge and love of God?

***With God's help, and because of our baptism,  
we will live out what is expected of us;  
to be a loving community in Christ;  
encouraging one another in faith,  
praying for each other, and  
by working together in God's service.***

***Bible Readings:***

**1 John 3:1-7**

<sup>1</sup> 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. <sup>2</sup> Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he<sup>[a]</sup> is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. <sup>3</sup> And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

<sup>4</sup> Everyone who commits sin is guilty of lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. <sup>5</sup> You know that he was revealed to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. <sup>6</sup> No one who abides in him sins; no one who sins has either seen him or known him. <sup>7</sup> Little children, let no one deceive you. Everyone who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous.

## **Luke 24:36-48**

<sup>36</sup> While they were talking about this, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, “Peace be with you.”<sup>[u]</sup> <sup>37</sup> They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. <sup>38</sup> He said to them, “Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? <sup>39</sup> Look 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.” <sup>40</sup> And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet.<sup>[m]</sup> <sup>41</sup> While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, “Have you anything here to eat?” <sup>42</sup> They gave him a piece of broiled fish, <sup>43</sup> and he took it and ate in their presence.

<sup>44</sup> Then 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.” <sup>45</sup> Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, <sup>46</sup> and he said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Messiah<sup>[n]</sup> is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, <sup>47</sup> and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. <sup>48</sup> You are witnesses<sup>[o]</sup> of these things.

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:***

To God be the glory, great things He has done;  
So loved He the world that He gave us His Son,  
Who yielded His life an atonement for sin,  
And opened the life gate that all may go in.

***Chorus:***

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,  
Let the earth hear His voice!  
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,  
Let the people rejoice!  
O come to the Father, through Jesus the Son,  
And give Him the glory, great things He has done.

O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood,  
To every believer the promise of God;  
The vilest offender who truly believes,  
That moment from Jesus a pardon receives.

Great things He has taught us, great things He has done,  
and great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son.  
But purer, and higher, and greater will be  
our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see.

### ***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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