



Easter Sunday Liturgy 2022

Welcome: Ron Brown Greeter: Roger T

Greeting:

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

And also with you

Moment of Stillness:

As we begin our service, let's take a moment to be still and aware of God's presence within and all around us.

Christ Candle:

We light this light to celebrate that Christ has risen!

Alleluia! Christ has risen indeed!

Acknowledgement of 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:

We are an Easter people

Ours is an Easter faith

The yeast is rising in our hearts
Our wine has vintage taste

Christ is risen
Christ is risen
Risen in our lives

We are Easter people
Ours is an Easter faith
Our tears are freed to flow and heal
our shattered hopes and hearts

Christ is risen
Christ is risen
Risen in our lives

We are Easter people
Ours is an Easter faith
Our fears have died, we rise to dream
to love, to dance, to live!

Christ is risen
Christ is risen
Risen in our lives

Opening Prayer:

Risen Lord
You love us
You call us
You change us.

Let us recognise your coming,
however gently or dramatically you approach us.
Let us recognise your coming,
Whoever you use to make yourself known to us.
Let us recognise your coming
whatever time or situation you use to approach us.

Let us recognise your compassionate emergence
into the dark places of our lives
Your generous summons which you constantly utter
Your transforming touch upon the bleak places of our world

Lord of life, of hope, of resurrection,

We make our prayer in your name, Jesus

AMEN

Music: Jesus Christ is Risen Today (Charles Wesley)

Jesus Christ is risen today, Alleluia!
Our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!
Who did once, upon the cross, Alleluia!
Suffer to redeem our loss, Alleluia!

Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia!
Unto Christ, our heavenly King, Alleluia!
Who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia!
Sinners to redeem and save, Alleluia!

But the pain which He endured, Alleluia!
Our salvation hath procured, Alleluia!
Now above the sky He's king, Alleluia!
Where the angels ever sing, Alleluia!

Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, you have walked patiently with us
throughout our Lenten journey.

You have celebrated our successes and our growing understanding of your
love; and you have mourned our failures and rejections of your healing love.

This day, as we celebrate the joy of Easter,
let us remember that we are to become "Easter People"
people of the Resurrection;
people who know that what was thought to be impossible
has been conquered.

**Forgive our disbelief and fears.
Fill us with your healing love
and help us to become the disciples
that you need to serve in this world.
For we ask this in the name of our Risen Lord,
Jesus Christ
AMEN**

Words of Assurance:

Christ is Risen! The stone is rolled away, the tomb found empty.
Mary calls out, "I have seen the Lord!"
We have seen Christ, too,
in every hand, in every gift, in every choice to restore life in this world.
We are called to this new life, a life of forgiveness and reconciliation.

Hear then Christ's words to us.
"Your sins are forgiven"

Thanks be to God!

Know that God loves you and desires great joy for your life.
Walk forward on this journey of faith,
knowing your brothers and sisters are with you.

Peace:

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

Let us share the Peace

Music: Yours be the glory (Edmond Louis Budry)

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:

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

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]

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]

Bible Reading: Alison

Acts 10:34-43

34 Then Peter began to speak: “I now
realize how true it is that God does not
show favoritism 35 but accepts from every
nation the one who fears him and does
what is right. 36 You know the message
God sent to the people of Israel,
announcing the good news of peace
through Jesus Christ, who is Lord of all.
37 You know what has happened
throughout the province of Judea,
beginning in Galilee after the baptism that
John preached— 38 how God anointed
Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and
power, and how he went around doing
good and healing all who were under the
power of the devil, because God was with
him.

39 “We are witnesses of everything he did in the country of the Jews and in
Jerusalem. They killed him by hanging him on a cross, 40 but God raised him
from the dead on the third day and caused him to be seen. 41 He was not
seen by all the people, but by witnesses whom God had already chosen—by
us who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. 42 He
commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one whom
God appointed as judge of the living and the dead. 43 All the prophets testify

about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

John 20:1-18

20 Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene went to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the entrance. 2 So she came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved, and said, “They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we don’t know where they have put him!”

3 So Peter and the other disciple started for the tomb. 4 Both were running, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. 5 He bent over and looked in at the strips of linen lying there but did not go in. 6 Then Simon Peter came along behind him and went straight into the tomb. He saw the strips of linen lying there, 7 as well as the cloth that had been wrapped around Jesus’ head. The cloth was still lying in its place, separate from the linen. 8 Finally the other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, also went inside. He saw and believed. 9 (They still did not understand from Scripture that Jesus had to rise from the dead.) 10 Then the disciples went back to where they were staying.

11 Now Mary stood outside the tomb crying. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb 12 and saw two angels in white, seated where Jesus’ body had been, one at the head and the other at the foot.

13 They asked her, “Woman, why are you crying?”

“They have taken my Lord away,” she said, “and I don’t know where they have

put him.” 14 At this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not realize that it was Jesus.

15 He asked her, “Woman, why are you crying? Who is it you are looking for?”

Thinking he was the gardener, she said, “Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have put him, and I will get him.”

16 Jesus said to her, “Mary.”

She turned toward him and cried out in Aramaic, “Rabboni!” (which means “Teacher”).

17 Jesus said, “Do not hold on to me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father. Go instead to my brothers and tell them, ‘I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.’”

18 Mary Magdalene went to the disciples with the news: “I have seen the Lord!” And she told them that he had said these things to her.

Hear the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Reflection: “Advance Party” - Rev Lindsay Cullen

Moment of Stillness

Prayers of the People: Kim

Let’s take some time to pray for each other and our world

Risen Christ

As you stay with us

Open our eyes to see the needs in your world.

Open our eyes to hear the cries

of the poor

of the suffering

of the marginalised
We pray particularly for those, in this time of the Coronavirus;
who are isolated at home alone,
whose home environments are violent and unsafe,
whose mental health seems an unbearable challenge.

Silent prayer

Lord hear us

Lord hear our prayer

We pray for those in power, who are making decisions
about our nation and our world.
We pray for those who are affected by the misuse of power;
those who are hungry
those how are homeless
those who are dying

Silent prayer

Lord hear us

Lord hear our prayer

We pray for those working in vital roles in our community in this time of fear
and risk:
for medical staff
for the police
for the rescue services

Silent prayer

Lord hear us

Lord hear our prayer

We pray for the children in our community,
in our country and in our world;
we pray for safety
we pray for love
we pray for laughter

Silent prayer

Lord hear us

Lord hear our prayer

Give us the courage and the tenacity to take our spoken prayers
and those said in the silence of our hearts,
and transform them into serious action.

Move us from our security
to take risks just like Jesus.

And as you did,

to walk with humankind

Knowing that you, Spirit of God, will walk with us.

As we meet you

Re-assure

Re-new

And re-commit us to a life of service

Where we will stand for justice and peace.

Risen Christ, on this Easter Day,

May things change because of us.

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 in the time of trial

and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom the power and the glory are yours.

Now and forever.

Amen

Music: Shine Jesus shine. (Graham Kendrick)

1. Lord, the light of your love is shining
In the midst of the darkness, shining
Jesus, Light of the world, shine upon us
Set us free by the truth you now bring us
Shine on me, shine on me

Chorus:
Shine, Jesus, shine
Fill this land with the Father's glory
Blaze, Spirit, blaze
Set our hearts on fire
Flow, river, flow
Flood the nations with grace and mercy
Send forth your word
Lord, and let there be light

2. Lord, I come to your awesome presence
From the shadows into your radiance
By the blood I may enter your brightness
Search me, try me, consume all my darkness
Shine on me, shine on me

Chorus

3. As we gaze on your kingly brightness
So our faces display your likeness
Ever changing from glory to glory
Mirrored here may our lives tell your story
Shine on me, shine on me

Chorus

Benediction & Blessing:

May the God whose power breaks through
the stone, break into your life and free you
from all that binds you;

May the Risen Christ whose love is stronger than death, speak your name and bring you new life and joy;

May the Spirit who walks the road with you, give you wisdom to understand and courage to share God's new life for the whole world.

Threefold Amen