



## **EASTER 6 Yr C 22nd May 2022**

**Leader: Chris W / Greeter: Merhy**

**Welcome:**

**Greeting:**

May the light of 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:**

In this season of Light,  
we light this candle to remind us of God's light shining in the darkness.  
May we carry this light of hope, peace, and justice  
to the world around us every day.

**Acknowledgement First Peoples:**

As we gather to worship God, 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:***

God calls us to this place, a haven for healing and hope.

**We come, with the pain of our burdens, we come to hear God's word of hope for us.**

Together, we will sing songs of joy; each of us will hear God whisper our name, 'Beloved of my heart.'

**We join our voices in prayer and praise; we sing of our longing for new lives.**

Here, our shadowed corners are filled with Light; here we discover that God dwells in us.

**And not just us, for God would teach all to love; God's Spirit would lead all peoples in peace.**

**Thanks be to God!**

***Opening Prayer:***

Gracious God, you pour blessings upon us and within us through the person of the Holy Spirit.

This gracious gift of your Spirit continues to teach us about Jesus and to remind us of all he said and did.

Today we rejoice over the Spirit's gift to us of peace - the peace which is beyond our human understanding.

We welcome this gift with thanksgiving and pray that our lives may reflect this peace and your love.

May this time of worship be an offering of praise and adoration for all your gifts to us. This we pray in Jesus' name.

**Amen**

**Song: Love divine, all loves excelling**

1. Song: Love divine, all loves excelling,  
Joy of Heav'n to earth come down;  
Fix in us thy humble dwelling;  
All thy faithful mercies crown!  
Jesus, Thou art all compassion,  
Pure unbounded love Thou art;

Visit us with Thy salvation,  
Enter every trembling heart.

2. Breathe, O breathe Thy loving Spirit  
Into every troubled breast!  
Let us all in Thee inherit;  
Let us find that second rest.  
Take away our bent to sinning;  
Alpha and Omega be;  
End of faith, as its beginning,  
Set our hearts at liberty.
3. Come, Almighty to deliver,  
Let us all Thy life receive;  
Suddenly return, and never,  
Nevermore Thy temples leave.  
Thee we would be always blessing,  
Serve Thee as Thy hosts above,  
Pray and praise Thee without ceasing,  
Glory in Thy perfect love.
4. Finish, then, Thy new creation;  
Pure and spotless let us be;  
Let us see Thy great salvation  
Perfectly restored in Thee;  
Changed from glory into glory,  
Till in Heav'n we take our place,  
Till we cast our crowns before Thee,  
Lost in wonder, love, and praise.

***Prayer of Confession:***

Listening God, sometimes we pray confidently, trusting in your love. Sometimes we approach you fearfully, conscious of our own failure. Sometimes we are reluctant to pray, evading your call to us. Sometimes our prayer is a snatched moment in the hassle of activity. But always you hear us. Companion God, we find ourselves in your company again, and find ourselves known by you. Lord of every part of our lives, help us to let go of all that hinders our acceptance of your peace, your love and your very life through the transforming power of the Holy Spirit.

This we pray in your name.

**Amen**

***Words of assurance:***

Friends, hear the good news: in Jesus Christ we are forgiven, and we receive his peace, a peace such as the world cannot give.

**Thanks be to God**

**Amen**

***Peace:***

May the peace of the Lord be always with you

**And also with you.**

Let's share Christ's peace with one another.

**Song: TIS 452 - God of mercy**

1 God of mercy, God of grace,  
show the brightness of your face.  
Shine upon us, Saviour, shine;  
fill your Church with light divine,  
and your saving health extend  
to the earth's remotest end.

2 Let the people praise you, Lord!  
Be by all that live adored.  
Let the nations shout and sing  
glory to their Saviour-King;  
at your feet their tribute pay,  
and your holy will obey.

3 Let the people praise you, Lord,  
then enjoy your rich reward!  
God to us his blessing give,  
we to God devoted live,  
all below and all above  
one in joy and light and love.

## **Moment for the young at heart: The Snail & the Whale- Phil**

### **Bible Readings: Jen**

#### **Acts 16:9-15**

##### **Timothy Joins Paul and Silas**

<sup>9</sup> During the night Paul had a vision: there stood a man of Macedonia pleading with him and saying, “Come over to Macedonia and help us.” <sup>10</sup> When he had seen the vision, we immediately tried to cross over to Macedonia, being convinced that God had called us to proclaim the good news to them.

##### **The Conversion of Lydia**

<sup>11</sup> We therefore<sup>[b]</sup> set sail from Troas and took a straight course to Samothrace, the following day to Neapolis, <sup>12</sup> and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city for some days. <sup>13</sup> On the Sabbath day we went outside the gate by the river, where we supposed<sup>[c]</sup> there was a place of prayer, and we sat down and spoke to the women who had gathered there. <sup>14</sup> A certain woman named Lydia, a worshiper of God, was listening to us; she was from the city of Thyatira and a dealer in purple cloth. The Lord opened her heart to listen eagerly to what was said by Paul. <sup>15</sup> When she and her household were baptized, she urged us, saying, “If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come and stay at my home.” And she prevailed upon us.

#### **John 14:23-29**

<sup>23</sup> Jesus answered him, “Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. <sup>24</sup> Whoever does not love me does not keep my words, and the word that you hear is not mine but is from the Father who sent me.

<sup>25</sup> “I have said these things to you while I am still with you. <sup>26</sup> But the Advocate,<sup>[a]</sup> the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything and remind you of all that I have said to you. <sup>27</sup> Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid. <sup>28</sup> You heard me say to you, ‘I am going away, and I am

coming to you.' If you loved me, you would rejoice that I am going to the Father, because the Father is greater than I. <sup>29</sup> And now I have told you this before it occurs, so that when it does occur you may believe.

**Hear the Word of the Lord**

**Thanks be to God**

**Reflection: Chris Longfoot**

***Moment of Stillness***

***Prayers of the People: John***

**The Lord's Prayer:**

**Our Father in heaven**

**hallowed be your name.**

**your kingdom comes**

**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**

***Giving thanks:***

Community News: The congregation share good news

### **Offering Prayer:**

We give this offering to you, generous God. We give ourselves as well. Bless us as we give. Move us to help others and to love them, in Jesus' name.

**Amen.**

### **Song: TIS 658- Here I am Lord**

1. I, the Lord of sea and sky,  
I have heard My people cry.  
All who dwell in dark and sin,  
My hand will save.  
I who made the stars of night,  
I will make their darkness bright.  
Who will bear My light to them?  
Whom shall I send?

Here I am Lord, Is it I, Lord?  
I have heard You calling in the night.  
I will go Lord, if You lead me.  
I will hold Your people in my heart.

2. I, the Lord of snow and rain,  
I have borne my people's pain.  
I have wept for love of them, They turn away.  
I will break their hearts of stone,  
Give them hearts for love alone.  
I will speak My word to them  
Whom shall I send?

Here I am Lord, Is it I, Lord?  
I have heard You calling in the night.  
I will go Lord, if You lead me.  
I will hold Your people in my heart.

3. I, the Lord of wind and flame  
I will tend the poor and lame.  
I will set a feast for them,  
My hand will save  
Finest bread I will provide,

Till their hearts be satisfied.  
I will give My life to them,  
Whom shall I send?

Here I am Lord, Is it I, Lord?  
I have heard You calling in the night.  
I will go Lord, if You lead me.  
I will hold Your people in my heart.

***Benediction & Blessing:***

Jesus sends us to serve with gladness, in faith, hope and love.  
As you go may the hand of the Spirit bless you and keep you.  
May the face of the Spirit shine upon you.  
May the counsel of the Spirit guide you and bring you to everlasting  
peace, for today and always.

**Threefold Amen**

***Pastoral Prayers:* Brian /Gretta**