



## **EASTER 4 Yr C 8<sup>th</sup> May 2022**

**Leader: Ron / Greeter: David**

**Welcome: Happy Mothers Day**

**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:***

Heavenly Father, we rejoice with thanks  
for all those who have mothered us in our lives.  
In a world that is broken and in need of your motherly love,  
please use us to aid others as you do us in providing comfort, nurture,  
protection and support.  
We ask that you grow us as carers to those who need us,  
so that we might celebrate your goodness together  
even through our own brokenness.

**Amen**

***Opening Prayer:***

Loving Shepherd, you know our names:  
you care for us.  
When we face darkness and death, walk beside us.  
When we hunger for your love, fill us with your presence.  
When we are fearful, feed us at your table.  
May we dwell in the house of goodness and mercy  
all the days of our lives.

**Amen**

**Song:**

***Prayer of Confession:***

God our Father, as Pharaoh's daughter noticed the needs  
of a small child alone in the reeds,  
so help us to notice those areas of our own lives  
needing care and attention.  
Therefore, let us confess our sins, seeking the embrace of God's  
forgiveness and peace.

**Amen**

***Words of assurance:***

Why should we weep? Joy comes to us this morning, and every moment  
of our lives. The Lamb of God has come, to share mercy and hope with  
us, so we can praise our God with joyous hearts.

**We will lift glad songs of joy, for all the blessings God has given to us. We will offer our hearts and hands in love to serve others. Thanks be to God, we are forgiven!**

**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:**

**Moment for the young at heart: Video-Owl Babies by Martin Waddell**

**Bible Readings: Christo**

**Acts 9:31-43**

31 Meanwhile the church throughout Judea, Galilee, and Samaria had peace and was built up. Living in the fear of the Lord and in the comfort of the Holy Spirit, it increased in numbers.

The Healing of Aeneas

32 Now as Peter went here and there among all the believers, he came down also to the saints living in Lydda. 33 There he found a man named Aeneas, who had been bedridden for eight years, for he was paralysed. 34 Peter said to him, "Aeneas, Jesus Christ heals you; get up and make your bed!" And immediately he got up. 35 And all the residents of Lydda and Sharon saw him and turned to the Lord.

Peter in Lydda and Joppa

36 Now in Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas.[b] She was devoted to good works and acts of charity. 37 At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs. 38 Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, who heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him with

the request, "Please come to us without delay." 39 So Peter got up and went with them; and when he arrived, they took him to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing tunics and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was with them. 40 Peter put all of them outside, and then he knelt down and prayed. He turned to the body and said, "Tabitha, get up." Then she opened her eyes, and seeing Peter, she sat up. 41 He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive. 42 This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. 43 Meanwhile he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner.

### **John 10:22-30**

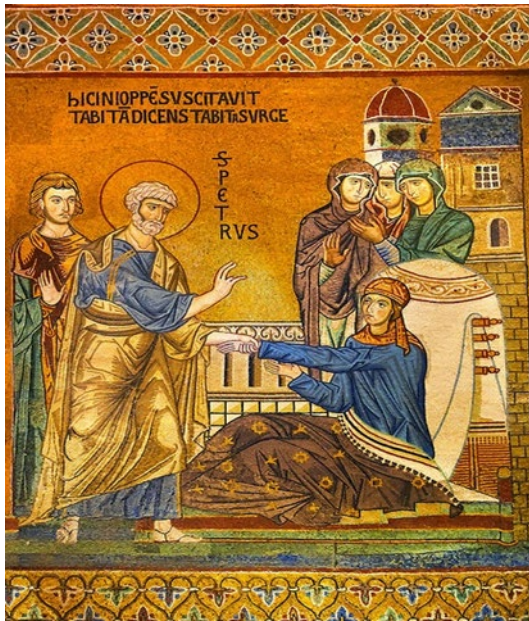
#### Jesus Is Rejected by the Jews

22 At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, 23 and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. 24 So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, "How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah,[a] tell us plainly." 25 Jesus answered, "I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name testify to me; 26 but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. 27 My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. 28 I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. 29 What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father's hand.[b] 30 The Father and I are one."

#### **Hear the Word of the Lord**

**Thanks be to God**

**Reflection: Hector Abrahams**



***Moment of Stillness***

***Prayers of the People: Rev Clabon Allen***

**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**

***Giving thanks:***

Community News: The congregation share good news

***Offering Prayer:***

May the gifts we offer this day, bring joy to those whose mornings are hopeless, feed those whose noon times are filled with hunger, and bring peace to those whose nights are surrounded by fears and worries. This we pray in Jesus' name.

**Amen.**

**Song:**

***Benediction & Blessing:***

May the Lord who brought us all to birth,  
strengthen us for daily life.

May the Lord who provides for all our needs sustain us day by day.

May the Lord whose steadfast love is for all, send us out to live and work  
for others.

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy  
Spirit, be with you and remain with you always.

**Threefold Amen**

***Pastoral Prayers:* Ellen**