



4th May 2025 – Easter 3, Yr C
Communion

Greeter: Wendy

Leader: Helen

Meditation Song: Seek Ye First TIS 745
(please remain seated)

1. Seek ye first the Kingdom of God
And his righteousness
and all these things
shall be added unto you
Allelu, alleluia

Alleluia, Alleluia
Alleluia, allelu, alleluia

2. Ask and it shall be given unto you
Seek and you shall find
Knock and it shall be
opened unto you
Allelu, alleluia

Alleluia, Alleluia
Alleluia, allelu, alleluia

3. We shall not live by bread alone
But by every word
That proceeds
From the mouth of God
Alellu, alleluia

Alleluia, Alleluia
Alleluia, allelu, alleluia

Welcome

Greeting:

May the Risen Christ be with you
And also with you

Christ Candle:

Christ, the light of the world
Christ, the hope for all nations
Christ, the Risen Crucified One
You dwell with us now

Moment of Stillness

Acknowledgement of First Peoples:

As we look upon the hills and valleys, we see the love poured out upon this land by those who have cared for it since time beyond measure. We are thankful for and honour those Aboriginal peoples who have gone before and those who are yet to come.

May we remember the call God places on humanity to care for Creation.

May we take the lead from the Gadigal and Wangal people, whose stories are entwined with the stewarding of this place. May we learn from them and walk with them towards justice and renewal.

Call to Worship:

The Risen One calls you here
The Risen One calls you to new life

The Risen One calls you out of darkness and into light

May we rise from the depths of despair
May we turn to our God of all hope
May we cry out to the One who saves
May we who are weary, be lifted up

All:

**Gather us now
Renew us by your hope
Shape us by your word
Lift our eyes to You
Stir our hearts in praise**

**For you are the Alpha and Omega
Beginning and the end
Who was and is and is to come**

Hymn: Here I am, Lord TIS 658

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?

Chorus

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 words to them
Whom shall I send?

Chorus

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 are satisfied
I will give my life to them
Whom shall I send?

Chorus

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

Prayer of Confession

In our prayer of confession, we trust that no matter what we do or don't do,
this story ends with love. So, in this knowledge, let us pray:

Risen Christ,
When our faith stands at the grave,
grieving and unable to see your risen life
Forgive us.

When our faith is short of understanding
and we look away from the life you give us,
Forgive us.

When our faith, beset by doubt,

sees no further than an empty tomb,
Forgive us.

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 all our doubts,
may we live as the Easter people you call us to be.**

Amen

Words of Assurance:

In all our doubts and fears, hear Christ's words of grace 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.

Moment for the young at heart: Phil

Bible Reading: Alison

Psalm 30:8-12

8 To you, O LORD, I cried, and to the LORD I made supplication:

9 “What profit is there in my death, if I go down to the Pit?
Will the dust praise you? Will it tell of your faithfulness?

10 Hear, O LORD, and be gracious to me! O LORD, be my helper!”

11 You have turned my mourning into dancing; you have taken off my
sackcloth and clothed me with joy,

12 so that my soul may praise you and not be silent.

O LORD my God, I will give thanks to you forever.

Acts 9:1-6

Meanwhile Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest **2** and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any who belonged to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. **3** Now as he was going along and approaching Damascus, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. **4** He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, “Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?” **5** He asked, “Who are you, Lord?” The reply came, “I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. **6** But get up and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do.”

John 21:1-19

After these things Jesus showed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias, and he showed himself in this way. **2** Gathered there together were Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples. **3** Simon Peter said to them, “I am going fishing.” They said to him, “We will go with you.” They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing.

4 Just after daybreak, Jesus stood on the beach, but the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. **5** Jesus said to them, “Children, you have no fish, have you?” They answered him, “No.” **6** He said to them, “Cast the net to the right side of the boat, and you will find some.” So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in because there were so many fish. **7** That disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, “It is the Lord!” When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on his outer garment, for he had taken it off, and jumped into the sea. **8** But the other disciples came in the boat, dragging the

net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, only about a hundred yards off.

9 When they had gone ashore, they saw a charcoal fire there, with fish on it, and bread. **10** Jesus said to them, “Bring some of the fish that you have just caught.” **11** So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, a hundred fifty-three of them, and though there were so many, the net was not torn. **12** Jesus said to them, “Come and have breakfast.” Now none of the disciples dared to ask him, “Who are you?” because they knew it was the Lord. **13** Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them and did the same with the fish. **14** This was now the third time that Jesus appeared to the disciples after he was raised from the dead.

15 When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, “Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?” He said to him, “Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.” Jesus said to him, “Feed my lambs.” **16** A second time he said to him, “Simon son of John, do you love me?” He said to him, “Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.” Jesus said to him, “Tend my sheep.” **17** He said to him the third time, “Simon son of John, do you love me?” Peter felt hurt because he said to him the third time, “Do you love me?” And he said to him, “Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you.” Jesus said to him, “Feed my sheep. **18** Very truly, I tell you, when you were younger, you used to fasten your own belt and to go wherever you wished. But when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will fasten a belt around you and take you where you do not wish to go.” **19** (He said this to indicate the kind of death by which he would glorify God.) After this he said to him, “Follow me.”

Hear the Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Reflection: Chris L

Moment of Stillness

Prayers of the People: Andrew T

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**

Communion Song: Bread and Wine

1. Hold us in this meal, O God
Hold us and sustain
Feed us here, O Bread of Life
Filled anew with grace
Strengthen for the journey on
Seal in us your presence
Sent to join your work of love
As people on the Way

Chorus

Come to the table
As we share in love divine
Here, see the feast prepared
With every heart in mind
And as one we stand
Held by bread and wine

2. Enfold us in this meal, O God
Enfold and make us one
Forming true community
Room for all who come
Overcome our walls and fears
Heal us with your presence
Joining in your work of love
Restoring all you've made

Chorus

Come to the table
As we share in love divine
Here, see the feast prepared
With every heart in mind
And as one we stand
Held by bread and wine

Bridge

Mercy, O mercy meet us now
x 3

Mercy, O mercy meet us now
Meet us now

Chorus

Come to the table
As we share in love divine
Here, see the feast prepared
With every heart in mind
And as one we stand
Held by bread and wine

And as one we stand
Held by bread and wine

Communion:

The eternal God be with you
And also with you

Lift up your hearts
We lift our hearts to God

Let us give thanks to God who is wisdom and love
It is right to our thanks and praise

It is always right in all times and places
To give thanks to God, Holy Wisdom and Eternal Love.

Holy and life-giving God,
We offer you thanks and praise
In wonder and awe,
In delight and astonishment;
For you are Creator of all things,
And Lover of each one.

You sculpted the planets
And set the stars on fire.
You moulded Uluru
And shaped the ways of the Murray-Darling
You imagined the echidna into being
And set the brolgas dancing.
You made the great beasts of the oceans
Just for the pleasure of them;
And you called forth human beings
That we might love and care
For creation as you do.
The rainbow and the law are signs
Of your promise to protect the earth,
And your covenant with a people
Called to witness to the nations.

When we failed to honour
Your work and your being,
Your Word of Wisdom
Entered creation as Jesus
To share with us the joy and pain
Of our humanity.

**Through Christ,
Life rises from despair.
In Christ, all things are made new.
Because of Christ
Your Spirit remains with us.**

As she once brooded
Over the waters of the deep,
Your Spirit now works throughout creation,
Preparing for the day
When all things find their purpose in you.

Therefore,
With the whole creation
With all your people gathered across time and space,
With all the works of your hands
With everything visible and invisible,
Imagined and unimaginable,
We say in thanks and praise

**Holy, Holy, holy God
Wisdom, strength, and hope,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory,
Hosanna in the highest**

**Blessed is the One
Who comes in the name of our God.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Blessed is Jesus, Wisdom embodied,
Who feasts with sinners, disciples, friends
And now shares this meal in our midst.

On the night before Jesus died,
On the evening of betrayal,
Jesus took bread, gave thanks, broke it and said:
“This is my body which is for you.
Do this in memory of me.”
In the same way, also the cup, after supper saying:
“This cup is the new covenant in my blood.
Do this, whenever you drink it,
In memory of me.”

As we eat this bread and drink this cup,
We proclaim the coming of God’s new creation
In and through the life, death and resurrection of Jesus
And finally, in the completion of all things,
When Christ comes again,

**Christ has died
Christ is risen
Christ will come again.**

Send your Holy Spirit, O God,
That these gifts in creation

May be for us
The gifts of re-creation in Christ.
Shape us into one body;
Press us into one wine;
Bake us into one bread –
The Bread of Life
And the Cup of Liberation –
And the feeding of all your children
And the nurture of creation

Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ
In the power of the Spirit of Love,
All glory be to you, O God,
Source of All Being,
Eternal Wisdom,
And Holy Spirit,
As it was in the beginning
Is now and ever shall be.
Amen.

Christ is the bread of life,
Food for healing and wholeness

Christ is the cup of hope,
Wellspring of resurrection hope

The gifts of God
For the people of God

**May we who share these gifts
Be found in Christ
And Christ in us.**

Distribution

After Communion:

God of grace,
You renew us at your table with the bread of life.
May this food strengthen us in love
And sustain us for the journey on
In the name of Jesus, the Risen Crucified One

Amen.

Community News

Offering Prayer:

God of great gifts,
we joyfully give these gifts to you,
a tangible chorus of thanksgiving,
a harmony of hope for your kingdom come.

Amen.

Song: 10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)

Chorus

Bless the Lord, O my soul
O my soul
Worship Your holy name
Sing like never before
O my soul
I'll worship Your holy name

1. The sun comes up it's a new day dawning
It's time to sing Your song again
Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me
Let me be singing when the evening comes

Chorus

Bless the Lord, O my soul
O my soul
Worship Your holy name
Sing like never before
O my soul
I'll worship Your holy name

2. You're rich in love and You're slow to anger
Your name is great and Your heart is kind
For all Your goodness I will keep on singing

Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find

Chorus

Bless the Lord, O my soul
O my soul
Worship Your holy name
Sing like never before
O my soul
I'll worship Your holy name

3. And on that day when my strength is failing
The end draws near and my time has come
Still my soul will sing Your praise unending
Ten thousand years and then forevermore

Chorus

Bless the Lord, O my soul
O my soul
Worship Your holy name
Sing like never before
O my soul
I'll worship Your holy name

Worship Your holy name
Lord I'll worship Your holy name

Benediction & Blessing:

Go now to love and to serve
with praise spilling from your lips
with peace guarding your minds
and resurrection stirring in your hearts

And the blessing of God Almighty;
Creator, Christ and Spirit
Be upon you and remain with you always.

3-fold-Amen

Pastoral Prayers: Roger

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