



LENT 6 Yr A – 5 April 2026 Easter Sunday

Theme: Living a Resurrection Life

Leader: Kids and Liesl Homes

Meditation Song: TIS 768(i) Praise God from whom all blessings flow (sung once)

Welcome & Greeting - Liesl

Welcome everyone (regulars and visitors, those in person and those online) – to this joyful Easter celebration.

My name is Liesl Homes, I'm as student minister, serving here at St David's this year.

Once a term we have a service lead by our kids, and you are blessed, because today is it! We celebrate the gifts God gives every one of us. We also have a morning tea after the service, and an Easter Egg hunt, so please join us afterwards.

We also have times in the service where the congregation will respond, and your words are in bold on the screen. If the screen is too hard to see, we have a couple of orders of worship in large font at the back of the church.

Would Florence, Edward, William and Liam like to come up the front to help us begin to worship?

Moment of Stillness

While they do, let us have a moment of stillness, to become aware of the Spirit's presence within us and all around us.

Easter Candle - Florence & Edward light candle, Will reads

Call to Worship

Christ is risen!

He is risen indeed.

The tomb is empty.

Hallelujah!

Where there was grief,

there is now joy.

Where there was fear,

there is now hope.

Christ's light is shining brightly.

Hallelujah! Praise the Lord!

Acknowledgement of First Peoples **(Ben & Liam tbc)**

We acknowledge that we are on the land of the Gadigal and Wangal people, and that the Spirit was in the land revealing God to them through law, custom and ceremony.

We honour the wisdom of Elders past and present

and pray for reconciliation and justice in this nation.

Song: TIS 370 Christ the Lord is Risen today

Prayer of Adoration / Thanks and Confession – Liesl

Words of Assurance - Liesl

Now the Lord Jesus Christ has been glorified,

And God has been glorified in him.

Now the promise is fulfilled, and love's redeeming work is done:

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

We belong to God.

We are not alone.

Thanks be to God. Amen

Sharing Christ's Peace - Liesl

The peace of Christ be with you

And also with you

Please take a moment to greet the people around you, either with "Christ is risen" or "peace be with you" or just "hello". After that, the children can come up the front for a kids' song and story.

Hymn: TIS 380 Yours be the glory (all 3 verses)

Kids story – Marian – "A surprise visitor" from The Book of Belonging.

Kids song – My God is so good, so strong and so mighty – Will to lead.

Bible Reading – Milton

Prayer of illumination: Milton

Living God, by your Holy Spirit, open our eyes to see the new light of this day;

Open our lips to tell of the empty tomb;

Open our hearts to believe the good news;

Through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

Matthew 28: 1 - 10

Jesus Has Risen

28 After the Sabbath, at dawn on the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to look at the tomb.

2 There was a violent earthquake, for an angel of the Lord came down from heaven and, going to the tomb, rolled back the stone and sat on it. 3 His appearance was like lightning, and his clothes were white as snow. 4 The guards were so afraid of him that they shook and became like dead men.

5 The angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. 6 He is not here; he has risen, just as he said. Come and see the place where he lay. 7 Then go quickly and tell his disciples: 'He has risen from the dead and is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see him.' Now I have told you."

8 So the women hurried away from the tomb, afraid yet filled with joy, and ran to tell his disciples. 9 Suddenly Jesus met them. "Greetings," he said. They came to him, clasped his feet and worshiped him. 10 Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid. Go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me."

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

Reflection - Liesl Homes

Moment of stillness

Prayers of the People - Jen and Frank

& 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

Community News

- Easter egg hunt and hot cross bun morning tea straight after the service.
- Wednesday communion service 9.30am & coffee at Garnish afterwards.
- Prayer person available at end of service – come to side space on right.
- Women's Spirituality group – monthly on a Monday 3.30-5pm - see Carolyn.
- Common Grace Aboriginal prayer zoom – 15 April, 7.30pm on zoom (See our email newsletter for details – and if you would like to receive it and don't currently, see Alison or me after the service).

Offering Prayer - Liesl

Creating, redeeming, life-giving God,

Take our offerings, of money and time, and make them meaningful

Grow their impact, may they bring life in your name.

And may your will be done, on earth as in heaven

Amen

Kids show what they have done.

Song: May the people praise you. (Band)

Benediction

Go in peace, knowing that Christ is the glue that holds all things together:

Hope and fear, trust and betrayal, joy and grief, faith and doubt, life and death and new life.

In Christ, death is not the last word. In dying to ourselves, we are freed to live in Christ.

Go and be resurrection people, sharing the good news of God's endless love,

And may the love of God, the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you, and remain with you, now and always.

Amen.

Recessional: The Queen of Sheba.

Acknowledgements