

ORDER OF SERVICE  
4 April 2021  
Easter Sunday

GATHER			
Call to Worship			Rev Allan Smith
Hymn/Song	Jesus Christ is Risen today!	TIS 362/CCLI#4715616	Fiona Binney
Prayer of Invocation			Rev Allan Smith
Praise Time (10min)	Mighty to save (everyone needs compassion) In Christ Alone	CCLI#4591782 SCE[3] 1311/CCLI#3350395	Fiona Binney
Welcome & Visitors candles, Celebrations, Green Cards			Rev Allan Smith
Prayer: Adoration, Confession, Declaration of Forgiveness			Rev Allan Smith
Passing the Peace			
Children's Story			Selena/Emily
Song	Blessing Honour and Glory	P&W 529/SCE 55/ CCLI#1001179	Fiona Binney
HEAR THE WORD			
Bible Readings	Isaiah 25: 6-9; Acts 10: 34-43; Mark 16: 1-8		Annette Mison
Message	<i>A Disappointing Ending?</i>		Rev Allan Smith
Song (Optional)	How deep the fathers love	SCE 185/P&W841/ CCLI#1558110	Fiona Binney
RESPOND			
Affirmation of Faith	An Easter Affirmation of Faith		
Offering Dedication	Rev Allan Smith		
Notices & Concerns of the Church	Rev Allan Smith		
Prayers of the People	Rev Allan Smith		
Communion Song	Behold the Lamb	CCLI#5003372	Fiona Binney
Communion	Rev Allan Smith & Elders		
Song (after Communion)	This is Amazing Grace	CCLI#6333821	Fiona Binney
BLESS			
Mission/Benediction	Rev Allan Smith		
Benediction/Going Out Song	This is Amazing Grace	CCLI#6333821	Fiona Binney

Preaching	Rev Allan Smith
Worship Introduction	Rev Allan Smith
Notices of the Church & Prayers of the People	Rev Allan Smith
Bible Reader	Annette Mison
Song Selector	Fiona Binney
Piano	Craig Binney
Backup Singers	
Additional Music	Tony Leong
Sound System	Liam Rippingale
Data Operator	Nathan Rippingale
Power Point Producer	Nathan Rippingale
Offering Collectors	NA
Communion Bread	NA

**Blessed is the kingdom of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto the ages of ages.**

CALL TO WORSHIP (*Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24*)

Christ is risen!

**Christ is risen, indeed!**

Give thanks to the LORD, who alone is good;

**whose steadfast love is everlasting!**

The LORD is my strength and my might;

**the LORD is my salvation.**

Let the gates of righteousness be opened

**that I may enter through them and give thanks to the LORD.**

This is the gate of the LORD; the righteous shall enter through it.

**I thank you that you have answered me**

**and have become my salvation.**

The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.

**This is the LORD's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.**

This is the day that the LORD has made;

**let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

Let us worship God.

SONG      [Jesus Christ is Risen today!](#)      TIS 362

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Lord God - we gather in the name of the Risen Christ to pour out our praises in glad Easter Celebration. We rejoice that you have not left us without hope - but have come back to us in the victory of the resurrection and given us the assurance of eternal life with Christ Jesus - the one whom you lifted from the tomb and have made Lord of all. Praise be to your name for your everlasting mercy - both now and forevermore. Amen.

SONGS      [Mighty to save \(everyone needs compassion\)](#)      CCLI 4591782  
              [In Christ alone](#)      SCE[3] 1311/CCLI 3350395

PRAYER OF ADORATION

When everything was dark  
and it seemed that the sun would never shine again,  
your love broke through.

Your love was too strong,  
too wide,  
too deep  
for death to hold.

The sparks cast by your love  
dance and spread  
and burst forth  
with resurrection light.

Gracious God,  
We praise you for the light of new life  
made possible through Jesus.  
We praise you for the light of new life  
that shone on the first witnesses of resurrection.  
We praise you for the light of new life  
that continues to shine in our hearts today.  
We pray that the Easter light of life, hope and joy,  
will live in us each day;  
and that we will be bearers of that light  
into the lives of others.  
Amen.

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious and Patient God, we come before you with so many things, which weigh us down. We would like an "easy" faith, one that doesn't cause us to look within ourselves, to identify those many ways in which we have forsaken you. But faith is never easy. It requires our very souls. Forgive us, God, for all those things, which we have neglected to do that would have helped someone else to be closer to you.

Heal our hearts from the wounds, which have been inflicted upon us by the anger, and misunderstandings, which occur in relationships. Prepare our lives to be of service to you. In silence we wait. We long for your presence and your healing touch. Amen.

#### DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

The tomb is empty. The stone is rolled away. There is no darkness now, only light. God continues to renew us and restore us. In Christ we are forgiven, loved and restored, receiving the gift and promise of new life and resurrection now. Go and share the wondrous news of God's love in Jesus the Christ.

SONG     [Blessing Honour and Glory](#)           P&W 529/HS/SCE 55/CCLI

#### BIBLE READINGS

[Isaiah 25:6-9](#)

[Acts 10:34-43](#)

[Mark 16:1-8](#)

SERMON   [A disappointing ending?](#)           [Sermon.mp3](#)

SONG     [How deep the Father's love](#)           SCE 185/P&W 841/CCLI 1558110

#### OFFERING AND PRAYER

Loving God, we thank you for this Easter Day - with its promise of new life, and new opportunities. Use us, and our gifts, to love and to serve you, and to witness to Christ whom you have raised. Amen

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Lord Jesus, today we greet you, risen from the dead, victorious over sin and death, over suffering and shame, over all evil and wrong. Keep us mindful of those who labour under these burdens this day and grant them your peace and comfort.

Lord Jesus, we greet you, risen from the dead, overcoming by the power of love, by patient trust and perseverance, by faith in God alone. Grant that all your people may have your heart and your mind among them and help them to minister to one another and to your world in your name.

Lord Jesus, we greet you, risen from the dead, proving that nothing can separate us from the love of God. Grant that your most Holy Church and the people of this congregation might show forth the fruit of reconciliation and draw all people unto you and the peace you offer.

Lord Jesus, we greet you, risen from the dead, our living hope, and our power for each day. We pray O God that you might grant hope and pour out your power upon those we name before you now in the silence of our hearts.

Lord Jesus, we greet you, risen from the dead, our Saviour and our redeemer. Bless those for whom we now pray.

This morning we pray especially for...

Lord Jesus, we greet You, risen from the dead and we offer you our thanks and our praise, our prayers and our worship, our devotion and our service, both now and forever. Amen.

COMMUNION SONG [Behold the Lamb](#) CCLI 5003372

SONG [This is Amazing Grace](#) CCLI 6333821

## WORD OF MISSION AND BENEDICTION

Go now as God's chosen witnesses  
to testify that Christ has been raised  
and that we are raised with him.  
Do not look for him among the dead,  
but be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

And may the grace...

## AN EASTER AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

by Brian Miller

We believe in God the Father, who created the world, was faithful when we were not, and who continuously seeks to redeem the world.

We believe in God the Son, Jesus Christ, who humbled himself by becoming human and moving into our neighbourhood; was sent by the Father to give us life; embodied and taught the righteous love of God; and who, though he knew no sin, became sin and was put to death on a cross.

We believe that three days later, Jesus Christ was raised from the dead by the power of God; was seen in bodily form by his disciples.

We believe that the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus gives us victory over any form of sin and brokenness and allows us to know the full love of God for the world.

We believe in God the Holy Spirit, who actively works in our lives, giving us grace to be like Jesus, and sends us to show God's love for the world. Amen.

## **HOLY COMMUNION: Easter Sunday Year B**

It is indeed right to give you our thanks and praise, O God,  
for you have raised Jesus Christ from the dead  
and swallowed up death forever.

You made the world and all that is in it;  
you made this day and we will be glad and rejoice in it!  
For this is the day your prophets testified about  
when you destroy the shroud of death  
and open the gates of salvation to all who believe.

You sent your Son, Jesus, among us,  
anointed with your Holy Spirit and power  
to preach peace and heal all who were oppressed,  
When he was put to death and buried,  
you broke open the tomb and raised him on this day.

Now we need never again search for him  
in the places of buried dreams,  
for he is alive and reaches out to us,  
wiping away our tears and calling us by name.

And so we praise you...

## **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

This has been no ordinary meal. It has been one in which we  
have been fed and nourished with the life of Jesus, our  
crucified and risen Lord. May we go from here, refreshed and  
eager, to share that life with others. In Jesus' name, we pray.  
Amen.

## **WORD OF MISSION AND BENEDICTION**