

ORDER OF SERVICE

22 May 2022

Easter 6

GATHER			
Call to Worship			Rev Allan Smith
Hymn/Song	Ancient of Days	P&W 711/CCLI#798108	Fiona Binney
Prayer of Invocation			Rev Allan Smith
Praise Time (10min)	Come People of the Risen King May the Peoples Praise You	CCLI#5232617 CCLI#7063739	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			Emily/Selena
Song	The Heavens Shall Declare	TIS 746/P&W537/SCE 480/CCLI#904033	Fiona Binney
HEAR THE WORD			
Bible Readings	Acts 16: 9-15; Revelation 21: 10, 22 – 22: 5; John 14: 23-29		Pam Elliott
Message	<i>There's No Home Like God</i>		Rev Allan Smith
Song (Optional)	Holy Spirit Rain Down	SCE 745/ CCLI#2405227	
RESPOND			
Affirmation of Faith	Nicene Creed		
Offering Dedication	Laraine McKay		
Notices & Concerns of the Church	Laraine McKay		
Prayers of the People	Laraine McKay		
Communion Song	Behold the Lamb	CCLI#5003372	Fiona Binney
Communion	Rev Allan Smith & Elders		
Song (after Communion)	The Blessing Song	CCLI#7147007	Fiona Binney
BLESS			
Mission/Benediction	Rev Allan Smith		
Benediction/Going Out Song	The Blessing Song	CCLI#7147007	Fiona Binney

Preaching	Rev Allan Smith
Worship Introduction	Rev Allan Smith
Notices of the Church & Prayers of the People	Laraine McKay
Bible Reader	Pam Elliott
Song Selector	Fiona Binney
Backup Singers	Ian McKay
Piano	Craig Binney
Additional Music	
Sound System	Wise Kafoa
Data Operator	Ian Anderson
Power Point Producer	Ian Anderson
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 67*)

Be gracious to us, O God, and bless us;

make your face shine upon us.

Knowing your ways in the earth,
your saving works among all the nations,

let the peoples praise you, O God,

let all the peoples praise you.

Let them shout with joy,

for you judge the nations with justice,

and guide the peoples of the earth.

Let the people praise you, O God,

let all the peoples praise you.

The earth has presented its produce;

you continue to bless us, O God, our God.

May God bless us –

and be held in holy awe to all the ends of the earth.

Let us worship God.

SONG [Ancient of Days](#)

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

O God, you have created us, you have called us, and you have chosen us to be your people. We praise your most holy name. You have promised to make your dwelling place within the hearts of all who hear your words and put them into practice. We give you our thanks. Send Your Spirit to bring to our mind all that Your Son, Christ Jesus our Lord, did and taught, and empower us to bear witness to Him in our own words and deeds. Grace this time of worship and lift up our hearts and minds in your holy peace. Amen.

SONG [Come people of the risen king](#)
 [May the Peoples Praise You](#)

PRAYER OF ADORATION

Lord God the Almighty: you bless us with all that you have created:

you teach us to swim in the bright crystal water of life;

you cook breakfast for us in that eternal city;

you open your heart to us and will never close its door.

We worship you.

Jesus Christ, Lamb of God: you stand at the door, your hand on the knob,

your coat over your arm, ready to go away.

Yet you do not leave us trouble-hearted,

but fill our emptiness with your peace.

We praise you.

Holy Spirit, God-sent Gift: you come to our defence when we are falsely accused;

you rescue us from the school yard bully who always picks on us;

you sit by our beds and comfort us when the nightmares of life keep us awake.

We open our hearts to you.

God in Community, Holy in One,
we sing for joy to you - in Jesus' name. Amen.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Because you dwell in our hearts, Eternal God, you know how the anger, the pain, the bitterness of our lives try to crowd you out. The noise of the world deafens us to that Word which can heal us. We want our children to be good, kind, and gentle to others, and then they hear us call others names, and speak of them with demeaning words. Our desire for revenge towards those who have hurt us shows that your peace, indeed, is not in us.

You promise a new heaven and a new earth, so create new spirits and new lives within us, Healing God. Shattered by our sin, your heart can still heal our brokenness. Your Spirit, living deep within our souls, can teach us faithful ways. Your Word, Jesus Christ our Lord, whispers to us of your mercy, your hope, your love. Amen.

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Do not let your hearts be troubled,
and do not let them be afraid,
for through Christ, the lamb of God,
your names are written in the book of life.

Brothers and sisters in Christ,
be at peace for your sins are forgiven.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

SONG [The Heavens shall declare](#)

BIBLE READINGS

[Acts 16:9-15](#)

[Revelation 21:10. 22-22:5](#)

[John 14:23-29](#)

SERMON [There is no home like God](#)

SONG [Holy Spirit rain down](#)

OFFERING

Gracious God, we bring our gifts: our lives and symbols of our living, an offering of thanksgiving for your creativity and generosity; for your love shown to us in the risen One; for your sustaining and surprising Spirit. Bless these gifts to the glory of your name and let all that we do give you praise. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE (Laraine)

God of vision and foresight, you know the needs of your people. In every nation, your presence is needed to guide decisions and assure peace and justice. Yet we fight against your will and refuse to love each one as our neighbour. We pray today for the people who live in fear, fearful of violence in their homes, in the streets of their cities, in the way their nations are governed. We ask for your peace to reign and that you might inspire us to open our hearts to our neighbours in love. (Acts 16:9-15)

God of mercy and blessings, we praise your name and sing for joy because you have judged us and mercifully grant us your forgiveness. Through your Son, Jesus, you took our unworthiness into your own perfection and have declared us your own nation. We stand in awe of you and give you thanks. (Ps 67)

God of mountaintops and valleys, your promise for our eternity is glorious. Living in your presence forever is our hope. Help us to offer this hope to each one we meet. Raise up for your Church faithful believers, volunteers, teachers and preachers, so that others may see our faith evident in our lives and be drawn to you. (Rev 21:10, 22-22:5)

Loving God, speak your word to us that we may know your presence in our lives. Send your Spirit now to give hope and comfort to these loved ones:

This morning, we pray especially for...

Do not let their hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid, for you are always with them. (John 14:23-29)

Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through your son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

COMMUNION SONG [Behold the Lamb](#)

SONG [We Shall Stand](#)

WORD OF MISSION AND BLESSING

Go now and walk in the light of God's glory.
Love Christ and keep his word.
Do not let your hearts be troubled,
but lead others to the waters of life.

And may the grace...

SONG [The Blessing song](#)

HOLY COMMUNION: Easter 6 Year C

It is indeed right to give you our thanks and praise, O God,
for you lead us to the holy city
where the water of life flows from the throne of the lamb.

It was you who stirred up the waters of chaos
and with a word, brought forth the earth
and blessed it with generous harvests.
Through the law and prophets
you lead all peoples with justice.

In your child, Jesus,
you have made your home with us,
and spoken your words to us.
In him, you have revealed your ways
and opened our hearts to know your salvation.

Though he was killed by those who love falsehood,
you raised him to glory
and made him our temple and our light.

You have sent your Holy Spirit to us,
to teach us everything,
reminding us of the ways of Jesus,
and anointing us to bring healing to the nations.

And so we praise you...

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**WORD OF MISSION AND BENEDICTION**

And may the grace...