

THE SERVICE OF THE LORD'S DAY
2nd June 2019 – Easter 7

Acknowledgement of Country/First Peoples

We acknowledge the Dja Dja Wurrung People of the Kulin Nation, past and present, and their stewardship of this land throughout the ages.

**Our Church is a safe place for all people to worship
regardless of race, creed, cultural background or sexual identity.**

The Gathering of The People of God:

**Speak, Lord, in the stillness, while we wait on thee
Hushed our hearts to listen in expectancy.**

**Speak, O Blessed Master, in this quiet hour;
Let us see thy face Lord, feel thy touch of power.**

CALL TO WORSHIP:

May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face to shine upon us,
**that God's way may be known upon earth,
God's saving power among all nations.**

Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you.

Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,
**for God judges the peoples with equity
and guides the nations upon earth.**

Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.
**The earth has yielded its increase; God, our God, has blessed us.
May God continue to bless us;
let all the ends of the earth revere God.**

HYMN: TIS 474

**Here in this place, new light is streaming
now is the darkness, vanished away,
See, in this space, our fears and our dreamings
brought here to you in the light of this day.**

*Gather us in the rich and the haughty
Gather us in the proud and the strong;
Give us a heart so meek and so lowly
Give us the courage to enter the song.*

**We are the young, our lives are a myst'ry,
we are the old who yearn for your face,
We have been sung through out all of hist'ry,
called to be light to the whole human race.**

*Gather us in the rich and the haughty
Gather us in the proud and the strong;
Give us a heart so meek and so lowly
Give us the courage to enter the song.*

**Here we will take the wine and the water,
here we will take the bread of new birth
Here you shall call your sons and your daughters
call us anew to be salt for the earth.**

*Give to us drink the wine of compassion
Give to us eat the bread that is you;
Nourish us well, and teach us to fashion
Lives that are holy and hearts that are true.*

**Not in the dark of buildings confining,
not in some heaven, light years away,
but here in this place, the new light is shining,
now is the Kingdom now is the day.**

*Gather us in and hold us forever
Gather us in and make us your own;
Gather us in all peoples together,
Fire of love in our flesh and our bone.*

Marty Haugen

Opening Sentences:

We come to re-weave the unravelling fabric of community
To re-connect once more with the larger human family

**To find once more that place of calm.
To remind ourselves that we belong.
And to remember what it is we belong to.**

We come –

**To centre ourselves,
to open ourselves,
to remember ourselves.
And to celebrate the life we share together.**

The Commandments:

Jesus said:

This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you.

(Silent reflection)

The Peace:

May the love and peace of the risen Christ be always with you

And also with you

(the people exchange a sign of peace)

NOTICES and Concerns of the Church:

THE SERVICE OF THE WORD:

Let us hear what God the LORD will speak.

**God will speak peace to the people,
to those who turn to the Lord in their hearts.**

Acts 16:16-34

One day, as we were going to the place of prayer, we met a slave girl who had a spirit of divination and brought her owners a great deal of money by fortune-telling. While she followed Paul and us, she would cry out, "These men are slaves of the Most High God, who proclaim to you a way of salvation."

She kept doing this for many days. But Paul, very much annoyed, turned and said to the spirit, "I order you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her." And it came out that very hour. But when her owners saw that their hope of

making money was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the marketplace before the authorities.

When they had brought them before the magistrates, they said, "These men are disturbing our city; they are Jews and are advocating customs that are not lawful for us as Romans to adopt or observe." The crowd joined in attacking them, and the magistrates had them stripped of their clothing and ordered them to be beaten with rods.

After they had given them a severe flogging, they threw them into prison and ordered the jailer to keep them securely. Following these instructions, he put them in the innermost cell and fastened their feet in the stocks.

About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them. Suddenly there was an earthquake, so violent that the foundations of the prison were shaken; and immediately all the doors were opened and everyone's chains were unfastened.

When the jailer woke up and saw the prison doors wide open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself, since he supposed that the prisoners had escaped. But Paul shouted in a loud voice, "Do not harm yourself, for we are all here."

The jailer called for lights, and rushing in, he fell down trembling before Paul and Silas.

Then he brought them outside and said, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?"

They answered, "Believe on the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household."

They spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all who were in his house.

At the same hour of the night he took them and washed their wounds; then he and his entire family were baptized without delay. He brought them up into the house and set food before them; and he and his entire household rejoiced that he had become a believer in God.

John 17:20-26

"I ask not only on behalf of these, but also on behalf of those who will believe in me through their word, that they may all be one. As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. The glory that you have given me I have given them, so that they may be one, as we are one, I in them and you in me, that they may become completely one, so that the world may know that you have sent me and have

loved them even as you have loved me. Father, I desire that those also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory, which you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world.

"Righteous Father, the world does not know you, but I know you; and these know that you have sent me. I made your name known to them, and I will make it known, so that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them."

Lord may your word live in us

And bear much fruit to your glory

The WORD –

OFFERING:

Offering response: TIS 771

**Now to him who loved us, gave us
every pledge that love could give;
freely shed his blood to save us,
gave his life that we might live:
be the kingdom
and dominion
and the glory evermore.**

Samuel Miller Waring 1792-1827 alt.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE:

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

The Invitation:

Listen! I am standing at the door, knocking: if you hear my voice and open the door, I will come in and eat with you, and you with me. *(Revelation 3:20)*

HYMN: TIS 514

**Be known to us in breaking bread,
but do not then depart,
Saviour, abide with us, and spread
your table in our heart.**

**There sup with us in love divine;
your body and your blood,
that living bread, that heavenly wine,
be our immortal food.**

James Montgomery 1771-1854 alt.

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving:

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift our hearts to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

We praise you, O God, Creator of all things and Lover of all people. Out of your deep care for your people, you liberated them from slavery and led them to freedom, teaching them your ways of justice and peace. When they strayed from your ways, you sent the prophets to guide them back to your paths of righteousness. When their prophetic words went unheeded, you broke into our history in the person of Jesus, the Christ. Through his life, death and resurrection he overcame evil and restored us to you.

And so, with all the company of heaven and earth we praise your holy name singing:

**TIS 761: Holy, holy, holy Lord,
 God of power and might,
 heaven and earth are full of your glory.
 Hosanna in the highest.
 Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
 Hosanna in the highest.**

At this table we remember the night when Jesus sat down to share the meal with them. He took a loaf of bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said,

“This is my body given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.”

In the same way he took the cup, after supper, saying, “This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.” For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you remember the Lord’s death until he comes.

Pour out your Holy Spirit upon us, O God, and upon these gifts of bread and wine, that they may be for us the life of Christ and that we may make his life visible in our living. **Amen**

The Lord's Prayer:

**HYMN: TIS 526 Lord Jesus Christ,
you have come to us, you are one with us,
Mary's Son
cleansing our souls from all their sin,
pouring your love and goodness in,
Jesus, our love for you we sing,
living Lord.**

**Lord Jesus Christ,
now and every day teach us how to pray,
Son of God.
You have commanded us to do
this in remembrance, Lord, of you:
into our lives your power breaks through,
living Lord.**

**Lord Jesus Christ,
you have come to us, born as one of us,
Mary's son;
led out to die on Calvary,
risen from death to set us free,
living Lord Jesus, help us see
you are Lord.**

**Lord Jesus Christ,
I would come to you, live my life for you,
Son of God.
All your commands I know are true,
your many gifts will make me new,
into my life your power breaks through,
living Lord.**

Patrick Robert Norman Appleford 1925–

Breaking of the Bread:

Distribution:

Prayer after Communion:

Gracious God, we give you thanks for refreshing and renewing us in this meal with the life and love of Jesus our Lord. We go from here strengthened to be eager proclaimers of his word, believable bearers of his love, and willing followers of his way. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen

HYMN: TIS 531

**Sent forth by God's blessing, our true faith confessing,
the people of God from his table take leave.
The supper is ended: O now be extended
the fruits of his service in all who believe.
The seed of his teaching, our hungry souls reaching,
shall blossom in action for all humankind.
His grace shall incite us, his love shall unite us
to work for his kingdom, his purpose to find.**

**With praise and thanksgiving to God ever-living
the task of our everyday life we will face,
our faith ever sharing, in love ever caring,
embracing as neighbours all those of each race.
One feast that has fed us, one light that has led us,
unite us as one in his life that we share.
Then may all the living, with praise and thanksgiving,
give honour to Christ and his name that we bear.**

Omer Westendorf 1916– alt.

BENEDICTION:

Go, blessed with the great love of God,
the presence and peace of Jesus Christ
and the transforming power of the Holy Spirit.

TIS 778: "Shalom"