



SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

APRIL

16

2023

*At any time in the service when we invite you to stand
you are welcome to remain seated if you need to.*

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

The Day of Resurrection!
earth, tell it out abroad;
the Passover of gladness,
the Passover of God.
From death to life eternal,
from earth unto the sky,
our Christ hath brought us over
with hymns of victory.

Our hearts be pure from evil,
that we may see aright
the Christ in rays eternal
of resurrection light;
and listening to his accents,
may hear, so calm and plain,
his own "All hail!" and, hearing,
may raise the victor strain.

Now let the heavens be joyful!
Let earth her song begin!
The round world keep high triumph,
and all that is therein!
Let all things seen and unseen
their notes in gladness blend,
for Christ has now arisen,
our joy that hath no end.

*Words: John of Damascus (c. 675-749):
trans. John Mason Neale (1818-1866)*

Tune: Ellacombe (1), melody from 'Mainz Gesangbuch', 1833. TIS 361

WELCOME

Priest: Kua ara a te Karaiti.
Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Christ is risen Indeed. Alleluia!

Grace to you and peace from God our Creator,
the love at our beginning and without end,
in our midst and with us.

God is with us, here we find new life.

Liturgist:

In this Easter season,
we celebrate that the powers
of despair and destruction
do not have the final word;
that new life can still break out;
that love is stronger than death;
and that nothing can stop the life, hope,
and determination of Easter people.

**God of grace, we come today with Easter joy,
seeking to be a people of resurrection.
Gather us together now,
form us into a community of your people,
and reveal to us the Holy One. Amen.**

THE GLORIA

**Praise the living God from the earth!
Praise God from the heavens,
sun and moon, and shining stars,
praise the living God!**

Praise the Holy Name,
whose word speaks all things into being,
who created the forces of the universe
and the laughter of children. Praise the Holy Name!

**Praise the living God from the earth!
Praise God from the heavens,
sun and moon, and shining stars,
praise the living God!**

Praise the living God:
clouds and storms and ocean currents,
fish in the sea and creatures of the deep,
animals and cattle, insects and birds,
praise the living God!

**Praise the living God from the earth!
Praise God from the heavens,
sun and moon, and shining stars,
praise the living God!**

Praise the Holy Name
who did not rely only on angels and messengers
but came among us in person,
whose living presence saves us!
Praise God's Holy Name!

**Praise the living God from the earth!
Praise God from the heavens,
sun and moon, and shining stars,
praise the living God! ¹**

Please be seated.

¹ Brian Wren (adapted)

A NEW COMMANDMENT

Hear the teaching of Christ:

A new commandment I give to you,
that you love one another as I have loved you.

Spirit of God, search our hearts.

THE SENTENCE AND PRAYER OF THE DAY

God raised Jesus up, having freed him from death,
because it was impossible for him to be held in its power.

Acts 2:24

Risen Christ,
breathe on us with your abundant life;
that where we cannot see
we may have courage to believe
that we may be raised with you.
Amen. ²

THE FIRST READING

A reading from the First Epistle of Peter.

1 Peter 1:3-9

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.
Thanks be to God.

² *Janet Morley*

THE GRADUAL HYMN

God, give us peace that lasts
not through the fear of might,
but through the force of love
and love of life and right.
Where costly wars and weapons lure,
show us our Lord among the poor.

God, give us love that lasts,
which makes of strangers, guests;
which startles hurt with hope
and for the weak protests:
what hate or guiltiness emboss,
confront with Jesus and the cross.

God, give us hope that lasts,
through passion and through pain,
through danger, doubt, and death
till life is raised again.
When dread and pessimism loom,
direct us to the empty tomb.

And all these things we ask
in knowledge of your grace
which gave the earth its birth
and bore a human face;
and with our prayers we give our word
to serve and follow Christ our Lord.

*Words: John L. Bell
Tune: Darwall, John Darwall (1731-1789). TiS 187*

THE GOSPEL

Hear the Gospel of Christ according to John,
chapter twenty, beginning at verse nineteen.



Hal-le-lu-jah, hal-le-lu-jah, hal-le-lu-jah!

John 20:19-31

This is the Gospel of Christ.



Hal-le-lu-jah, hal-le-lu-jah, hal-le-lu-jah!

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THE SERMON

REFLECTIVE MUSIC

Silence

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Liturgist:

Let us stand to affirm our resurrection faith.

We believe in the power of Christ
to overcome all deaths,
deaths in us and death in the world.
We believe in life which rises in freedom
and carries us in joy towards grace
beyond our imagining,
calling our spirits to soar in freedom
with wings of hope
borne high in the wonder of Easter Day.
The gift of life will never be taken from us.
The costly life of God will be our company
for ever and for ever. ⁴

Please be seated.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Liturgist:

Let us pray for those far and near,
people and places, powerful and powerless,
all for whom we are concerned.

THE PEACE

Please stand for the Greeting of Peace.

The peace of God be with you all.

In God's justice is our peace.

E te whanau, Christ calls us to live in unity.

We seek to live in the Spirit of Christ.

Please turn and greet those around you with peace.

⁴ Dorothy McRae-McMahon "Liturgies for High Days"

THE OFFERTORY HYMN ⁵

Put peace into each other's hands
and like a treasure hold it,
protect it like a candleflame,
with tenderness enfold it.

Put peace into each other's hands
with loving expectation;
be gentle in your words and ways,
in touch with God's creation.

Put peace into each other's hands
like bread we break for sharing;
look people warmly in the eye:
our life is meant for caring.

As at communion, shape your hands
into a waiting cradle;
the gift of Christ receive, revere,
united round the table.

Put Christ into each other's hands,
he is love's deepest measure;
in love make peace, give peace a chance,
and share it like a treasure.

Words: Fred Kaan (1929-2009)

Tune: St Columba, Irish traditional hymn melody. TIS 523

⁵ *There is a donation bowl on the back table. For electronic giving option:*

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THE PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS

Glory be to God who flows through all creation,
blessing us with gifts to share.

Blessed be God for ever.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Spirit is here.

God's hope is in us.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to God.

Let us give thanks to the God of peace.

It is right to offer thanks and praise.

It is right and a good and joyful thing,
always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Creating God.
In you all things are good.

You love us into being, you form us in your image
and breathe into us the breath of life.

When we turn away, and our love fails,
your love remains steadfast.

Your love delivers us from captivity,
and brings us into lands flowing with milk and honey.
You set before us the way of life.

And so, with the people of earth and all the company of heaven
we praise your name as we join their unending hymn:

**Holy One, God of power and might,
Heaven and Earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Bless the One who comes in the power of love.

Hosanna in the highest!

Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus.
By his baptism and death
you give your church birth into a living hope.
In Christ, risen from death,
you make a new covenant with us
by water and the Spirit, and deliver us into freedom.
We are now your resurrected people, the living body of Christ.
declaring life, hope and justice.

On the last night Jesus shared a meal with his friends,
he took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread,
gave it to his disciples, and said:
Take, eat: this is my Body which is given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

When the supper was over he took the cup,
gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said,
Drink this, all of you;
this is my blood of the new Covenant,
which is shed for you and for all,
for the forgiveness of sins.
Whenever you drink it,
do this for the remembrance of me.

On the third day he was revealed to the women
and was recognized by his disciples in the breaking of bread.

**Break the bread for freedom.
Pour the wine for justice.
Celebrate this meal for all the world,
a meal of faith and hope,
God's love, shared among us. ⁶**

⁶ *Jenny Blood (1932-2022)*

And so, remembering these
your mighty acts in Jesus the Christ,
we offer ourselves as a holy and living sacrifice,
and we praise you and we bless you.

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here,
and on these gifts of bread and wine.
By your spirit make us one with Christ,
one with each other, and one in loving service to all the world,
until all feast at your heavenly banquet.⁷

**Blessing and honour and glory be yours,
here and everywhere, now and forever. Amen.**

Please be seated.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Let us hold in our hearts the hope of Christ as we pray:

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 from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and for ever.
Amen.

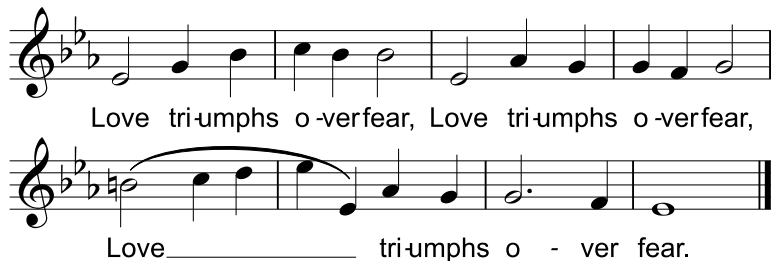
⁷ Richard Fabian, *St Gregory of Nyssa, San Francisco, adapted*

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

We break this bread to share in the hope of Christ.

**We who are many are one body,
for we all share the one bread.**

We sing three times:



Love triumphs o-verfear, Love triumphs o-verfear,
Love _____ triumphs o - ver fear.

The image shows two staves of musical notation in a treble clef with a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The first staff contains the melody for the first line of the hymn: 'Love triumphs o-verfear, Love triumphs o-verfear,'. The second staff contains the melody for the second line: 'Love _____ triumphs o - ver fear.' The melody is simple and consists of quarter and eighth notes.

THE INVITATION

Haere mai e te kahui a te Atua,
tangohia enei kai rangatira a te Karaiti.

Come, bringing your varied faiths and backgrounds,
for all are welcome to share in this act of communion.

*All are welcome to come and receive the bread and wine;
there are gluten free wafers, just ask the serving priest.*

If you do not wish to take communion you may come forward for a blessing.

*If the stairs are a barrier please sit in the front pews
and communion will be brought to you.*

Te Taro o te Ora. The bread of life.

Te Kapu o te Ora. The cup of salvation.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Risen Christ, whom we have seen with our eyes
and touched with our hands;
the word of life in whom our joy is complete:
send us out to declare your truth,
your unshakeable faith in the world you love. Amen. ⁸

THE BLESSING

NOTICES

FINAL HYMN

Now let us from this table rise
renewed in body, mind and soul;
with Christ we die and live again,
his selfless love has made us whole.

With minds alert, upheld by grace,
to spread the Word in speech and deed,
we follow in the steps of Christ,
at one with all in hope and need.

To fill each human house with love,
it is the sacrament of care;
the work that Christ began to do
we humbly pledge ourselves to share.

Then give us grace, Companion-God,
to choose again the pilgrim way,
and help us to accept with joy
the challenge of tomorrow's day.

Words: Fred Kaan (1929-2009)

Tune: Solothurn, traditional Swiss melody. Arr. Richard Lloyd. CAHO&N 472

⁸ *Steven Shakespeare*

Deacon from the rear of the Church:

Alleluia. Alleluia.

Go now for the Spirit of God is alive in the land.

Amen. We go in the power of love.

Alleluia, alleluia.

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

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