



THE ANGLICAN PARISH OF  
ST ANDREW, EPSOM  
EASTER SUNDAY 2020



A Service of Prayer for Easter Sunday  
for use at home or with others via Zoom

*This is service of Morning Prayer to celebrate to Feast of the Resurrection. It can be used at home or together via Zoom. At home the music can be found at <https://www.standrewsepsom.org.nz/pew-sheets/>. On Zoom, the music will be played for you. The Congregation will be muted unless otherwise stated below.*

**Organ Voluntary**

*Chorale Prelude on a melody 'Gelobt sei Gott' by Melchior Vulpius (Healey Willan)*

**Gathering**

*The congregation is unmuted*

Alleluia. Christ is Risen!

**He is risen indeed. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**Music of Celebration** Alleluia

*Boyce, St Andrew's Choir*

*from "Praise Be!" hymns, at Pitt St Methodist Church (2011)*

**The Preparation**

Great is the Lord and worthy of all praise.

**Amen! Praise and glory and wisdom,  
thanksgiving and honour, power and might,  
be to our God for ever and ever! Amen.**

We come to celebrate the liberation of the Human Spirit! We can celebrate the triumph of love over hate, the triumph of life over death, the triumph of good over evil. For today the power of the cross is broken, the power of fear and despair are defeated. Because of today we can do it to hope we can do to believe. Jesus who was killed on the cross, is risen. Jesus, who was lain in a tone, is alive. Come let us celebrate!

Let us pray:

Risen Lord Jesus, present with us now,  
open our hearts to receive you,  
Open our minds to understand you,  
Ignite our will to follow you.

Bring your Resurrection life to all that is dead in us,  
you're living hope to all that despairs,  
your risen joy to all that is sorrowful,  
bring your love to transform our living.

May our lives touch all those we meet,  
that all your children may come to know you,  
to be their life, joy, hope and love. Amen

Paschal Candle

*The congregation is unmuted*

*A new candle is lit to celebrate the light of Christ.*

The light shines in the darkness,  
and the darkness did not overcome it.

**Alleluia, Christ is risen! He is risen indeed, alleluia!**

Canticle Response

*Lead by Stephen and Lucy Best*

So if you have been raised with Christ,  
seek the things that are above,  
**where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God.**

Set your minds on things that are above,  
not on things that are on earth,  
**for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God.**

When Christ who is our life is revealed,  
**then you also will be revealed with him and glory.**

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and shall be for ever. Amen.**

*Colossians 3:1-4*

E te whānau a te Karaiti  
let us praise and worship God who has called us together.  
Let us celebrate God's majesty,  
and delight in the wonder of God's love.

Together we shall confess our sins  
and receive assurance that we are forgiven.

As the scriptures are read,  
we can allow God's word to speak to us,  
and ponder its meaning for our lives.

In our prayers, we give thanks for God's goodness,  
we pray for others as well as for ourselves,  
and we offer our lives anew in Christ's service.

All this we do,  
because we believe in the presence among us  
of our Saviour Jesus Christ,  
and in the mighty power of the Holy Spirit.

### Forgiveness

Hear these words of scripture:

If we claim to be sinless,  
we are self-deceived and strangers to the truth.

If we confess our sins,  
God is just and may be trusted to forgive our sins  
and cleanse us from every kind of wrong.

**Spirit of God, search our hearts.**

Let us, in silence, remember our need for God's forgiveness.

*Silence*

Let us confess our sins to God.

**Almighty and merciful God,  
we have sinned against you,  
in thought, word and deed.**

**We have not loved you with all our heart.**

**We have not loved others  
as our Saviour Christ loves us.**

**We are truly sorry.**

**In your mercy forgive what we have been,**

**help us to amend what we are,**

**and direct what we shall be;**

**that we may delight in your will**

**and walk in your ways,**

**through Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen.**

*A priest says*

*Almighty God, who pardons all who truly repent,*

*forgive your sins, strengthen you by the Holy Spirit,*

*and keep you in life eternal; through Jesus Christ our Redeemer.*

*Amen.*

### **The Ministry of the Word**

O come, let us sing to the Lord,

let us rejoice in the rock of our salvation.

We sing to you, O God, and bless your name;

and tell of your salvation from day to day.

We proclaim your glory to the nations,

your praise to the ends of the earth.

Psalm 118: 1-2, 14-16, 19-24

*Lead by Aimee White*

We give thanks to you O Lord for you are gracious:

**and your love endures forever.**

Let the house of Israel say:

**God's love endures forever.**

The Lord is my strength and my defence:

**and has become my deliverer.**

There are shouts of joy and

deliverance in the tents of the righteous:

**the right hand of the Lord does mighty things.**

The right hand of the Lord raises up:

**the right hand of the Lord does mighty things.**

Open to me the gates of the temple:

**and that I may enter and give thanks to the Lord.**

This is the gate of the Lord:

**through which the righteous shall enter.**

I will thank you because you have answered me:

**and you have become my deliverer.**

The stone which the builders rejected:

**has become the head of the corner.**

This is the Lords doing:

**and it is marvellous in our eyes.**

This is the day which the Lord has made:

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

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son,**

**and to the Holy Spirit:**

**as it was in the beginning, is now,**

**and shall be for ever. Amen.**

### Anthem:

*H Gauntlett, St Andrew's Choir  
from "Tell out my Soul" album (2003)*

1. Ye, choirs of new Jerusalem,  
your sweetest notes employ,  
the paschal victory to hymn  
in songs of holy joy!
2. For Judah's Lion burst his chains  
and crushed the serpent's head;  
and cries aloud through death's  
domains  
to wake th' imprisoned dead.
3. Devouring depths of hell  
their pay  
at his command restore;  
his ransomed host pursue  
their way  
where Jesus goes before.
4. Triumphant in his glory now--  
to him all pow'r is giv'n;  
to him in one communion bow  
all saints in earth and heav'n.
5. While we his soldiers praise our  
King,  
his mercy we implore,  
within his palace bright to bring  
and keep us evermore.
6. All glory to the Father be,  
all glory to the Son,  
all glory to the Spirit be  
while endless ages run. Alleluia.  
Amen.

Reading: Matthew 28: 1-10      *Read by the Reverend Julian Morris*

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

**Thanks be to God.**

### Reflection:

#### Hymn:

*The Congregation remains muted*

*Words: Carolyn Winfrey Gillette*

*Tune: Aurelia. The Church's One Foundation*

*Hamilton Family private recording for St Andrew's, Epsom, Easter 2020.*

1. This Easter celebration is not like ones we've known.  
We pray in isolation, we sing the hymns alone.  
We're distant from our neighbors — from worship leaders, too.  
No flowers grace the chancel to set a festive mood.

2. No gathered choirs are singing; no banners lead the way.  
O God of love and promise, where's joy this Easter Day?  
With sanctuaries empty, may homes become the place  
we ponder resurrection and celebrate your grace.
3. Our joy won't come from worship that's in a crowded room  
but from the news of women who saw the empty tomb.  
Our joy comes from disciples who ran with haste to see —  
who heard that Christ is risen, and then, by grace, believed.
4. In all the grief and suffering, may we remember well:  
Christ suffered crucifixion and faced the powers of hell.  
Each Easter bears the promise: Christ rose that glorious day!  
Now nothing in creation can keep your love away.
5. We thank you that on Easter, your church is blessed to be  
a scattered, faithful body that's doing ministry.  
In homes and in the places of help and healing, too,  
we live the Easter message by gladly serving you.

### An Affirmation of Faith

In response to the wonder of the Resurrection promise,  
let us affirm our faith:

**In desert and forest, mountain and water,  
we see the signs that God is with us.  
In grass that grows through cities of concrete,  
we see the signs that God is with us.  
In the faces of people whom God so loves,  
we see the signs that God is with us.**

**In our brokenness,  
there is the hope of wholeness.  
In our emptiness,  
there is the hope of fullness.**

**In each and every death,  
lies the hope of resurrection life.**

**This is the word in Christ to us.  
The flame of the Holy Spirit  
lives in this place  
and travels with us. Amen.**

**Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession**

*Lead by Lesley Anderson*

As we celebrate the new life of Resurrection  
let us pray to the one true God who brings us to life:

Eternal God, we pray that the church  
may proclaim with joy your message of hope  
for the world at this time.

May our lives, as well as our worship,  
whatever form it takes.

testify to the truth of the Resurrection  
and broaden our vision of what is possible through you.

*Silence*

Life Giving God,  
**Transform our lives.**

We pray for the world we inhabit,  
For all those who lead  
and make important decisions at this time of uncertainty.  
We pray for mercy and justice, compassion and integrity.  
We pray for peace in our dealings with each other  
and peace in our hearts.

*Silence*

Life Giving God,  
**Transform our lives.**

As you appeared to the disciples  
come, enter into our bubbles  
come, enter into our fear and darkness  
come, enter into our enclosed lives  
come, with the glorious freedom you offer.  
We give thanks for all those who have recovered from Covid-19  
and have been able to rejoin their families.

*Silence*

Life Giving God,  
**Transform our lives.**

We remember all those who are ill  
and those who are caring for them  
We remember all those who weep  
and mourn the loss of a loved one.  
We thank you for lives well lived  
and commend to your keeping those who have died,  
through your resurrection hope may they know the joy of heaven.

*Silence*

**We rejoice with the disciples and all your saints  
in the joy of the risen Lord.**

**We thank you for the precious gift of new life,  
may we never take it for granted,  
but live each moment in the fullness of life.**

**Lord, we are Easter people.**

**Let Alleluia be our song.**

**Amen**

## The Lord's Prayer

*The congregation is unmuted*

### **As Christ teaches us, 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.

### Hymn:

*Sung by Auckland choirs conducted by Mark Rosser,  
with Nicholas Sutcliffe (Organ) (Praise Be! 2011)*

Jesus Christ is ris'n today, Alleluia!  
our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!  
who did once upon the cross Alleluia!  
suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!

Hymns of praise then let us sing Alleluia!  
unto Christ our heav'nly King, Alleluia!  
who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia!  
sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia!

But the pains which he endured, Alleluia!  
our salvation have procured; Alleluia!  
now above the sky he's King, Alleluia!  
where the angels ever sing. Alleluia!

Sing we to our God above Alleluia!  
praise eternal as his love; Alleluia!  
praise him, all ye heav'nly host, Alleluia!  
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!

### A Collect for Easter Sunday

Disturbing Spirit, you come among us to reveal resurrection hope. Rouse us from our complacency this Easter morning. Unbind us from all that prevents us from seeing you clearly. Help us recognise you as the one who comes to serve and revive. Transform us, that we might be your light and leaven in the world. With Jesus we pray. Amen.

### A Morning Collect

Holy and everliving God, by your power we are created  
and by your love we are redeemed;  
guide and strengthen us by your Spirit,  
that we may give ourselves to your service,  
and live each day in love to one another and to you,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*Amen.*

### Blessing

God of new possibilities,

New beginnings, new hope,

**Bless us now with your Resurrection life!**

Jesus, calling us by name,

Knowing and loving us completely,

**Bless us now with your Resurrection life!**

Spirit, send us out with good news, equipping and energising us,

**Bless us now with your Resurrection life!**

The blessing of God the Creator, Jesus the Christ and the Holy Spirit be with us now and remain with us forever. Amen.

### The Dismissal

*The congregation is unmuted*

Let us bless the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

The almighty and merciful God bless us  
and keep us now and for ever.

**The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
and the love of God,  
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit  
be with us all. Amen.**

Hymn:

*Choir of Gloucester Cathedral, conducted by David Briggs (Priory recording, 2000)*

1. Thine be the glory, risen, conqu'ring Son:  
endless is the vict'ry thou o'er death hast won;  
angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away,  
kept the folded grave-clothes where thy body lay.

Thine be the glory, risen, conqu'ring Son;  
endless is the vict'ry thou o'er death hast won.

2. Lo! Jesus meets us, risen from the tomb;  
lovingly he greets us, scatters fear and gloom;  
let the church with gladness, hymns of triumph sing,  
for her Lord now liveth, death hath lost its sting.  
Thine be the Glory...

3. No more we doubt thee, glorious Prince of life;  
life is naught without thee: aid us in our strife;  
make us more than conqu'rors, thro' thy deathless love:  
bring us safe thro' Jordan to thy home above.  
Thine be the Glory...

*Service crafted from: A New Zealand Prayer Book/He Karakaia Minare O Aotearoa, pg 35ff and Chris Thorpe: Apprentices and Eyewitnesses: Creative Liturgies for Incarnational Worship: Lent, Holy Week and Easter. Affirmation of Faith taken from Liturgies for the Journey of Life, Dorothy McRae-McMahon, p 5*