



Eastwood Uniting Church
Easter 7B – 16 May, 2021

Creating Community with God

Call to Worship

Christ is Risen!

With all creation we proclaim

He is Risen indeed!

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Psalm 1

Happy are those who do not follow the advice of the wicked,
or take the path that sinners tread, or sit in the seat of scoffers;
**but their delight is in the law of the LORD,
and on his law they meditate day and night.**

They are like trees planted by streams of water,
which yield their fruit in its season,
and their leaves do not wither.

In all that they do, they prosper.

The wicked are not so, but are like chaff that the wind drives away.

Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment,
nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous;
**for the LORD watches over the way of the righteous,
but the way of the wicked will perish.**

Acknowledgement - God's Land

Warami Mittigar! [*Darug: Warm Welcome*]

From before known time the Wallumuttegall clans of the Darug-speaking
People cared for this Land.

We acknowledge the Elders and communities
who have told the sacred stories and nurtured faithfulness to the Creator.
We ask God's blessing on those who continue to work
for the healing and restoration of this Land and Her Communities.

Hymn of Praise – TiS 155 How great thou art

<https://youtu.be/9nZc5SnlAp0>

Oh Lord, my God, when I in awesome wonder
Consider all the worlds Thy hands have made
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder
Thy power throughout the universe displayed

Then sings my soul, my Saviour God to Thee
How great Thou art, how great Thou art!
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How great Thou art, how great Thou art!

And when I think - that God, His Son not sparing;
Sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in
That on the Cross, my burden gladly bearing,
He bled and died to take away my sin.

When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation
And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart
Then I shall bow in humble adoration
And then proclaim, "My God, how great Thou art!"

Then sings my soul, my Saviour God to Thee
How great Thou art, how great Thou art!

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Confession and Assurance of Grace

You are loved, found and forgiven.
Thanks be to God!

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Reflection in Praise and Thanksgiving

[A Prayer in Imagery of the Australian Landscape](#)

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YJKtyRa_0Yw&t=3s

Human and Divine – encountering Jesus Christ

A Time for Everyone – ‘Jesus the Word’

Mark Francisco Bozzuti-Jones and Shelly Hehenberger

Sacred Readings from Scripture

1 John 5:9-13

If we receive human testimony, the testimony of God is greater;
for this is the testimony of God that he has testified to his Son.

Those who believe in the Son of God
have the testimony in their hearts.

Those who do not believe in God have made him a liar
by not believing in the testimony that God has given
concerning his Son.

And this is the testimony:

God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son.

Whoever has the Son has life;

whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life.

I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, so that
you may know that you have eternal life.

John 17:6-19

"I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world.

They were yours, and you gave them to me,
and they have kept your word.

Now they know that everything you have given me is from you;

for the words that you gave to me I have given to them,
and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you;
and they have believed that you sent me.

I am asking on their behalf;
I am not asking on behalf of the world,
but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours.
All mine are yours, and yours are mine;
and I have been glorified in them.
And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world,
and I am coming to you.

Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me,
so that they may be one, as we are one.

While I was with them,
I protected them in your name that you have given me.
I guarded them, and not one of them was lost
except the one destined to be lost, so that the scripture might be fulfilled.
But now I am coming to you, and I speak these things in the world
so that they may have my joy made complete in themselves.

I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they do
not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world.
I am not asking you to take them out of the world,
but I ask you to protect them from the evil one.

They do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world.
Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth.

As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world.
And for their sakes I sanctify myself, so that they also may be sanctified in
truth.

For the words about Jesus that connect us to God's Word, who is Jesus:
Thanks be to God!

A Word from Life

Message <https://youtu.be/AZ9G7Yxo21s>

Empowering the Community's Spirit

Offering and Announcements

Prayers of the People – followed by THE LORD'S PRAYER

Holy God, you have called us to follow in the way of your risen Son,
and to care for those who are our companions,
not only with words of comfort, but with acts of love.
Seeking to be true friends of all,

we offer our prayers on behalf of the church and the world.

Prayers of the People, concluding with:

Guide us in the path of discipleship,
so that, as you have blessed us,
we may be a blessing for others,
bringing the promise of the kingdom near
by our words and deeds. Amen.

Song– Hymn TiS 411 (Text: J.R.Peacey) <https://youtu.be/3S2y2GcyYO4>

Filled with the Spirit's power, with one accord
The infant church confessed its risen Lord:
O Holy spirit, in the church today
No less your power of fellowship display.

Now with the mind of Christ set us on fire,
that unity may be our great desire.
Give joy and peace; give faith to hear your call,
and readiness in each to work for all.

Widen our love, good Spirit, to embrace
in your strong care all those of every race.
Like wind and fire with life among us move,
till we are known as Christ's, and Christians prove.

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Commissioning

We are invited to open our hearts to God and to share our hearts with other.
Take heart. Take God's heart.
Go in peace to love and serve the Lord -
In the name of Christ – AMEN