

# Sunday Communion Service

Easter 3, Sunday 1 May 2022, 9:30AM

Boronia Park Uniting Church

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(Sydney Presbytery Ordinand)

## Announcement

## Acknowledgement of the First Peoples

We acknowledge the Walloomattagal people,  
the first inhabitants of this place.

**We honour them for their custodianship of the land,  
on which we gather today.**

## Call to Worship

In the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit

The Lord be with you

**And also with you**

## Prayer of the Day

*Let us pray:*

God of the heavens.

We adore you.

You are worthy of all our praise.

All angels declare

Sun, moon and all stars acclaim your majesty

Praise the Lord.

**Praise the Lord from the heavens.**

God of the universe  
We adore you  
You created the universe with your Word  
You are still holding all creations on your hands  
You are limitless and you are everlasting

Praise the Lord.

**Praise the Lord from the universe.**

God of the earth  
We adore you  
All creatures in the water  
all creatures on the ground are glorifying your name  
Mountains and hills  
Valleys and plains are your work to reveal your presence on earth

Praise the Lord.

**Praise the Lord from the earth**

God of our lives  
We adore you  
No matter who we are  
No matter what we do  
No matter where we stand  
Every life is yours. You are the Lord of all lives.

Praise the Lord.

**Praise the Lord from our lives. Amen**

### **Hymn    How Great Thou Art (TIS 155)**

O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder  
consider all the works thy hand has made,

I see the stars, I hear the mighty thunder,  
thy power throughout the universe displayed:

*Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to thee,  
How great thou art, how great thou art!  
Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to thee,  
How great thou art, how great thou art!*

When through the woods and forest glades I wander,  
hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees;  
when I look down from lofty mountain grandeur,  
and hear the brook, and feel the gently breeze:

*Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to thee ...*

But when I think that God, his Son not sparing,  
sent him to die – I scarce can take it in  
that on the cross, our burden gladly bearing,  
be bled and died to take away our sin:

*Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to thee ...*

When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation  
and take me home – what joy shall fill my heart!

Then shall I bow in humble adoration,  
and there proclaim: My God, how great thou art!

*Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to thee ...*

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## **Scripture Reading**

*Daniel Yeon reads the passages.*

First reading: Acts 9:1-6 (New Living Translation)

## **Saul's Conversion**

**9** Meanwhile, Saul was uttering threats with every breath and was eager to kill the Lord’s followers. So he went to the high priest. <sup>2</sup> He requested letters addressed to the synagogues in Damascus, asking for their cooperation in the arrest of any followers of the Way he found there. He wanted to bring them—both men and women—back to Jerusalem in chains.

<sup>3</sup> As he was approaching Damascus on this mission, a light from heaven suddenly shone down around him. <sup>4</sup> He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, “Saul! Saul! Why are you persecuting me?”

<sup>5</sup> “Who are you, lord?” Saul asked.

And the voice replied, “I am Jesus, the one you are persecuting! <sup>6</sup> Now get up and go into the city, and you will be told what you must do.”

Word of the Lord  
**Thanks be to God.**

Gospel: John 21:1-19 (NLT)

### **Epilogue: Jesus Appears to Seven Disciples**

**21** Later, Jesus appeared again to the disciples beside the Sea of Galilee. This is how it happened. <sup>2</sup> Several of the disciples were there—Simon Peter, Thomas (nicknamed the Twin), Nathanael from Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two other disciples.

<sup>3</sup> Simon Peter said, “I’m going fishing.”

“We’ll come, too,” they all said. So they went out in the boat, but they caught nothing all night.

<sup>4</sup> At dawn Jesus was standing on the beach, but the disciples couldn’t see who he was. <sup>5</sup> He called out, “Fellows, have you caught any fish?”

“No,” they replied.

<sup>6</sup> Then he said, “Throw out your net on the right-hand side of the boat, and you’ll get some!” So they did, and they couldn’t haul in the net because there were so many fish in it.

<sup>7</sup> Then the disciple Jesus loved said to Peter, “It’s the Lord!” When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on his tunic (for he had stripped for work), jumped into the water, and headed to shore. <sup>8</sup> The others stayed with the boat and pulled the loaded net to the shore, for they were only about a hundred yards from shore. <sup>9</sup> When they got there, they found breakfast waiting for them—fish cooking over a charcoal fire, and some bread.

<sup>10</sup> “Bring some of the fish you’ve just caught,” Jesus said. <sup>11</sup> So Simon Peter went aboard and dragged the net to the shore. There were 153 large fish, and yet the net hadn’t torn.

<sup>12</sup> “Now come and have some breakfast!” Jesus said. None of the disciples dared to ask him, “Who are you?” They knew it was the Lord. <sup>13</sup> Then Jesus served them the bread and the fish. <sup>14</sup> This was the third time Jesus had appeared to his disciples since he had been raised from the dead.

<sup>15</sup> After breakfast Jesus asked Simon Peter, “Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?”

“Yes, Lord,” Peter replied, “you know I love you.”

“Then feed my lambs,” Jesus told him.

<sup>16</sup> Jesus repeated the question: “Simon son of John, do you love me?”

“Yes, Lord,” Peter said, “you know I love you.”

“Then take care of my sheep,” Jesus said.

<sup>17</sup> A third time he asked him, “Simon son of John, do you love me?”

Peter was hurt that Jesus asked the question a third time. He said, “Lord, you know everything. You know that I love you.”

Jesus said, “Then feed my sheep.

<sup>18</sup> “I tell you the truth, when you were young, you were able to do as you liked; you dressed yourself and went wherever you wanted to go. But when you are old, you will stretch out your hands, and others will dress you and take you where you don’t want to go.” <sup>19</sup> Jesus said this to let him know by what kind of death he would glorify God. Then Jesus told him, “Follow me.”

Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

### **Sermon “Meeting the risen Lord”**

Today’s two readings have something important in common. Peter and Paul were given the same experience: the risen Lord came to them, and they met him. After the resurrection, Jesus met Peter. He gave Peter breakfast and asked him three times “do you love me?” and told him “follow”. Our risen Lord, Jesus Christ appeared himself to many other people.

Acts 1:3 testifies that

**During the forty days after he suffered and died, he appeared to the apostles from time to time, and he proved to them in many ways that he was actually alive. And he talked to them about the Kingdom of God (Acts 1:3).**

We all celebrated Easter in 2022 two weeks ago. I also watched your Easter service on your website. I guess you had a wonderful, joyful and grateful Easter. Right? Yes?

Through Easter, we see that God is loving, merciful, generous, kind and just. God extended the undeserved grace and unparalleled generosity to us because of God's great love for us.

This is our source of eternal hope, a hope that has been restored through the finished work of Jesus Christ.

But, our Easter cannot be ended easily at the time of 'the Easter Sunday'. Easter should be a real meaning in our lives. That means it is important after Easter. It means about how we live with the Easter faith.

Let's imagine that we lived in the time of Jesus 2,000 years ago. Everyone is talking about a person who tragically died on the cross last week and the gossip around them about he came back alive. What would you say? If someone on the street asked you about the person's death and resurrection, what would be your reaction?

Yes! Yes! Of course, he died and rose again. He broke all the chains of death for us! Do you want to say like this?

What would others say about your reaction?

Hey~ How do you know? Have you seen him? Have you met him? Did he speak to you? Did you hear him or touch him?

Our real meaning of Easter cannot be limited to what we celebrate in Easter service only. As we are Christians, our Easter begins after the celebration with and by meeting, encountering and experiencing the risen Lord. And our lives should become the evidence of the resurrection.

Like our readings today, Jesus presented himself after his resurrection to many other people.

It cannot be limited within only 40 days. Much later on, Saul called as apostle Paul later met the risen Lord. He presented himself as one of those who met the resurrected Christ.

Let's have a look at **1 Corinthians 15:3-8**.

**<sup>3</sup> I passed on to you what was most important and what had also been passed on to me. Christ died for our sins, just as the Scriptures said. <sup>4</sup> He was buried, and he was raised from the dead on the third day, just as the Scriptures said. <sup>5</sup> He was seen by Peter and then by the Twelve. <sup>6</sup> After that, he was seen by more than 500 of his followers at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. <sup>7</sup> Then he was seen by James and later by all the apostles. <sup>8</sup> Last of all, as though I had been born at the wrong time, I also saw him.**

Jesus appeared to many people after his resurrection. Many people saw, heard, and met Jesus: Peter, the twelve disciples, over 500 people, his brother James, the apostles and lastly Paul.

Don't you think we can have the same experience with them?

There should be our names after their names. Our names and our meeting stories should be written after these stories. We should meet Jesus Christ, who is resurrected and with us now and forever.

Meeting Jesus. That means we know more, experience more and understand more about him. We can sense the presence of the Lord through our worship, breaking bread and sharing wine. Also, we should sense him in our daily lives. Meeting Jesus is like trying to find the traces of Jesus in our lives as well as receiving the love of the Father God and sensing the presence of the Holy Spirit in every minute of our life. And I believe that



God will lead us into God's presence when we are trying to sense God in many ways like Peter, like Paul, and like any other people in the Bible.

I want to show you two photos. This first one was taken on the 1<sup>st</sup> of April in 2018 in Canberra. I already showed it to you 2 and a half years ago when I preached here. What can you see? A nice and beautiful cloud or something like heart shape cloud and someone standing in the middle?

The other one was taken at the beginning of this year at Blue Mountain lookout.



Both were taken by me, by my mobile phone. Please do not misunderstand me. I am not trying to convince you that I have photographed the moments of Jesus' manifestation, or I am boasting of my excellent photo skills about

how to catch the beautiful moments. No, no, no. This may be just a coincidence or a part of an illusion.

But, these scenes led me to think of finding Christ even in the clouds in the sky. I reached to think that I could sense the presence of God with one simple action by heading up and looking around. Such experience and such thought also led me to a confession of faith that the risen Lord, Jesus Christ, is still alive and he is very much attached to my life.

Today, I invite you to long for this kind of encounter. If it is true that Jesus died but rose again and he is with us always as he promised, we can sense him, and we can meet him. Not only through our all-divine activities such as worship, Bible readings, prayers, mission or ministries, but also through all daily pieces of our lives such as walking on the streets, chatting with strangers, or looking at the sky.

Imagine that we see Jesus wherever we go in every moment.

Imagine that we meet Jesus and know each other more.

Isn't it exciting and joyful? To this excitement and joy, I invite you. These thoughts and attitudes will make Jesus alive more in our lives.

What would you do if you encountered Jesus now? Of course, I know we have lots of questions to ask. But our first reaction should not be too different to Jesus' disciples in Galilee. In **Matthew 28**,

**<sup>16</sup> Then the eleven disciples left for Galilee, going to the mountain where Jesus had told them to go. <sup>17</sup> When they saw him, they worshiped him—but some of them doubted! <sup>18</sup> Jesus came and told his disciples, “I have been given all authority in heaven and on earth. <sup>19</sup> Therefore, go and make disciples of all the**

**nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. <sup>20</sup> Teach these new disciples to obey all the commands I have given you. And be sure of this: I am with you always, even to the end of the age.” (Matthew 28:16-20)**

The eleven disciples went to Galilee, where Jesus had directed them. They saw the risen Christ, Jesus, and they worshipped him. Then, Jesus gave them the great commission.

Meeting / worship / mission

Of course, we can do worship, we can do mission first. But, remember. Without meeting our risen Lord, Jesus Christ in our lives, we may do worship without him. We may do mission without him.

Before our mission and ministries, there should be worship. Before our worship and praises, there should be meeting; a meeting with the risen Lord, Jesus Christ. We cannot just do ministries because that's what the church ought to do. We cannot just worship because it's Sunday today. Our mission and worship should be done because we meet Jesus Christ.

Jesus promised, “I am with you always to the end of the age”. Therefore, we can meet him. We can do worship. We can do our mission. As long as we believe Jesus is with us, we can meet him. Then, our faith, worship, and mission will continue.

Amen.

**Prayers of the People    Jenny Keast**

Our dear Heavenly Father,

Again we come before you to pray for those in our world who need your support, presence, guidance and peace.

We thank you that Kyoungtae is able to be here today and lead our worship service. We know he is soon taking up a position in the Northern Rivers of NSW. We pray you will be very close to him and his family as they move into this Parish Ministry. There will be many challenges in this area after the devastation of the recent floods. We pray that Kyoungtae will be able to provide meaningful support to all those in need. We pray that his wife and children will settle into their new community.

We continue to pray for all those impacted by the war in Ukraine. We thank you for the support provided by so many to help with medical aid, food, clothing and homes. We pray for all the families who have had their loved ones killed in this senseless war and pray for an end to this conflict.

We are aware of many needs close to us. We pray for those in our families and church family who are sick or recovering from operations. We pray for those who have been bereaved or who are supporting people who are in the end stage of life. We pray we will not be greatly affected by the continued COVID infections.

We pray that Seungjae will find refreshment in his holiday break and enjoy some of his favourite recreational activities.

We pray for our confirmation candidates, Daniel, Ashley, Bianca and Oscar that they find answers to questions they might have so that they will be confident to go ahead with their confirmation.

Our World Cycle of Prayer includes Afghanistan, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Mongolia, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan. We pray for peace in these Central Asian countries and for protection for the small communities of Christians who live there. We pray for peace between Christians and

Muslims and relief from oppression for so many, particularly women and girls.

We bring before you other Uniting church congregations and chaplains in the City of Ryde Zone. We pray for Scripture teachers in our schools and say THANK YOU for their willing service to bring your Word to our youth.

We pray that your Spirit will change people's lives in our world and that the Christian Faith will be seen as a power for good in our world and not condemnation as many want.

Please inspire us Lord to serve you our world with the gifts you have given us and on the paths we walk.

We pray this in Jesus Name  
AMEN

### **Offering and Dedication**

God, the provider of the world.  
With thankful hearts for all your goodness to us,  
We bring back to you these gifts  
And with them, we offer you worship of our lives together.  
Accept these offerings to you as fruits of our love and gratitude,  
And enable us to give ourselves wholly to you  
In Jesus' name, we pray, Amen

### **COMMUNION**

### **INVITATION**

We ascribe the glory and honour to our God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit and Christ our risen Lord invites you to his table.

Come to this table  
Here is the table of the Lord,  
We are gathered to his supper,  
A foretaste of thing eternal.  
Come, not because you are strong  
But because you are weak;  
Come, not because of any goodness of your own,  
But because you need mercy and help;  
Come, because you adore the Lord  
And would like to love more.

### **Communion Song I Am the Bread of Life (TIS 535)**

‘I am the Bread of life.  
Those who come to me shall not hunger;  
those who believe in me shall not thirst.  
No one can come to me  
unless the Father draws them.

*‘And I will raise them up, and I will raise them up,  
and I will raise them up at the last day.’*

‘The bread that I will give is my flesh  
for the life of the world,  
and those who eat this bread  
they shall live for ever,  
they shall live for ever.

*‘And I will raise them up, and I will raise them up ...*

‘Unless you eat of the flesh of the Son of Man  
and drink of his blood, and drink of his blood,  
you shall not have life within you.

*‘And I will raise you up, and I will raise you up,  
and I will raise you up at the last day.’*

‘I am the Resurrection, I am the life.  
Those who believe in me; even though they die  
they shall live for ever.

*‘And I will raise them up, and I will raise them up,  
and I will raise them up at the last day.’*

Yes, Lord I believe that you are the Christ,  
the Son of God, who have come into the world.  
*‘And I will raise them up, and I will raise them up ...*

Suzanne Toolan

## **GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.  
**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**  
Thanks and praise, glory and honour are rightly yours,  
God, you alone are worthy.  
You call us to proclaim the mystery of our faith:  
the Lord our God, the Lord is One,  
Father, Son and Holy Spirit,  
Trinity of love,  
equal in majesty,  
undivided in splendour,  
worshipped and adored for ever.

And so we praise you  
with the faithful of every time and place,  
joining with choirs of angels  
and the whole creation  
in the eternal hymn:

**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.**

On the night in which Jesus gave himself up to death,  
at supper with disciples, he took bread  
And when he had broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
“Take, eat, This is my body which is given for you.  
Do this for the remembrance of me”

After supper, he took the cup, and again giving thanks,  
He gave it to his disciples, saying:  
“This cup is the new covenant sealed by my blood.  
Do this, whenever you drink it,  
for the remembrance of me”  
Through him, in him and because of him,  
we affirm the Church’s faith:

**Christ has died.  
Christ is risen.  
Christ will come again.**

**EPICLESIS**

And so, in remembrance of all you have done for us,



we take this bread and this cup,  
and offer ourselves as a holy and living sacrifice,  
made worthy by the perfect offering of Christ  
our great high priest.

Pour out the Holy Spirit on us  
and on these gifts of bread and wine,  
that they may be for us the body and blood of Christ  
May your Spirit be upon us that we might become one with Christ  
And one with each other.

## **THE COMMUNION**

Receive this holy sacrament  
of the body and blood of Christ,  
and feed on him in your hearts  
by faith with thanksgiving  
Jesus welcomes everyone to his table and so we offer everyone, without  
exception.

Dear friends, the feast is ready.  
The bread you'll receive is Christ's body broken for you.  
The wine you'll drink is Christ' life poured out for you. Amen.

## **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
我們在天上的父，  
願人都尊祢的名為聖，  
하늘에 계신 우리 아버지，  
아버지의 이름을 거룩하게 하시며，

your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.

願祢的國降臨，  
願祢的旨意行在地上，  
如同行在天上。

아버지의 나라가 오게 하시며,  
아버지의 뜻이 하늘에서와 같이  
땅에서도 이루어지게 하소서.

Give us today our daily bread.

我們日用的飲食  
今日賜給我們，  
오늘 우리에게 일용할 양식을 주시고，

Forgive us our sins,  
as we forgive those who sin against us.

免我們的債  
如同我們免了人的債  
우리가 우리에게 잘못한 사람을  
용서하여 준 것같이 우리 죄를 용서하여 주시고，

Save us from the time of trial  
and deliver us from evil.

不叫我們遇見試探，  
救我們脫離兇惡，  
우리를 시험에 빠지지 않게 하시고  
악에서 구하소서.

For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours now and for ever.

因為國度，權柄，榮耀，  
全是祢的，直到永遠。

나라와 권능과 영광이  
영원히 아버지의 것입니다.

Amen.

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

God of grace,  
as we have gathered around this table  
and shared the bread and cup of your love and life,  
renew us and strengthen us to ascribe your glory  
and help us to go out into the world  
to love, forgive, be merciful, and bring hope  
with more passion than ever before.  
We ask this in the name of Jesus the risen Lord.  
Amen.

## Song      I Sing Praises

I sing praises to Your name O Lord  
Praises to Your name O Lord  
For Your name is great  
And greatly to be praised  
I sing praises to Your name O Lord  
Praises to Your name O Lord  
For Your name is great  
And greatly to be praised

I give glory to Your name O Lord  
Glory to Your name O Lord  
For Your name is great  
And greatly to be praised  
I give glory to Your name O Lord

Glory to Your name O Lord  
For Your name is great  
And greatly to be praised

Terry MacAlmon

## **Benediction**

God of grace and love  
Thanks for calling us to meet you.  
Thanks for your unshakable promise to be with us.  
We love you and we worship you  
In all our hearts and in all our lives.

The blessing of God almighty  
The Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,  
Be upon you and remain with you always.  
Amen

## **Sung Blessing**

May the feet of God walk with you,  
and his hand hold you tight.  
May the eye of God rest on you,  
and his ear hear your cry.  
May the smile of God be for you,  
and his breath give you life.  
May the Child of God grow in you,  
and his love bring you home.

A. W. Podlich

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