

> Holy Week 2018

Easter Day - Holy Communion



Worship on **Easter Day, 1st April**, opened with our Lenten sound scape calling us to a moment of stillness as we crowded into the Gathering Space. Our celebration of the Risen Christ began with the spine tinglingly beautiful 'The tomb is empty. Sing alleluia'. As in the Dawn service we responded to the Easter proclamation '*Christ is risen. He is risen indeed.*' As we held out our hands Ian lit the Christ Candle reminding us of the time of listening and the music we had created during Lent. We moved into the worship space singing our 'Brunswick Alleluia' - the joyful conclusion to our Lenten journey.



We listened to the story of Jesus' resurrection from the Gospel of Mark and prayed. Ian spoke with the children about how the curtain represents the sadness of the Good Friday story. Ian and Saide flew the curtain up, over the children and back again a few times transforming the curtain to represent the joy of Jesus' resurrection. We used our Lenten sounds to tell the Easter story with the whirleys reminding us of the women approaching the tomb, the rhythm sticks representing the hard feelings and question 'Who will roll away the stone?', the triangles acknowledging the presence of the young man dressed in a white robe and our shared whispering 'He is risen' growing louder to tell out our joy. We set the table with the elements for Holy Communion surrounding it with the beautiful floral arrangements prepared by Jenny Hunter and Valmai Brunlow. The children took butterflies and other



activities to complete in their seats. Later after the sermon the butterflies were added to our Easter Garden. We celebrated Holy Communion in one big joyful circle around the whole space. *(We used every glass in all four trays and almost the entire loaf of bread!!)*



You can read our [Easter Day Prayers](#) and listen to Ian's sermon '[God's Foolishness](#)' on our website. A brief summary of the sermon can be found on page 24.