

# Easter Day, 12/04/2020, Order of Service

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Acts 10:34-43 or Jeremiah 31:1-6; Psalm 118:1-2,14-24; Colossians 3:1-4 or Acts 10:34-43;  
John 20:1-18 or Matthew 28:1-10

## Opening verse on screen

Christ is Risen! He is risen indeed.

## Prelude

Song: *Were you there*, TiS 345

## Song

Kirsty

*Welcome on this day of celebration. Come, take a deep breath and listen. Listen for words of life and peace, listen to the sound of joy and hope renewed. Come and sing joy into the world, wherever you are, as we begin our worship this morning singing of our risen Lord – Christ the Lord is risen today.*

*Christ the Lord is risen today, TIS370*

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Christ, the Lord, is risen today, Alleluia!  
Let the whole creation say, Alleluia!  
Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia!  
Sing now, heaven, and earth, reply, Alleluia!

Love's redeeming work is done, Alleluia!  
Fought the fight, the battle won, Alleluia!  
Vain the stone, the watch, the seal, Alleluia!  
Christ has burst the gates of hell, Alleluia!

Lives again our glorious King, Alleluia!  
Where, O death, is now your sting? Alleluia!  
Once He died our souls to save, Alleluia!  
Where your victory, O grave? Alleluia!

Soar we now where Christ has led, Alleluia!  
Following our exalted Head, Alleluia!  
Made like Him, like Him we rise, Alleluia!  
Ours the cross, the grave, the skies, Alleluia!

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## Psalm 118

Christine

**Psalm 118:1-2,19-24 p 492**

Give thanks to the Holy One, who is good,  
whose steadfast love endures forever.

<sup>2</sup> Let God's people now proclaim,  
"The steadfast love of our God endures forever."

<sup>19</sup> Open for me the gates of righteousness;  
I will enter through them; and give thanks to God.

<sup>20</sup> "This is the gate of our God;  
the righteous shall enter through it."

<sup>21</sup> I will give thanks to you, for you answered me  
and have become my salvation.

<sup>22</sup> The stone that the builders rejected  
has become the chief cornerstone.

<sup>23</sup> This is God's doing,  
and it is marvellous in our eyes.

<sup>24</sup> This is the day that the LORD has made;  
Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Jesus said, Take up your cross and follow me  
**By your strength in me, O God**

## Welcome

Kirsty

*It is good to be worshipping together this Easter.*

*My name is Kirsty. Saide and I are your liturgists for this morning and you will hear from Dave, Christine, Gwen and Helen too.*

*Our Minister Valentina will preach and lead us in the service of Holy Communion. Please be ready to place some bread and juice on your table if you would like to join us in communion later in the service.*

*Everything has been pre recorded and once again our musicians have worked in their different homes to prepare our music.*

*Christ the Lord is risen today! He is risen indeed!  
God incarnate. Steadfast love like no other, being given to us and coming among us.  
Coming to us in lockdown, as we worship in our homes.  
New life in the darkness, surprising us with possibilities.  
Living and walking with us, and offering us grace.*

## Easter Proclamation and Greeting

Saide

Christ is risen!!  
**He is risen indeed!!**

Alleluia!

The living God be with you all:  
**And also with you**

Greet one another with an Easter greeting...

## Light Easter Candle

Saide

*Today the light of Christ will be shining in many homes as we light the Christ Candle together. If you have a candle ready please light your candle now with me and set this candle aside to light for worship in the weeks and months ahead until we can all gather to worship in our home congregations.*

Jesus Christ, Risen Saviour  
You are the light of the world.  
May your light shine in our hearts  
and all who gather in your name  
today and every day. Amen

## Acknowledgement of Country

Nina and Joanne

We acknowledge and respect  
the Wurundjeri people of the Kulin nation,  
the traditional custodians of this land  
since time immemorial.

We are learning that the land  
is not ours to own, but to look after;  
and that if we listen, we may hear in it  
the calling of the eternal Spirit.

***Responding to this call,  
we commit ourselves  
to work for justice, reconciliation,  
and care of the earth.***

## Bible Reading

Gwen

Acts 10:34-43, p 895

Then Peter began to speak to them: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

Jesus said, Take up your cross and follow me

**By your strength in me, O God**

## Prayer of Adoration

Saide

*Let us pray ...*

Holy God, you are steadfast love incarnate.

You loved us into being and love us beyond our understanding.

In humility and longing you gave your only Son

to show us what love looks like, how love acts and responds.

You call to us through the ages 'Humans, where are you?'

And in our brokenness we turn to you and you love us.

Jesus, Son of God, your steadfast love took you to the Cross  
and on the way you met with the world's brokenness with love  
responding with love to challenging questions, 'How can this be?',  
'Where do I get this living water?', 'Surely we are not blind, are we?'  
Betrayed and alone, bombarded with Pilate's questions, hung on a cross  
Your last gift was love, always love. We love and adore you.

Jesus, Risen Saviour, on this Holy day we meet you in the garden.

We have wept in our hearts before the tomb of brokenness and despair

Love responds and the stone is rolled away, angels speak

We turn to you; you speak our names and love blooms anew.

You unbind our hearts and set us on the path of love, always love

a forgiven people, beacons of hope and compassion in a broken world. Amen

Let's respond to God's grace and mercy, standing to sing out our joy

SONG: Halle, halle, halle, TiS 720

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Halle, halle, hallelujah!  
Halle, halle, hallelujah! (Halleluja!)  
Halle, halle, hallelujah!  
Hallelujah, hallelujah! (Halleluja!)

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SONG: Halle, halle, halle, words: traditional liturgical text,  
from Together in Song, Harper Collins *Religious*, PUBLIC DOMAIN

## Journey with the silhouettes

Dave

*Dave to engage with the silhouettes in the worship space, adding Jesus' Easter message to each of the Lenten silhouettes.*

*Contemplating where these characters were in the Easter story.*

*Intro to children's creative art response,*

*Launch of the Household of God creative arts project.*

*Jesus is risen from the grave, Love from below, vs 1,5,6*

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1. *Jesus is risen from the grave,  
Jesus is risen from the grave,  
Jesus is risen from the grave,  
ALLELUIA*

5. *Jesus will meet his people*

6. *Jesus is here in bread and wine*

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## Gospel Reading

Saide

John 20:1-18, p 860

20 Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. <sup>2</sup>So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, 'They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him.' <sup>3</sup>Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went towards the tomb. <sup>4</sup>The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. <sup>5</sup>He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. <sup>6</sup>Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, <sup>7</sup>and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. <sup>8</sup>Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; <sup>9</sup>for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. <sup>10</sup>Then the disciples returned to their homes.

11 But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look\* into the tomb; <sup>12</sup>and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. <sup>13</sup>They said to her, 'Woman, why are you weeping?' She said to them, 'They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him.' <sup>14</sup>When she had said this, she turned round and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. <sup>15</sup>Jesus said to her, 'Woman, why are you weeping? For whom are you looking?' Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, 'Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away.' <sup>16</sup>Jesus said to her, 'Mary!' She turned and

said to him in Hebrew,\* ‘Rabbouni!’ (which means Teacher).<sup>17</sup> Jesus said to her, ‘Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, “I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.”’<sup>18</sup> Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, ‘I have seen the Lord’; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

Jesus said, take up your cross and follow me.

**By your strength in me, O God.**

## Sermon

Valentina

I would like to begin with a section of an Easter prayer this morning<sup>1</sup> written by Indigenous elder Elizabeth (Betty) Pike who has been involved with Aboriginal Catholic Ministries here in Victoria.

***During this movement of your presence***

***Heal us within the very depths***

***Of our Spirit***

***Allowing Wisdom and her truth***

***To spring forth***

***Transforming us for all Humanity.***

How are you this morning? What do you feel? How is this Easter morning experience for you? This Easter morning does feel different!

If we were all here this morning, the visual would be different for me as well as for you. The pews would be full, many of us would be dressed in our Easter attire. We would probably have had a Dawn service. We would be excited about what we were doing after worship - having a meal with our beloved family or friends and the kids perhaps enjoying an Easter Egg hunt.

It is different this year in that respect. Many things have changed – what has not changed is the good news.

Christ is risen!  
He is Risen Indeed!  
Alleluia, Alleluia!

This good news is still the good news. It has not changed even though the world we live in has.

Christ is risen! Yet, some have asked how do I, how do we, celebrate the resurrection this year?

I invite us to come to the story! The story from our gospel of this morning. The story begins by the tomb, a graveside. I invite you to walk with me ... the stone has been removed from the tomb, there is no body, linen used to bind the body of Jesus is lying there. The cloth on Jesus’s head rolled up. We see a bit of confusion and a bit of chaos, lots of running between people, a few peeks into the empty space. There is weeping, there is some more peeking to make sure they are not mistaken.

Am I alright?

Do I dare hope?

How am I to make sense of this?

What did I just see? It is still dark....

It is dark around us. Metaphorically speaking.  
It is confusing.

How are we to make sense?

In India among some of the Christian communities – there is a practice. A practice that my grandparents, my parents, and the rest of my family along with the entire Christian community carried out. It sort of became a ritual when the community was strong and active. A ritual performed in the dark early hours of the day. The ritual was about going to the cemetery in the very early hours of Easter Sunday. Some participated in this ritual as early as 3 am, some went at 4. I think our family went between 4 and 5am. I am not certain of this. As a child, what I do remember is being woken up and having to get dressed and heading to the cemetery. It was short walk from home through fields - no paved walkways then. Even the cemetery was such. When we entered the cemetery, it was still dark and what you could sense, smell, hear, was unique. In the silence of the dark one could see graves covered in flowers, candles lit around them, incense burning in some places, people standing at the grave of their beloved, some leaving, others arriving. It was still dark.

I remember walking in the dark, not talking with anyone ...perhaps a whisper. Me being afraid of stumbling, of falling, of bruising my knee. Making sure I was near someone to hold on to...

The first Easter began in the dark. We find ourselves in the dark today – even though there is so much information around us. There is so much circulating - a virtual buzz, yet we are not sure what is true and what is the truth?

We are here on this Easter morning. The liturgical calendar has brought us here. We have also arrived here by the power of the story – a story from the texts we consider sacred.

We have reached this space in time by the strength of our memory – we do this in remembrance.

We have arrived here on this Easter morning, in the darkness, on the strength of our hope.

I wonder what Mary viscerally experienced as she walked towards the tomb, I wonder what the air felt like that early morning? What was Mary thinking once she saw the stone removed? What are we thinking? What are we feeling?

This Mary, Mary of Magdala, has been through some difficult experiences. She was oppressed and constrained by her life experiences, in the form of what the world of her time considered as demons. That was, until she found release from that enslavement- through Jesus. She was not at liberty to see the truth and beauty around her for a while. She moved from darkness to light.

At the beginning of the Gospel according to John we read that “light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it” (John 1:5).

It would be good to notice Mary since she has some experience maneuvering through the dark.

“They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him.” (vs. 2)

Mary has not yet peeked into the tomb; she has just made an assumption at first glance. She has perceived that someone has removed the body of Jesus, perhaps someone has stolen the body – this without even sticking her head into the tomb – it is a detail that the Gospel writer does not provide.

Maybe Mary jumped to a conclusion. When was the last time you made a conclusion based on an assumption? Do you remember the result? What assumptions if any have you made about what is going on in our world right now?

Nevertheless, Mary has now run back to share with Peter what she perceives has occurred. Feels like a relay. There they run, Peter and the beloved disciple. They look – Peter first – and yep, the tomb is empty! This is a rather different view than that of Lazarus who was encountered earlier in the biblical story (in John 11:44). Lazarus was bound and his body decaying.

Here the bindings are left behind. There is no body. The fabric from Jesus' head had been rolled and set aside. No one in here. And so, we are told that the beloved disciple 'saw and believed.' Have you seen something in your life and ended up believing it? What did this disciple believe – was it that Jesus's body was missing and stolen? Or did he believe that Jesus prevailed and overthrew the powers of the world, of this earth, this planet? (16:33)

The next section of the relay sees Peter and the beloved disciple return home. Interestingly there is no investigating (that we know of), no smile (expressing satisfaction that Jesus did what he said he would). No celebration yet!

How are you feeling this day – are you celebrating this morning? There are no sunrise services, there are no regular Easter Morning services and celebrations. No wearing of Easter clothes/dresses to church, probably no Easter Egg hunt if you ever had one. Are you still pondering if it is Easter? It is hard especially when no one is in church? Harder still when kids will not be able to see their grandparents?

Or are we weeping like Mary? It is not written in the text, and so we are left to wonder if either Peter or the beloved disciple had any time or emotional space to offer a few words that would console Mary before they headed home. Mary is standing outside, then she 'bends and looks into the tomb' (v.11) and she sees two angels and they ask her an obvious question – why are you weeping?

Do we find ourselves weeping today?

Are we weeping at the slow destruction of mother earth – a lush body that is turning barren?

Are we weeping at the desire of humanity to destroy each other with weapons – rather than providing care for humanity?

Are we weeping at the injustices committed around the world?

Are we weeping at the empire-building that has run amok?

Do we weep for the victims of domestic violence that has escalated today during the time of a pandemic?

Are we weeping at the breakdown of trust and respect for those who are different from us?

Are we weeping at the devaluing of truth, in *our* times?

The virus among us has caused many to weep. There is darkness...

Woman, why are you weeping? Members and friends of Brunswick Uniting why are you weeping?

Mary shares what she perceives has happened, there is no response.

She is asked the same question by another person, not the gardener as perceived.

Whom are you looking for? The risen Jesus asks.

Imagine being asked the question this Easter morning. What are you looking for?

Can you hear your name being spoken... Amelia, Claire, Mal, Jaime, Susan, Jenne, Daniel, Hannah...?

"Come and see ..."

We are being invited to come and see!

Come and see what is happening, there was darkness, now there is light!

We are in the garden, the garden where God came looking for the humans God created.

Jesus is inviting us to see the new - there is new life – can you see it?  
We are in the garden where new life is bursting forth out of ashes.

Jesus commissions Mary to go and tell the others that the story is not yet over, there is more yet to come. This is not the end.

Resurrection follows death. Resurrection follows oppression. Resurrection follows the dis-ease of a pandemic. Resurrection is a surprise and it is just the beginning.  
God is with us. God is around us.

I invite us to keep looking for rebirth. Resurrection of that which is around us and within us. This is our commissioning, or rather a *re*commissioning, as disciples of Christ to go and look for the signs of life amid chaos.

God created the world out of chaos- God will continue to create and recreate.  
And when you see new life, “go and tell everyone that God is not done yet!”

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

Amen.

## Offering Song

Saide

At this time in the service we make our offering, an offering of our time, our gifts and our money for the work of our community, the church, and the world. Please continue to do this in whatever way you are able. A unique opportunity to do so is to donate working mobile phones with chargers that you no longer need to be given away as gifts to people who usually attend the Olive Way. We have received funding from Inner North for sim cards. Please contact Peter Blair, our Olive Way Pastor, or check the Olive Press on our website for further details. Let us reflect now on what we can offer from our hearts as we prepare to celebrate Holy Communion singing ‘You are holy’.

*You are holy, TiS 753*

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*You are holy, you are whole. You are always ever more  
than we ever understand. You are always at hand.  
Blessed are you coming near; blessed are you coming here  
to your church in wine and bread, raised from soil, raised from dead.*

*You are holy. You are wholeness,  
you are present, let the cosmos praise you, Lord!  
Hallelujah, hallelujah,  
hallelujah, hallelujah, our Lord!*

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SONG: *You are holy*, by Per Gunnar Harling,  
from *Together in Song*, Harper Collins Religious, Copyright uncertain

## Prayers of the People

Helen

God of the wilderness

We have passed through the wilderness of the Crucifixion. Dreading the days and moments that we know will come and yet longing for the joy that comes with the rising of the sun on Easter Day, when we can say

Christ is Risen, He is Risen Indeed.

Lord of the Dance of life,

Be present as we meet you in our homes instead of at church. It is difficult at the moment, we are used to being together and finding support in each other. Help us to find a new way to worship and a new way to care for each other.

Loving and compassionate God, we pray that we live in your image. That we are Tolerant, considerate, and compassionate people in this time of great stress and anxiety. We pray for us all in our isolation, and fear. But especially for the homeless, for they can't isolate themselves and are vulnerable in the cold and rain. We pray for those who find themselves stranded far from home and support, and for those who die alone in overworked hospitals. Lord we pray for those who live in countries at war, for refugees and those who live with disaster, flood, drought, and all who survived the recent bush fires here in Australia. We pray that they are not forgotten in the turmoil of trying to live through the crisis of Covid 19

Lord of Light, Love and Life

We give thanks and pray for Doctors, nurses, paramedics, orderlies, cleaners, medical researchers, and scientists. And for all those who are striving to overcome this crisis and keep the countries functioning. In this time Lord, we pray that although we cannot meet together, we will find new ways to encourage and support one another. That the earth can breathe again. That we learn to find joy in small things, and that we can learn to look around us, and see and hear the wonder of your creation.

God of our past and our future

Your light, which had gone out on Good Friday, has blazed to life again and our Mourning has turned to joy and Dancing.

Christ is Risen, He is Risen Indeed.

Amen

## Holy Communion

Valentina

### Invitation

All are welcome at this table.

You are invited just as you are.

There is a place for everyone here.

If you have not had a chance this morning to set your table,  
I invite you to take a few minutes to do so.

Adults please invite the children to join you as you set the table.

Partaking of this meal virtually is different than partaking of it in person  
when we are a gathered community.

When it is time to receive the bread and juice today  
you are invited freely to join in or to remain silent,  
to receive or to pass  
as you are comfortable.

This meal does not depend  
on our understanding or familiarity,  
but on the compassionate grace of God.

So, you are welcome to come and meet Christ at the table.

*I invite us to join in our communion song.*

## Communion Song

*Jesus is risen from the grave, Love from below, vs 1&6*

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1. *Jesus is risen from the grave,  
Jesus is risen from the grave,  
Jesus is risen from the grave,  
ALLELUIA*

6. *Jesus is here in bread and wine*

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Join me in our prayer of Thanksgiving by reading the parts in bold on your screen.

We are the body of Christ.

***His Spirit is with us.***

Let us lift up our 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***

Holy and life-giving God,  
you are Creator of all things,  
and Lover of each one.

In Christ you share with us  
the joy and pain of our humanity.  
We give thanks that through him,  
life rises from despair  
and all things are made new.

Dying - Christ destroyed our death

***Alleluia***

Rising - he restored our life

***Alleluia***

Therefore,

with the whole creation

we sing in thanks and praise:

*TiS.764 Holy, holy,*

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*Holy (Holy), holy, (holy)  
holy Lord of power and might.  
Heaven (Heaven), earth (earth)  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
All glory to your name. (All glory to your name.)  
All glory to your name. (All glory to your name.)  
Blessed (Blessed), blessed (blessed)  
is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Blessed (Blessed), blessed (blessed)  
is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest. (Hosanna in the highest.)  
Hosanna in the highest. (Hosanna in the highest.)*

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SONG: Holy, holy, © Wild Goose Publications, Iona Community, Glasgow, Scotland,  
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Blessed is our brother Jesus,  
known again in the breaking of bread;  
who on the night of his betrayal took bread,  
gave thanks, broke it and said:

***This is my body given for you.***

***Whenever you eat it, remember me.***

**(lift Bread)**

In the same way also he took the cup.

Again he gave thanks,

shared it with his disciples and said:

***This is the cup of a new covenant in my blood.***

***whenever you drink it, remember me.***

**(Lift Cup)**

**(Hold hand out over the bread the juice)**

Come now, disturbing Spirit of our God,  
breathe on these bodily things  
and make us one body in Christ.  
Open our graves, unbind our eyes,  
and name us here;  
touch and heal all that has been buried in us,  
that we need not cling to our fear,  
but may go forth with power  
to release resurrection in the world.

For:

***Christ has died,***

***Christ is risen,***

***Christ will come again.***

Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ

all glory be to you,

Source of all Being,

Eternal Wisdom and Holy Spirit,

One God and Mother of all creation.

***Amen.***

The Lord's Prayer

***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.***

### Breaking of the bread

Christ is the bread of resurrection:

***new life for all.***

(break bread)

Christ is the cup of life:

***who revives the faint-hearted.***

(lift cup)

We who are many are one body,

***for we all share in the one bread.***

Let us receive what we are.

Let us become what we receive:

**The body of Christ.**

The gifts of God for the people of God.

### **Distribution (at home)**

You are invited to take a piece of bread as we partake together.

If you are with others you are invited to offer the bread to those with you who wish to partake of this meal.

*saying these words*

***This bread is the Bread of Life. (Let us eat)***

You are invited to take your cup as we partake together saying these words

***This cup is the Cup of Hope. (Let us drink)***

### **Blessing**

Be at peace and live as children of the resurrection.

### **The Peace**

The peace of the risen Christ be with you all.

I invite you to share the peace in a gesture with those around you.

### **Sending Song**

Thine be the glory, AHB 303

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- 1 *Thine be the glory, risen conquering Son,  
endless is the victory 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 conquering Son,  
endless is the victory 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 is living, death has lost its sting.*
  - 3 *No more we doubt thee, glorious Prince of life;  
life is nought without thee: aid us in our strife;  
make us more than conquerors, through thy deathless love"  
bring us safe through Jordan to thy home above.*
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## Blessing and Sending

*Friends, I invite you to stand for the blessing as able wherever you are.*

Christ is risen!!

**He is risen indeed!!**

Friends,

As you await release from your confined spaces, know that

The God who created us  
will bring light into our darkness today and always

The Christ who has risen,  
is the source of all life today and always

The Holy Spirit who breathes life  
will transform us and the world around us today and always.

Be at peace and celebrate the joy of resurrection  
in your living and your being.

Amen.

## Closing song

SONG: [Halle, halle, halle](#), TiS 720

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Halle, halle, hallelujah!  
Halle, halle, hallelujah! (Halleluja!)  
Halle, halle, hallelujah!  
Hallelujah, hallelujah! (Halleluja!)

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## Closing verse on screen

Christ is Risen! He is risen indeed.

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<sup>ii</sup> Pike, Betty, *The Power of Story*. John Garratt Publishing, Victoria. P. 101.