

He graced lives with healing and hope, with compassion and power and as if that were not enough, he gave his very life for us. On the night of his betrayal, as he sat at the table and broke bread with his friends, he said: 'Take and eat; this is my body which is broken for you. Remember me each time you do this.' After they had eaten, he took the cup, and said: 'Remember me as you drink from this, for it is my life, poured out for you - the beginning of a new relationship with God.'

God of all power, breathe your Holy Spirit upon us, and upon these gifts of bread and wine, that they may be for us the life of Christ and that we may make that life visible through our faithful witness to him.
In Jesus' name we pray. Amen

THE LORD'S PRAYER

BREAKING THE BREAD

LAMB OF GOD

DISTRIBUTION OF THE ELEMENTS

During communion the choir sings: *Surrexit Christus, alleluia! Cantate Domino, alleluia! Christ is risen. Sing to the Lord. Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, for his love has no end.*
(The Taize community)

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

This has been no ordinary meal. It has been one in which we have been fed and nourished with the life of Jesus, our crucified and risen Lord. May we go from here, refreshed and eager, to share that life with others. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

HYMN 531: "Sent forth by God's blessing, our true faith confessing"

BENEDICTION

Go in peace to love and serve our living Lord.
We go in the power of Christ's resurrection! Alleluia!
May God, the creator of all life, Jesus Christ, the source of eternal life, and the Holy Spirit, the power in each and every life, bless you, this day and every day. **THREEFOLD AMEN**

Organ postlude: Postlude on 'This joyful Eastertide' - John Marsh (1995)
(You are invited to remain seated until the end of the postlude)



The Auburn Newsletter

Hawthorn Uniting Parish

Sunday 1st April 2018

Service Today

10am Easter Communion
Rev Steve Crump

Next Sunday

10 am Worship Service
Rev Steve Crump

Welcome to all who worship at Auburn today.
Please remain for tea or coffee in the church after the service.

EASTER SUNDAY

ORGAN PRELUDE: Fanfare on 'Thine be the glory'
Charles Callahan (2015))

INTROIT: *Psalm 118 (TiS 74)*
This is the day that the Lord has made,
let us rejoice and be glad in it.

LIGHTING THE EASTER CANDLE
The Canticle for Easter (*UiW p. 156*)

Response

*Rejoice, heavenly powers! Sing choirs of angels!
Jesus Christ our King is risen!*

HYMN 380: "Yours be the glory"

PRAYER OF ADORATION AND PRAISE

Yours is the glory, O God,
for raising Jesus from the darkness of death.
Yours is the glory, O Christ,
for being prepared to conquer death
and to give us the gift of eternal life.
And, as if that were not enough, you greet us
by name, as you greeted Mary in the garden,
and transform our lives forever with your Easter life.

Sunday Service

10 am weekly

Holy Communion:

monthly:

10 am: 3rd Sunday

Music in Liturgy:

monthly:

10 am: 4th Sunday

Morning Coffee

10.15am monthly
1st Thursday in the
Eileen Pawsey
Room

Church Council:

7.45 pm monthly
1st Wed in the
Pawsey Room

Church Lunch:

12 noon in the Hall
monthly 3rd Sunday

*NB: Dates and times
may occasionally
change documented
in the pew sheet
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Risen Lord, we worship and adore you; and we pray that the Holy Spirit, your life in us, will so transform us to your image, that we radiate your glory here, through our rejoicing and praise, and in all the places where people's lives are still affected by the powers of death and sin.

Yours is the glory, O God, for showing us the human face of your love in Jesus, your Son, our risen Lord.

Yours is the glory, risen Lord Jesus, and we rejoice that 'endless is the victory that you over death have won'.

Alleluia! Christ is risen! **Christ is risen indeed! Amen**

HYMN 390: "Alleluia, alleluia, give thanks to the risen Lord"

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O God, like the first witnesses of the resurrection, we too, come to the empty tomb with a variety of responses. We hear the good news that Jesus has risen, but so often the evidence for this is difficult to detect in our lives.

Forgive us when we fail to make the risen Christ evident through our words - our actions - our lives .

As we come to the empty tomb seeking forgiveness for all our faults and shortcomings, help us to re-order our priorities so that we put the risen Christ first in our lives at all times.

Forgive us when we forget that the tomb is forever empty because Jesus is here and wherever Christians live and worship.

Help us always to remember the costly act of Jesus Christ which gives us the gift of a new beginning - guilt free and graced by love. The tomb is empty because Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia. Amen!

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Jesus "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."
(Acts 10: 42b,43) Hear, believe, and live the good news.

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

Thanks be to God!

DOXOLOGY: Glory to God (TiS 757b)

OLD TESTAMENT: Isaiah 25: 6-9

EPISTLE: Acts 10: 34-43

Gospel Acclamation: **Alleluia.** Christ, our paschal lamb, has been sacrificed.

Therefore, let us keep the feast. Alleluia. (1 Cor. 5:7, 8)

GOSPEL: Mark 16: 1-8

REFLECTION

HYMN 362: "Jesus Christ is risen today"

OFFERING

OFFERTORY PRAYER

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING/INTERCESSION

THE PEACE: The peace of the risen Christ be with you.

And also with you. (Congregation share a sign of peace)

HYMN 511: "Let us break bread together with the Lord" (Vs 1, 2, & 3)

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING (Communion Setting: Matthias (TiS 757)

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to God.

It is right to give God our thanks and praise.

Living God, on this most joyous day we offer our thanks and praise to you; creator of heaven and earth, creator and lover of all humanity. Even when we turned away from you, you never rejected us. You spoke words of mercy and love through the prophets; promising to swallow up death forever and to host a banquet for all people; a feast of life-giving sustenance.

And so, with all the company of heaven and earth we praise your holy name singing:

**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.**

Holy God, this meal which we share today is indeed the celebration that death has been defeated forever. We celebrate also how the language of your love became audible through the Word made flesh, Jesus Christ, your beloved Son, our beloved Lord; and how the nature of your love became visible through his life and sacrificial love.