

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION
THE LORD'S PRAYER

HYMN 384 "Through the Red Sea"

BLESSING

DISMISSAL

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia.
In the name of Christ. Alleluia!

ORGAN POSTLUDE:

(Please remain seated during the postlude)

Notices

Synod 2022 will be held at Box Hill Town Hall: 9am Friday 1 July to 4pm Sunday 3 July. If you would like to attend please fill in a nomination form (copies on the resource table) – **closing date 22 April**.

The Annual Congregational Meeting will be held after the morning service on Sunday 1 May. Reports will be available next Sunday.

The next Coffee Morning will be held on Thursday 5 May. Guest speaker will be the Rev Dr James Donaldson.

Flowers today: Fay Hatton	Next week: Daphne Arthur
Reader today: John Suriano	Next week: Anne Friend
Readings next week:	
Acts 5: 27-32	Psalm 118: 14-29
Rev 1: 4-8	John 20: 19-31

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Auburn Uniting Church Hawthorn

We are worshipping on the land of the Wurundjeri people of the Kulin nations. We acknowledge them as traditional owners and custodians. For millennia they have cared for the land through their law, customs and spirituality. We pay our respect to their elders past and present and commit ourselves to working for reconciliation and justice.

Sunday 17th April 2022

Service Today

10am Worship Service
Rev Steve Crump

Next Sunday

10am Worship Service
Rev Dr James Donaldson

Welcome to all who worship at Auburn today.

The order of service proceeds without announcement.

Responses by the congregation are in **bold** type.

You are invited to stay for morning tea in the church after the service

Easter Day

ORGAN PRELUDE:

INTROIT: The Lord is Risen

Martin How

CALL TO WORSHIP based on Isaiah 65: 17-25:

Be glad and rejoice in what God is creating . . . So let us be glad and rejoice in what God has created in us - new life - the life of the risen Christ.

Alleluia! Amen!

HYMN 362 "Jesus Christ is risen today"

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLE

During the lighting of the Christ candle, the Choir sings the Exsultet – words at UiW p156. The Congregation is invited to join in the response, Rejoice, heavenly powers! Sing choirs of angels! Jesus Christ our King is risen!

PRAYER OF ADORATION AND PRAISE

Yours is the glory, O God, for raising Jesus from the darkness of death.

Risen Lord, we worship and adore you.

Yours is the glory, O Christ, for being prepared, through your sacrificial love, to conquer death and give us the gift of eternal life.

Risen Lord, we worship and adore you.

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.

Risen Lord, we worship and adore you.

We pray that the Holy Spirit, your life in us, will so conform 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 sin and death.

Risen Lord, we worship and adore you.

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 380 "Yours be the glory"

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of love, like the first witnesses of the resurrection . . . 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 and our lives.

For so many people, the only good news of this weekend is that it provides the opportunity for a holiday in pleasant Autumn weather.

Forgive us if we feel that this time of worship is an interruption to our planned holiday activities.

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 is wherever Christians live and worship.

Help us always to remember the costly act of Jesus Christ - an act 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

Thanks be to God!

OLD TESTAMENT: Isaiah 65: 17 - 25

PSALM 118:1-2, 14-24 (*words: TIS 74*)

NEW TESTAMENT: Acts 10: 34 - 43

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia. Let us sing to the LORD, who has | triumphed gloriously; our strength and our might, who has become | our salvation. **Alleluia.** (Exod. 15:1-2)

GOSPEL: John 20: 1 - 18

ANTHEM: Christus Vincit (Joseph Noyon, arranged Gerre Hancock)

Christus vincit, Christus regnat,

Christus imperat.

Gloria patri et filio

et spiritu sancto.

Gloria patri in principio

et nunc et semper,

et in saecula saeculorum.

[Christ has conquered, Christ our Sovereign,

Christ reigns for evermore

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,

and to the Holy Ghost.

As it was in the beginning is now and ever shall be

World without end.]

SERMON

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

CONGREGATIONAL REAFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM (UiW p 30)

OFFERING and OFFERTORY PRAYER

NOTICES AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH