

ORMOND UNITING CHURCH



18 APRIL

EASTER 3



Peter and John healing the cripple at the gate of the Temple
Rembrandt von Rijn 1659

Congregational responses are printed in bold type

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

There are many who say, 'O that we might see some good!

Let the light of your face shine on us, O Lord!

You have put gladness in my heart

more than when their grain and wine abound.

HYMN: TIS 380

Yours be the glory, risen, conquering Son,
endless is the victory over death you've won;
angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away,
kept the folded grave-clothes, where your body lay.

*Yours be the glory, risen, conquering Son,
endless is the victory over death you've won.*

See, 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 the Lord is living, death has lost its sting.

Refrain

No more we doubt you, glorious Prince of Life;
life is naught without you: aid us in our strife;
make us more than conquerors through your deathless love;
bring us safe through Jordan to your home above.

Refrain

Edmond Louis Budry 1854-1932
tr. Richard Birch Hoyle 1875-1939 *alt.*
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PRAYERS OF GATHERING IN GOD'S PRESENCE

In this Season
we are gathered,
welcoming love's
return

**Our hearts are lifted,
We open our eyes,
We welcome love.**

The tomb is empty,
The stone laid back.

**The womb is full,
The stones cry out for joy.**

Risen one,
Stand among us,
Speak your words of peace,
Release us from our fears,
Heal us from our wounds.

**Forgive our betrayals,
Our denials of your love,
That we may participate in your just living.**

Holy dancer,
you soar from the grave
with cosmic rhythm,
wiping earth's tears
in heralding the dawn.

**Blessed, Risen One,
Hold our hands
In the dance of justice,
Weave our steps into spirals of freedom. Amen**

SERVICE OF THE WORD

Your Word, O Lord, is a lamp to our feet;
A light to our path

Acts of the Apostles: 3. 1-19

Psalm 4

Answer me when I call, O God of my right!
You gave me room when I was in distress.
Be gracious to me, and hear my prayer.

How long, you people, shall my honour suffer shame?
How long will you love vain words, and seek after lies?

But know that the Lord has set apart the faithful for himself;
the Lord hears when I call to him.

When you are disturbed, do not sin;
ponder it on your beds, and be silent.

Offer right sacrifices,
and put your trust in the Lord.

There are many who say, 'O that we might see some good!
Let the light of your face shine on us, O Lord!'
You have put gladness in my heart
more than when their grain and wine abound.

I will both lie down and sleep in peace;
for you alone, O Lord, make me lie down in safety.

Epistle: 1 John 3. 1-2

The word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Gospel: Luke 24. 36b - 48

The Gospel of the Lord
Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ

HYMN: TIS 210

O for a thousand tongues to sing
my great Redeemer's praise,
the glories of our God and King,
the triumphs of his grace!

Jesus! the name that charms our fears,
that bids our sorrows cease;
such music in the sinner's ears
is life, and health, and peace.

He breaks the power of cancelled sin,
he sets the prisoner free;
his blood can make the foulest clean,
his blood availed for me.

He speaks, and listening to his voice
new life the dead receive,
the mournful, broken hearts rejoice,
the humble poor believe.

Hear him, you deaf; his praise, you dumb,
your loosened tongues employ;
you blind, behold your Saviour come;
and leap, you lame, for joy!

My gracious Master and my God,
assist me to proclaim,
to spread through all the earth abroad
the honours of your name.

Charles Wesley
1707-88 *alt.*

SERMON

HYMN: TIS 618

What does the Lord require
for praise and offering?

What sacrifice desire
or tribute bid you bring?

Do justly;

love mercy;

walk humbly with your God.

Rulers of earth, give ear!
should you not justice show?
Will God your pleading hear,
while crime and cruelty grow?

Do justly;

Leaders in wealth and trade,
for whom the worker toils,
think not to win God's aid
if greed your commerce soils.

Do justly; ...

Still down the ages ring
the prophet's stern commands:
to merchant, worker, king,
he brings God's high demands.

Do justly; ...

How shall our life fulfil
God's law so hard and high?
Let Christ endue our will
with grace to fortify.

Then justly,

in mercy,

we'll humbly walk with God.

Albert Frederick Bayly 1901-84 alt.
based on Micah 6:6-8

OFFERING -

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

HYMN: TIS 387

Christ is alive! Let Christians sing.
The cross stands empty to the sky.
Let streets and homes with praises ring;
Love, drowned in death, shall never die.

Christ is alive! No longer bound
to distant years in Palestine,
but saving, healing, here and now,
and touching every place and time.

In every insult, rift and war,
where colour, scorn or wealth divide,
Christ suffers still, yet loves the more,
and lives, where even hope has died.

Women and men, in age and youth
can feel the Spirit, hear the call,
and find the way, the life, the truth,
revealed in Jesus, freed for all.

Christ is alive, and comes to bring
good news to this and every age,
till earth and sky and ocean ring
with joy, with justice, love, and praise.

Brian Arthur Wren
1936-

BLESSING AND SENDING OUT

Greater than death is the power of the resurrection life;
Stronger than violence is the grasp of God's love
and more shaping than any human curse is the blessing of God.

and the blessing of God ...

Amen.

WORD OF MISSION

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord

In the name of Christ. Amen

TIS 383

All peoples living in lands washed by the seas,
nations under all four directions of the wind,
can be joyful in the resurrection of the Lord.

O Let us too be happy, rejoice and cry out 'Hallelujah!'

He is risen and opens heav'n for all those who believe.

Traditional Torres Strait Islands hymn

tr. David Thompson 1941-

adapted by Wesley Milgate 1916-

POSTLUDE

You can find a copy of today's sermon along with other congregational information on the church website.

Peter and John healing the cripple at the gate of the Temple, 1659, Etching, drypoint and burin, second state of four, 180 x 215 mm, Teylers Museum, Haarlem.

Gathering prayer, Elizabeth Baxter, Easter Celebration from Holy Rood House, Eggs and Ashes, Wild Goose Working Group.

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NEWS AND NOTICES

MORNING CUPPA

Recently on Maundy Thursday, we had the opportunity to have the Passover meal, known as the Seder, explained to us. We then shared in a light, COVID-compliant, meal together. We were led in this by Pam Spiegel from the Etz Chayim Synagogue in East Bentleigh. You may remember Pam from Multi-faith October in 2018. Pam has invited any of the congregation here at Ormond that may wish to join in at their next event **on Tuesday 27th April at 10.00am**. It is a morning cuppa event with guest speaker. If planning to attend, it is important to register beforehand (see details below).



 Please join us for
The Cuppa Club



**Please join our guest speaker
Max Freilich, who will be talking about
"Cheeses of the World".**

**Tuesday 27th April,
from 10:00 – 11:30am**

**Please register with the Office if you're coming in
person - info@etzchayim.org.au**

To join us on Zoom, simply click
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81859593451>
Passcode: 206676

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ROSTER for Sunday 25 April 2021

READING	Frank Ortolan	
PRAYERS	Mardie Townsend	
EARLY WORD	Karen Roberts	
DOOR DUTY	Frank Ortolan	Dianne Richter
SOUND	Gary Richter	
COUNTING	Dot Rose	Jan Rose
MUSIC	Karen Roberts	
MORNING TEA	Neville Parker	Lynne Parker
RESOURCES DELIVERY (23 April 21)	Marg Davis	

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A Pastoral Letter from Pam

16 April 2021

Dear Ormond Friends,

The school holidays are almost over and have been spent with a bit more freedom than last year's ones. My grandsons and I are off to the Melbourne Sports Museum today. I last went there about 30 years ago when I was still teaching and we had a day there as staff sussing it out as a possible excursion. I expect it will be more interactive these days as technology has developed.

Grand daughter Lizzy is going shopping with her mum for a dress to wear to the school formal, hence the boys are with me. Can you imagine trying to buy a good dress with two boys tagging on! She owes me! Once about three years ago I had Benj with me while I bought a coat in Myer. He sat on a chair reading the newspaper, practising to be a husband .

Then next week I think we will be settling into the descent into winter. It's certainly been a lot cooler, hasn't it. This morning the hot air balloons were floating in the mist, looking quite eerie.

A few more planes are flying overhead on their way to Tullamarine. Last year there were virtually none.

Last year I mentioned the new apartment block going up. It is now four storeys high. It has been fascinating seeing the cladding being lifted up by crane and anchored to the sides. One day a man was being dangled over the side from the crane in what looked like a wooden crate. He was caulking the joins in the cladding.

At each level a new lot of concrete is siphoned in from a crane like a contraption . Some framing goes up for the inner walls and men scurry around setting it all to rights. The crane driver must have a good head for

heights and the others too. It makes me think of the Hebrew slaves building the pyramids and how amazing and how awful it all would have been.

I am wondering if I will have any view left when it is all finished. But when we consider how apartments help stop the urban sprawl they become a fact of life these days.

I find I have a dilemma. I meant to pack away the trundle bed and change all the sheets but Nicko, on his own volition, has been and made the beds and vacuumed the floor and so I don't have the heart to dismantle his efforts. They are boys of contrast. Benj has made a production of drying a few dishes. You may have thought it was slave labour he was assigned to. But next time he is likely to be the helpful one. Such is the life of a grandmother!

I had better get some more food ready for them.

I hope your week goes well.

With love,

Pam

DIARY DATES TO NOTE

Sunday 18th April 11.00 a.m. Morning Tea returns!

Wednesday 21st April 1.30 p.m. Friendship Circle

Monday 26th April 6.00 p.m. Material for *Pathfinder* due

Tuesday 27th April 7.45 p.m. Formation Group meeting

Saturday 1st May Doggy Day Out