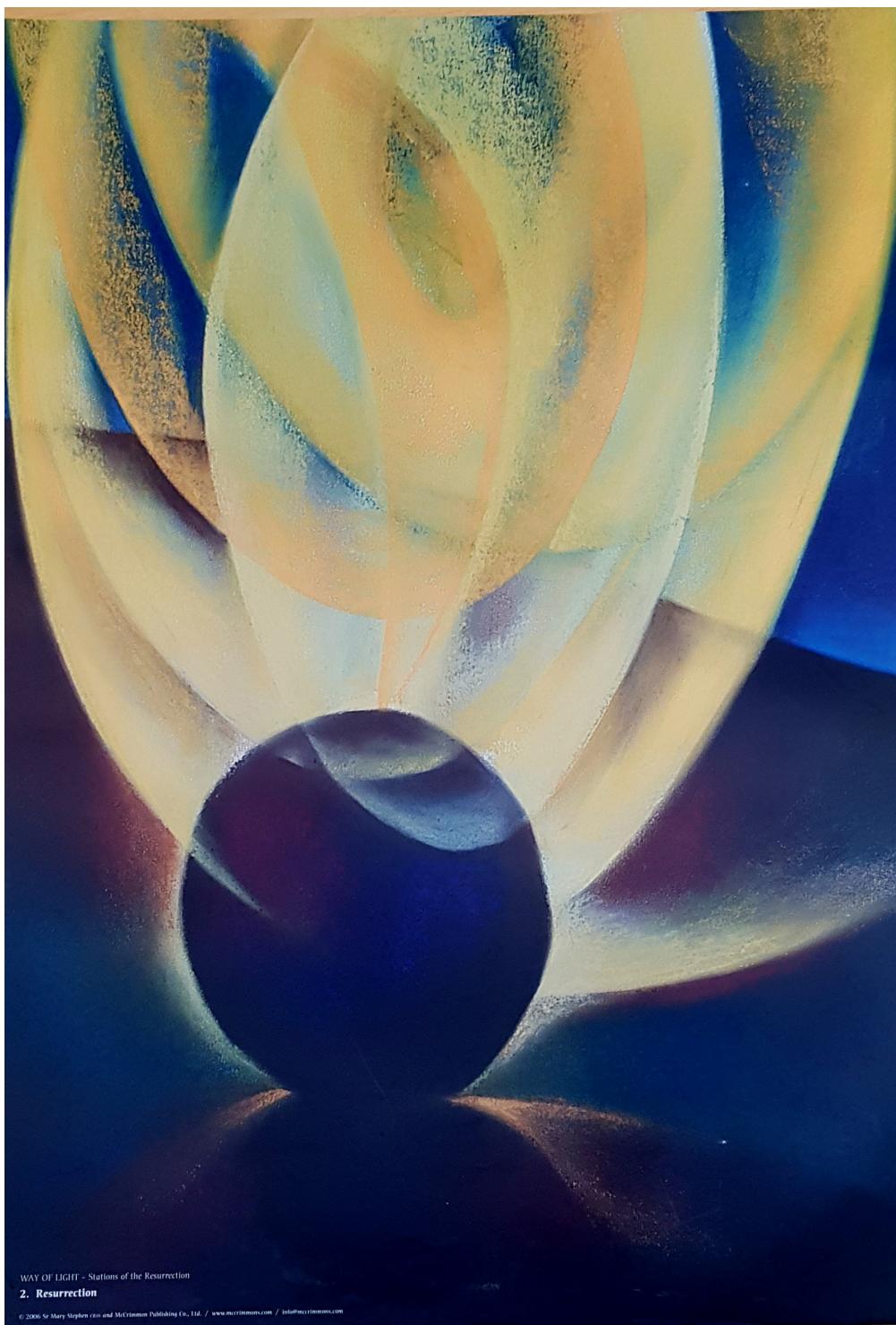




Eastwood Uniting Church

Easter Sunday

4th April 2021



Creating Community with God

Hymn: Easter glory fills the sky TiS 388 James Quinn 1919

Easter glory fills the sky, alleluia,
Christ now lives, no more to die, alleluia;
darkness has been put to flight, alleluia,
by the living Lord of light, alleluia.

See, the stone is rolled away, alleluia,
from the tomb where once he lay, alleluia;
he has risen as he said, alleluia,
glorious firstborn from the dead, alleluia.

Seek not life within the tomb, alleluia,
Christ stands in the upper room, alleluia,
risen glory he conceals, alleluia,
risen body he reveals, alleluia.

Christ, the victor over death, alleluia,
breathes onus the Spirit's breath, alleluia.
Paradise is our reward, alleluia,
endless Easter with our Lord, alleluia!

This is the Good News – The grave is empty, Christ is not here - He is risen,

HALLELUJAH!

This is the Good News – The light shines in the dark, and the dark can never put it out.

HALLELUJAH!

This is the Good News – Once we were no people, now we are God's people

HALLELUJAH!

Christ has made peace between peoples, and he has united us by breaking down the wall of hatred that separated us. Christ gave his own body.

Acknowledgement of land

We share peace with each other.

Bible Reading	Mark 16:1-8	Mandarin
¹ When the sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him.		
² And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb.		
³ They had been saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?"		
⁴ When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back.		
⁵ As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man, dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed.		
⁶ But he said to them, "Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him.		
⁷ But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you."		
⁸ So they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them; and they said nothing to any one, for they were afraid.		

3 Songs Praising God - Hallelujahs [Be still and know – p.17 Bell]
[Duncan Alleluia - p.9 Bell]
[Halle Halle – p.33 Bell]

Hallelujah

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.**

Encountering Human and Divine – Jesus Christ

A Time for Everyone The empty tomb

Song Hallelu Hallelu Hallelu Hallelujah – Praise ye the Lord

Hallelu Hallelu Hallelu Hallelujah! Praise ye the Lord!

Hallelu Hallelu Hallelu Hallelujah! Praise ye the Lord!

Praise ye the Lord, Hallelujah! Praise ye the Lord, Hallelujah!

Praise ye the Lord, Hallelujah! Praise ye the Lord!

Bible Readings

Isaiah 25:6-9

English

⁶ On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines, of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear.

⁷ And he will destroy on this mountain the shroud that is cast over all peoples, the sheet that is spread over all nations; he will swallow up death forever.

⁸ Then the Lord GOD will wipe away the tears from all faces, and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the LORD has spoken.

⁹ It will be said on that day, Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us. This is the LORD for whom we have waited; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

Acts 10:34-43

Mandarin and English

³⁴ Then Peter began to speak to them: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality,³⁵ but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him.³⁶ You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ--he is Lord of all.

³⁷ That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: ³⁸ 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.

³⁹ 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;⁴⁰ but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear,⁴¹ 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.⁴² 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.⁴³ All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

Message

Nicene Creed

We believe in one God,
the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
begotten from the Father before all ages,
God from God,
Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made;
of the same essence as the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation

he came down from heaven;
he became incarnate by the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary,
and was made human.

He was crucified for us under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered and was buried.

The third day he rose again, according to the Scriptures.

He ascended to heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again with glory
to judge the living and the dead.
His kingdom will never end.

And we believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life.
He proceeds from the Father and the Son,
and with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified.

He spoke through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.
We affirm one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look forward to the resurrection of the dead,
and to life in the world to come. Amen.

Hymn - Crown Him with many crowns TiS 228

1. Crown him with many crowns,
the Lamb upon the throne;
hark! how the heavenly anthem drowns
all music but its own:
awake, my soul, and sing
of him who died for me,
and hail him as your chosen king
through all eternity.
2. Crown him the Son of God
before the worlds began:
and we who tread where he has trod
crown him the Son of Man,
who every grief has known
that wrings the human breast,
and takes and bears them for his own,
that all in him may rest.
4. Crown him the Lord of life,
who triumphed o'er the grave,
and rose victorious in the strife
for those he came to save:
his glories now we sing
who died, and rose on high;
who died eternal life to bring,
and lives that death may die.

Matthew Bridges 1800-1894 and Godfrey Thring 1823-1903

Empowering by the Holy Spirit

Offering and Dedication

Prayers

For Faith – e.g. the faithful women

Living God,
long ago, faithful women
proclaimed the good news
of Jesus' resurrection,
and the world was changed forever.
Teach us to keep faith with them,
that our witness may be as bold,
our love as deep,
and our faith as true. Amen.

For the great cloud of witnesses – those who have died and are raised in Christ

For Hope

For the World and Our local Community

For renewal of faith and life

Hymn Jesus Christ is risen today TiS 362

1. Jesus Christ is risen today,
 alleluia!
 our triumphant holy day,
 alleluia!
 who so lately on the cross
 alleluia!
 suffered to redeem our loss,
 alleluia!

2. Hymns of praise then let us sing
 alleluia!
 unto Christ, our heavenly king,
 alleluia!
 who endured the cross and grave
 alleluia!
 sinners to redeem and save.
 alleluia!

3. But the pain that he endured
 alleluia!
 our salvation has procured;
 alleluia!
 now exalted he is king,
 alleluia!
 and the angels ever sing:
 alleluia!

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Blessing

The grave is empty, Christ is not here - He is risen,

HALLELUJAH!

The light shines in the dark, and the dark can never put it out.

HALLELUJAH!

Once we were no people, now we are God's people

HALLELUJAH!

As God's people we live in the resurrection!

Be blessed by God –

Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer – Father, Son and Spirit!

Be blessed – now and always!