

**Wesley Uniting Church  
May 12th, 2024 10.45am  
Sunday after Ascension**

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**The Gathering of God's People**

**Organ Prelude**

Organ Concerto in A minor by Bach/Vivaldi BWV 593, first movement

**Welcome and Lighting of the Community Candle**

## **Call to Worship**

Easter people, raise your voices, for you belong to the Risen Christ!

**We belong to Christ, and so we share in Christ together.**

Just as we share in Christ together, so we are called to share Christ with the world.

**We share Christ by proclaiming the good news of God's love to the world.**

How will you share God's love with the world?

**By loving, respecting, and honouring our neighbours, especially those the world neglects, overlooks, and ignores.**

Easter people, you belong to the Risen Christ!

**Because we belong to Christ, we will share Christ's love and belonging everywhere we go.**

Come, let us worship God together! **Amen.**

**Hymn 224 (i)** All hail the power of Jesus' name;

## **Prayers of Adoration**

### **Prayers of Confession**

The act of confessing our sin is not simply a recitation of our faults and wrongs, but also an opportunity to receive God's mercy and share in that abundant grace. Confident of God's love for us, let us offer our prayers, first in silence.

Holy God, we ask for your help, your power, your Spirit, so that we can amend our lives and grow more each day into the image of Christ.

**Choir side:** We confess that we fear what is different. We confess that it's easier to lock the doors of our community than to receive those who don't look like we look, love like we love, or vote the way we vote.

**Foyer side:** We confess that we have not lived out your call to share in abundant life and unconditional love.

**Choir side:** We believe that you have the power to turn us around to a more inclusive way of living, so we ask you to do that. We ask you to give us the courage to change.

**Foyer side:** We ask that you give us the energy, intelligence, imagination, and love to be your people in all we say and do. Amen.

### **Assurance of Forgiveness**

Friends, remember the promise the Apostle Paul declares: What will separate us from the love of Christ? Hardship? Distress? Peril or sword? Neither death nor life, nor things present nor things to come can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus. Let us rejoice that, no matter what is happening around us, no matter what we have done, God's deep love will never let us go.

**Thanks be to God!**

**Doxology**        No 379, v 1

He is risen, he is risen!

Tell it with a joyful voice:

he has burst his three days' prison,

let the whole wide world rejoice.

Death is conquered, we are free,

Christ has won the victory.

**The Peace**

## **The Service of the Word**

### **Prayer for Understanding**

First Reading: Acts 1: 1 - 11 page 884

Psalm:            No 47            page 450

**Hymn 216**    Rejoice, the Lord is King;

Gospel:          Luke 24: 44 – 53 page 861

This is the Gospel of the Lord - **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ**

## **Preaching**

**Hymn 369** Hail the day that sees him rise, *hallelujah!*

## **Offering**

Organ Concerto in A minor by Bach/Vivaldi BWV 593, second movement

## **Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession**

Liturgist: Grant each one courage and comfort through your Spirit.

Response: **May people everywhere find the fullness of life you intend for us all.**

# **The Sending Forth of the People of God**

## **Announcements**

**Hymn 237** Hail Redeemer, King divine!

## **Commission and Blessing**

## **Organ Postlude**

Organ Concerto in A minor by Bach/Vivaldi BWV 593, third movement



**Liturgist:** Graeme Brown  
**Preacher:** Rev'd Dr Geoff Dornan  
**Organist:** Mary Anne Neilson OAM  
**Bible Reader:** Ian Diamond  
**Flowers arranged by:** Heather Hart