

Easter Day Worship

Wesley Uniting Church

Sunday 21 April – 9am

Rev Drs Sarah Agnew and Ockert Meyer

Silence

Call: 'Run home'

Sing: TiS 389 Hear the bells ringing, they're singing

Hear the bells ringing,
They're singing that we can be born again.

Hear the bells ringing,
They're singing Christ is risen from the dead.

The angel up on the tombstone said,
'He is risen, just as he said.
Quickly now, go tell his disciples
that Jesus Christ is no longer dead!'

*Joy to the world, he is risen, alleluia
he's risen, alleluia,
he's risen, alleluia!
alleluia! alleluia!*

TiS 391 Come, God's people, sing for joy

Come, God's people, sing for joy,
shout your songs of gladness,
for the hope of Easter day
overcomes our sadness.
Comes with all God's people here,
who with true affection
join again to celebrate
Jesus' resurrection.

Years before, as Moses led
Israel's sons and daughters
from their bonds to exodus
through the Red sea waters:
so the living Lord of life
speaks through our baptism
of the new life which we share
with him who is risen.

That first Easter he arose,
his disciples greeting;
Christians now in every place
still their Lord are meeting.
Christ, who died for all the world,
in his death brings healing;
and his rising from the grave
is God's power revealing.

Story with the children: Andrew Johnson

Sing: ATW 437 I have seen the Lord

'I have seen the Lord', Mary told them all.
Then she told them what the Lord had said.
She was overjoyed when he spoke her name.
Jesus Christ is living though he once was dead.
Everything has changed death - is overwhelmed!
Life will never ever be the same.
She was overjoyed when he spoke her name.
Jesus Christ is living though he once was dead.

We have seen the Lord
We have heard his voice -
recognised him when he broke the bread
opened up our eyes, set our hearts on fire.
Jesus Christ is living though he once was dead.
Everything has changed death - is overwhelmed!
Life will never ever be the same.
Opened up our eyes, set our hearts on fire.
Jesus Christ is living though he once was dead

Praise & thanks: 'Rejoice!'

Confession and assurance of grace: 'it is true'

responses

we don't believe it

it is true!

we don't believe you

it is true!

we won't listen

it is true!

we trust our own eyes only

it is true!

Bible readings – Tanya Johnson

The story of Easter Day, according to Luke (24: 1-12),

paraphrased by Nathan Nettleton

A story from Isaiah (65:17-25), through which to consider the story of Jesus

Sing: Behold I make all things new

Behold, behold,

I make all things new

beginning with you

and starting with today.

Behold, behold,

I make all things new,

my promise is true,

for I am Christ the Way.

(John L. Bell)

Young ones to Easter activity with Cindy Ong

Preaching

Sing: TIS 392 At the dawning of salvation

'Easter prayers from and for the world'

Stand among us,

risen Christ Jesus:

bring peace to us again.

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Stand among us,

risen Christ Jesus:

bring joy to us again.

...

Stand among us,
risen Christ Jesus:
bring hope to us again

Receive offering

Sing: 'Open to invitation: now, abundant life!' (Tune TiS 380)

Yours be the glory, risen dauntless Love:
open the invitation, now: abundant life.
Angels again were with you, rolled the stone away,
you, set free from death to show us all the Way.

*Yours be the glory, risen dauntless Love:
open the invitation, now: abundant life!*

See there the women, faithful in loving care,
open to invitation, mystery and awe they shared.
Peter again ran headlong, rushed to see the grave,
all the beloved disciples saw and were amazed!

*Yours be the glory, risen dauntless Love:
open the invitation, now: abundant life!*

Glorious creation, shout and sing: rejoice!
God is recreating, calling out with joy;
former things shall not bring weeping and distress,
for the invitation reaches out to bless!

*Yours be the glory, risen dauntless Love:
open the invitation, now: abundant life!*

Here, now, we praise you, Wisdom and Word of God,
come to live among us, teach and show us Love.
Let your church with gladness, sing our Maker's song,
open to invitation, in the Spirit, one.

*Yours be the glory, risen dauntless Love:
open the invitation, now: abundant life!*

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Commissioning and Blessing: 'To Stay'

(all prayers today composed by Sarah Agnew, praythetory.blogspot.com)