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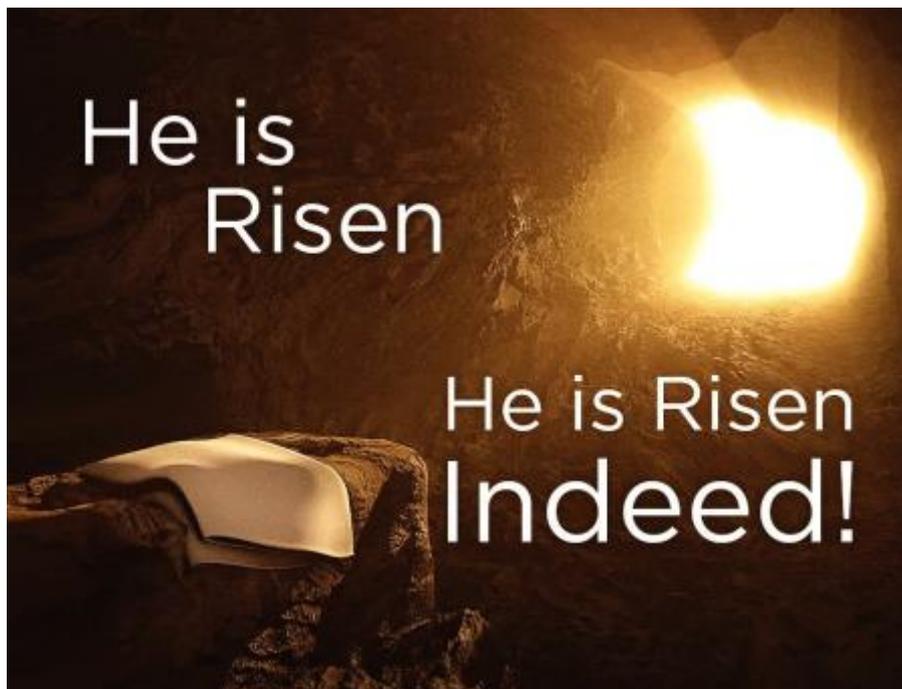
EASTER SUNDAY

12th April, 2020



Service Order

Online Service available at www.lvlp.org



Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, a descendant of David—that is my gospel.

-- 2 Timothy 2:8

LOCKYER VALLEY LUTHERAN PARISH

LAIDLEY, ROPELEY, LOCKROSE AND TABELL MINISTRY AREA

PROCESSIONAL HYMN LH 88 Jesus Christ is risen today

1/3
Jesus Christ is risen today, Alleluia!
Our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!
Who did once, on the cross, Alleluia!
Suffered to redeem our loss. Alleluia!

2/3
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!

3/3
But the pain that he endured Alleluia!
Our salvation has procured; Alleluia!
Now exalted he is king, Alleluia!
And the angels ever sing. Alleluia!

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Christ is risen. Alleluia!

He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

He has trampled down death by his death. Alleluia.

He has given eternal life to us. Alleluia.

GOSPEL

John 20:1-18

The Resurrection of Jesus

After the reading:

This is the Gospel of the Lord

Praise be to you, O Christ.

PRAYER

Lord Jesus Christ, thank you for rising from death. Let us share in your new life forever. Amen

INVOCATION

In the name of the Father and of the Son[†] and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Christ is risen. Alleluia!

He is risen indeed.

Alleluia!

EASTER PROCLAMATION

Christ yesterday, today and forever, the Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end. All time belongs to him, and all the ages; to him be glory and power, through every age and forever.

Amen.

Christ is risen. Alleluia!

He is risen indeed. Alleulia!

Christ has trampled down death by his death, and has brought light to those in the grave. And to us he has given eternal life.

Thanks be to God.

[The Paschal Candle is lit]

Let the heavens rejoice, and the earth be glad, and all creation, both seen and unseen, keep the feast.

Thanks be to God.

[The Paschal Candle is lifted up]

May the light of Christ, rising in glory, dispel the darkness of our hearts and minds.

Thanks be to God.

Christ is risen. Alleluia!

He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

SHARING THE GOOD NEWS

“He is risen!

He is Risen Indeed!”

HYMN

LHS 92 Christ the Lord is risen today

1/6

Christ the Lord is risen today,
Sons of men and angels say.
Raise your joys and triumphs high;
Sing, ye heavens; and earth, reply.

2/6

Love's redeeming work is done,
Fought the fight, the battle won;
Lo, our sun's eclipse is o'er!
Lo, He sets in blood no more!

3/6

Vain the stone, the watch, the seal;
Christ has burst the gates of hell.
Death in vain forbids His rise;
Christ has opened Paradise.

4/6

Lives again our glorious king:
Where, O death, is now thy sting?
Dying once, He all doth save:
Where thy victory, O grave?

5/6

Soar we now where Christ has led,
Following our exalted head;
Made like Him, like Him we rise;
Ours the cross, the grave, the skies.

6/6

Hail the Lord of earth and heaven!
Praise to Thee by both be given
Thee we greet triumphant now;
Hail, the resurrection Thou!

CONFESSION of sin

M: Friends in Christ: Our Lord Jesus Christ died and victoriously rose again for us, to overcome sin, death, and Satan. So, as people who share his new life, let's confess our sins to God our Father and ask him to forgive us through Jesus.

C. Lord God, heavenly Father, we confess to you that by nature we are sinful and unclean. We are sorry that we have sinned against you by

thought, word, and deed. Have mercy on us for Jesus' sake, forgive us all our sins, and bring us to eternal life. Amen.

GOD'S FORGIVENESS

M. In baptism, God forgave our sin, delivered us from death and the devil, and gave everlasting salvation to all who believe what he promised. Therefore by the authority of my Lord Jesus Christ, who died and rose again for us, I forgive you all your sins, in the name of the Father and of the Son † and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

GREETING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

LORD, HAVE MERCY

Lord Jesus Christ, hear our prayer and save us.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord Jesus Christ, hear our prayer and help us.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord Jesus Christ, hear our prayer and give us peace.

Lord, have mercy

HYMN LHS 770 Yours is the glory

Chorus

Yours is the glory, risen, conquering Son.
Endless is the victory over death you won.

1. Yours is the glory, risen, conquering Son,
endless is the victory over death you won;
angels in their raiment rolled the stones away,
kept the folded grave-clothes where your body lay;
2. 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 her Lord is living, death has lost its sting:
3. No more we doubt you, glorious Prince of life;
Life is nought 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:

PRAYER FOR EASTER

M: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

M: As we prepare to hear God's Word, let us pray that we rejoice in Christ's victory.

[silence for reflection]

M: Ever-living God,

C: we thank you that you have overcome the old powers of sin and death through the mighty resurrection of your Son, and have made all things new in him. Make us dead to sin and alive to you in Jesus Christ. For he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

FIRST READING

Acts 10:34-43

Summary of Jesus' life and ministry

After the reading:

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 118: 1-2,12-24

Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;

his love endures forever.

Let Israel say:

"His love endures forever."

The LORD is my strength and my song;

he has become my salvation.

Shouts of joy and victory resound in the tents of the righteous:

"The Lord's right hand has done mighty things!

The Lord's right hand is lifted high;

the Lord's right hand has done mighty things!"

I will not die but live and will proclaim what the Lord has done.

The Lord has chastened me severely, but he has not given me over to death.

Open for me the gates of righteousness;

I will enter and give thanks to the Lord!

This is the gate of the Lord

through which the righteous may enter.

I will give you thanks, for you answered me,

you have become my salvation.

The stone the builders rejected has become the capstone.

The Lord has done this, and it is marvelous in our eyes!

This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it!

Glory to the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forevermore. Amen.

SECOND READING

Colossians 3:1-4
Your life is hidden with Christ in God

After the reading:
This is the world of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

HYMN LHS 764 Now the green blade rises from the buried grain

1/4
Now the green blade rises from the buried grain,
wheat that in the dark earth many days has lain;
Love lives again, that with the dead has been:
Love has come again, like wheat that springs up green.

2/4
In the grave they laid him, Love whom men had slain,
thinking that never he would wake again;
laid in the earth like grain that sleeps unseen
Love has come again, like wheat that springs up green.

3/4
Up he sprang at Easter, like the risen grain,
he who for three days in the grave had lain;
raised from the dead my living Lord is seen
Love has come again, like wheat that springs up green.

4/4
When our hearts are wintry, grieving or in pain,
your touch can call us back to life again –
fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been:
Love has come again, like wheat that springs up green.

PASTOR JINGS EASTER MESSAGE: We shall not die because Jesus lives forever

Grace and peace to you from our Father through the resurrected Son our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen. The sermon for this Easter Sunday is based on all the readings we heard today.

Let us pray: Lord God, thank you for speaking with us in your beautiful Word, sanctify us in truth, your Word which is revealed and testified by the Son, is truth. Amen.

What a great joy to hear the good news proclaimed all over the world today: “He is risen; he is risen indeed!” This is the news we desperately need now, especially when we have been experiencing so many things right now, right here in our daily lives.

During the 40 days of Lent and one Holy Week, we have heard the stories of Jesus overcoming devil's temptation in the desert, of his self-revealing as the Messiah with the Samaritan woman, of his healing mercy with the blind man, and of the mighty power of resurrecting Lazarus. We also saw through the movie the sadly betrayal and denial by Jesus' disciples, we saw the harden-hearted Jewish people and the brutal killing executed by the power of state, the Romans. Jesus' life is totally a miracle—from his incarnation on Christmas Eve until his death on Good Friday and resurrection on Easter Sunday.

Jesus' life is well summarised by Peter in the First reading Act chapter 10. It is a pure Gospel for everyone: "Jesus is preaching peace of God and he is Lord of all," and "everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name." Because Jesus Christ is the way God prepared for this fallen world to be saved. Do you still remember the story we heard in Ash Wednesday – the fall of Adam and Even when they faced the temptation? Jesus perfectly defeated the devil's temptation on our behalf, so God forgives us when he sees us in the lens of His Son Jesus Christ especially when we confess our sins through Jesus' name. That is the Gospel from the First reading.

I guess we are all familiar with the Gospel story today. Many Magdalene wept at the gate of the empty tomb for the missing body of Jesus. But Jesus appeared and comforted her with a beautiful Gospel: "I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God. (John 20:17)" What is this Gospel telling us? It guarantees us that in Jesus God the Son we can access to God the Father, or in another way of saying, our heavenly Father meets us and embraces us only through the Son who is the "Lord of all. (Act 10:36)"

He even is the Lord over death when we heard the Psalm 118 today saying:

¹⁷ I shall not die, but live,
and declare the works of the LORD.

¹⁸ The LORD has punished me sorely,
but he did not hand me over to death.

²² The same stone which the builders rejected
has become the chief cornerstone.

God the Father, punished His Son—the righteous and perfect Son. For our sake, the Father punished the Son sorely so that all our sins can be put onto his shoulders. Yet, the Son knows that he "shall not die but live" (Ps 118:17). This is the ultimate destiny of our Lord. This is also the promised of God to all who believes in Jesus' Holy name.

Pure Gospel! Our Saviour Jesus "shall not die but live" forever. This is the Father's promise to His only begotten Son declared hundreds of years ago and we heard in today's Psalm reading. Death was defeated by God through the Son who was born to die, who was willing to die, who had to die and must die –as in the message I shared on Good Friday. He died in order to let His heavenly Father to save—to save all the people who believed in him in the past, now, and in the years to come.

Because Jesus once died, and we—who were baptised into his name—all died with him to this world in our baptism. We also resurrected from our death in our baptism by the power of the life-giving Spirit. Therefore, every one of us may declare that “I shall not die but I shall live.” Because our chief cornerstone Jesus Christ the Lord of all lives forever and ever.

But we live in a new life, different to the old which is already dead in our baptism. How do you know that your old life has been dead? The answer is in your daily struggles, in your daily battle with all sorts of temptations as what we experienced during the Lent—your desire of flesh, your desire of eyes, and your proud of life. Actually, this is what the second reading reveals to us today. It says “...seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. (Col 3:2-4)”

Clearly, as Easter Christians, we live a different life than ever before—it is a new life based upon the solid cornerstone Jesus Christ; It is a new life driving us die to sin daily and resurrected daily from the death to our sinfulness; It is a new life bearing the fruits of faith in love to God and care to each other; It is a new life that we are willingly to share our witness to God’s mercy and love to this panic and desperate world; It is a new life of denying ourselves and giving up our power, our time, our possession, and even our honour to seek the things above.

God makes things new. Our world is changing, our life is changing, our worship style is changing. Whereas God’s love through the resurrected Jesus Christ never change, even stronger than ever before, especially when we are experiencing a great pressure in the middle of the pandemic of COVID-19. But because Jesus lives and never die again, so we fear nothing, knowing we are blessed by his Father and our Father, by His God and our God. This is the greatest peace and hope our Lord gave to us in His Resurrection Day— we shall not die because Jesus lives forever. Amen.

Let us pray. Almighty God, through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ you overcame death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: Grant that we, who celebrate with joy the day of the Lord's resurrection, may be raised from the death of sin by your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

NICENE CREED

We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;

through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and became truly human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

OFFERTORY HYMN

Song 433 All People That On Earth Do Dwell

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| 1/5 All people that on earth do dwell, Sing to the Lord with cheerful voice; Him serve with fear, His praise forth tell, Come ye before Him and rejoice. | 2/5 Know that the Lord is God indeed; Without our aid He did us make; We are His folk, He doth us feed; And for His sheep He doth us take. |
| 3/5 O enter then His gates with praise, Approach with joy His courts unto; Praise, laud, and bless His name always, For it is seemly so to do. | 4/5 For why the Lord our God is good, His mercy is for ever sure; His truth at all times firmly stood, And shall from age to age endure. |
| 5/5 To Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, The God whom heaven and earth adore, From men and from the angel host Be praise and glory evermore. | |

OFFERTORY

Let us pray

Gracious Father, we offer with joy and thanks what you have first given us – ourselves, our time, and our possessions – as signs of your goodness and symbols of our love.

Accept them for the sake of Jesus Christ, who offered himself for us. Ever living God, let the resurrection of your Son fill us with hope and joy. May our lives and our gifts help to bring your new life to others. Amen.

EASTER LITANY

M: Let us pray...

Lord, have mercy on us,

C: Christ, have mercy on us.

M: Lord have mercy on us.

O Christ, hear us.

C: O Christ, graciously hear us.

M: *Lord Jesus, our Passover Lamb, since you have taken away the sin of the world:*

C: Have mercy on us.

M: Lord Jesus, since you have destroyed death by your death and have restored eternal life to us by your rising to life again:

C: Have mercy on us.

M: Lord Jesus, as you rose very early in the morning on the first day of the week and appeared to Mary Magdalene:

C: Have mercy on us.

M: Lord Jesus, as you met the women so that they could worship you:

C: Have mercy on us.

M: Lord Jesus, as you proclaimed yourself to the two disciples from the Scriptures and made yourself known to them in the breaking of the bread:

C: Have mercy on us.

M: Lord Jesus, as you came to the eleven and said 'Peace be with you':

C: Have mercy on us.

M: Lord Jesus, as you breathed on your apostles so that they received the Holy Spirit:

C: Have mercy on us.

M: Lord Jesus, as you confirmed the faith of Thomas by telling him to touch your hands and side:

C: Have mercy on us.

M: Lord Jesus, as you revealed yourself to the disciples at Lake Tiberius to restore Peter:

C: Have mercy on us.

M: Lord Jesus, as you spoke to your apostles of the kingdom of God:

C: Have mercy on us.

M: Lord Jesus, as you commissioned your apostles to teach all nations, to baptise and to absolve, to celebrate your Holy Supper and to preach the Gospel to all nations:

C: Have mercy on us.

M: By your glorious resurrection; by your victory over death; by the glory of your risen body:

C: Good Lord, deliver us.

M: We poor sinners beg you:

C: To hear us, O Lord Jesus.

M: That we may be raised to life with you;
that we may walk in love, as you walked in love;
that we may set our desires on heavenly things;
that we may live with you for ever in the Holy City, New Jerusalem;...
that we may sit at your table in your kingdom and reign with you in glory:

C: Grant us, good Lord

M: Lamb of God, you take away the Sin of the world:

C: Have mercy on us.

M: Lamb of God, you take away the Sin of the world:

C: Have mercy on us.

M: Lamb of God, you take away the Sin of the world:

C: Grant us your peace.

M: O Jesus, hear us.

C: Jesus, graciously hear us

M: Lord Jesus, as you met the women so that they could worship you:

C: Have mercy on us.

M: Almighty God, as you make us glad by the yearly festival of the resurrection, mercifully grant that we who now celebrate these joyful holy days here on earth may finally enter your eternal joy in heaven; M: through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

C: Amen.

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 those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen

PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always. Amen

REFLECTION

While we cannot share the Holy Communion together, let us sing a song in remembrance of Jesus' Sacrifice, his body and blood, his death and resurrection.

HYMN

AT 167 I am the bread of life

Chorus

And I will raise him up,
And I will raise him up,

And I will raise him up,
On the last day.

1/5

I am the Bread of life;
He who comes to Me shall not hunger;
He who believes in Me shall not thirst.
No one can come to Me
Unless the Father draw him.

2/5

The bread that I will give
Is my flesh for the life of the world,
And he who eats of this bread-
He shall live for ever,
He shall life for ever:

3/5.

Unless you eat
Of the flesh of the Son of man,
And drink of His blood,
And drink of His blood,
You shall not have life within you:

4/5

I am the resurrection,
I am the life.
He who believes in Me,
Even if he die,
He shall live forever:

5/5.

Yes, Lord, we believe
That You are the Christ,
The Son of God,
Who has come
Into the world:

SACRAMENTAL BLESSING

The body of our Lord Jesus Christ and his precious blood once strengthened and preserved you in body and soul will keep you in faith today unto life eternal. Go in peace. **AMEN**

PRAYER

Let us pray:

Almighty God, you have overcome death through your Son Jesus Christ, and have opened for us the gate to eternal life. As you have given us the benefits of his death and resurrection in this sacrament, help us continually to bring them to good effect in our lives. We ask this through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

BLESSING

The God of peace, who raised from the dead our Lord Jesus, provide you with every good thing you need in order to do his will.

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favour, and give † you peace.

C: Amen. He is risen. Amen.

HYMN

Christ be our light

Chorus

Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts.
Shine through the darkness.
Christ, be our light! Shine in your Church Gathered today.

1/5

Longing for light, we wait in the darkness.
Longing for truth, we turn to you.
Make us your own, your holy people,
Light for the world to see.

2/5

Longing for peace, our world is troubled.
Longing for hope, many despair.
Your word alone has power to save us
Make us your living voice.

3/5

Longing for food, many are hungry.
Longing for water, many still thirst.
Make us your bread, broken for others,
Share until all are fed.

4/5

Longing for shelter people are homeless.
Longing for warmth, many are cold.
Make us your building, sheltering others,
Walls made of living stone.

5/5

Many the gifts, many the people,
Many the hearts that yearn to belong.
Let us be servants to one another,
Making your kingdom come.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace as witness to our risen Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Christ is Risen!

He is risen indeed!

ANNOUCEMENTS

- Have a blessed Easter
- Pray for the ministry of our church

- Feedback and suggestions for our Online Service are welcome. Please send via email to the office or to Pastor Jing. See contact details in next page.
- Many volunteers are needed for Online Service preparation: coordinating, singing, filming, video editing, etc.
- Send your prayer request to the office
- Lockrose church bank account detail:
 - BSB 084 742, A/C 508809759
- Next (19 April) Sunday online Service is to be confirmed, but the Sermon will be available online via **www.lvlp.org** and in printed form.
- NO Shed men meeting in May due to COVID restriction
- TABEEL- Tabeel Lutheran Home advises that current restrictions apply and only essential visits to minimize exposure until further notice. Shirley Klinge, Committee of Service, Chair.

Special prayers for these people in need of good Health

Brooke Kirkwood, Gwen Diete, Joan and Alex Body, Ann Rickuss, Marlene Staatz, Grace Norman

Baptism Anniversary

During April we remember the following children on the anniversary of their Baptism in our prayer:

- *Lilly Thompson*, daughter of Kyrle and Shane, sister to Cameron
- *Paige Knight*, daughter of Karla and Brendan

Church Cleaning 19th April, 2020

Laidley- Carol Scheiwe and Val Davenport

Ropeley- Rosalie Natalier

Dates to Remember –April and May

- **Sunday 12th April**- Easter Sunday Service- available online, DVDs, USB and handouts
- **Sunday 19th April**- 2nd Sunday of Easter- To be confirmed
- **Sunday 26th April- Redeemer Harvest Festival**- We will be celebrating Harvest service online; however the church celebration has been postponed to a later date.

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Next Sunday, 19th April, 2020- 2nd Sunday of Easter

First Reading: Acts 2:14a, 22-32 Peter gives witness that God raised Jesus
Psalm 16
Second Reading: 1 Peter 1:3-9 New birth through the resurrection of Christ
Gospel Reading: John 20:19-31 Thomas sees the risen Christ and believes

