

# EUCCHARIST for the THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

*Music before the service – A medley of anthems*

## **Miriam welcomes people to worship**

### **First hymn - How deep the father's love for us**

*President* In the name of the Father,  
and of the Son,  
and of the Holy Spirit.

*All* **Amen.**

### **The Greeting – we are greeted by Revd Joe**

*President* The Lord be with you

*All* **and also with you.**

*President* Alleluia. Christ is risen.

*All* **He is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

**The president offers his own welcome  
and explains the eucharistic theme for  
the day**

*Minister  
of the  
Word* Christ our Passover lamb  
has been sacrificed for us.  
Let us therefore rejoice by putting away  
all malice and evil and confessing our  
sins  
with a sincere and true heart.

*Silence is kept.*

*Minister  
of the  
Word  
All* Like Mary at the empty tomb, we fail  
to grasp the wonder of your presence.  
Lord, have mercy.  
**Lord, have mercy.**

*Minister  
of the  
Word* Like the disciples behind locked doors,  
we are afraid to be seen as your  
followers.

*All* Christ, have mercy.  
**Christ, have mercy.**

*Minister of the Word* Like Thomas in the upper room, we are slow to believe. Lord, have mercy.

*All* **Lord, have mercy.**

## **Absolution**

*President* May the God of love and power forgive you and free you from your sins, heal and strengthen you by his Spirit, and raise you to new life in Christ our Lord.

*All* **Amen.**

## **Gloria in Excelsis**

## **The Collect**

*The president introduces a period of silent prayer.*

Let us pray that we may reign  
with the risen Christ in glory.

*The president then leads the prayer for the day*

## **Liturgy of the Word**

### **First Reading**

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

When Peter saw it, he addressed the people, 'You Israelites, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we had made him walk? The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our ancestors has glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and rejected in the presence of Pilate, though he had decided to release him. But you rejected the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer given to you, and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. And by faith in his name, his name itself has made

this man strong, whom you see and know; and the faith that is through Jesus has given him this perfect health in the presence of all of you.

‘And now, friends, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. In this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, that his Messiah would suffer. Repent therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out, so that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord, and that he may send the Messiah appointed for you, that is, Jesus, who must remain in heaven until the time of universal restoration that God announced long ago through his holy prophets. Moses said, “The Lord your God will raise up for you from your own people a prophet like me. You must listen to whatever he tells you. And it will be that everyone who does not listen to that prophet will be utterly rooted out from the people.” And all the prophets, as many as have spoken, from Samuel and those after him, also predicted these days. You are the descendants of the prophets and of the covenant that God gave to your ancestors, saying to Abraham, “And in your descendants all the families of the earth shall be blessed.” When God raised up his servant, he sent him first to you, to bless you by turning each of you from your wicked ways.’ *Acts 3 v 12 – 19*

*At the end of the reading ...*

*Reader* This is the word of the Lord.

*All* **Thanks be to God.**

## **New Testament Reading – Patricia**

A reading from the first letter of John.

See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God’s children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

Everyone who commits sin is guilty of lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. You know that he was revealed to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. No one who abides in him sins; no one who sins has either seen him or known him. Little children, let no one deceive you. Everyone who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous. *1 John 3 v 1 – 7*

*At the end of the reading ...*

*Reader* This is the word of the Lord.

*All* Thanks be to God.

## **Gradual Hymn – How sweet the name of Jesus sounds**

## Gospel Reading – by Revd Adelaide

*Reader* Alleluia, alleluia.  
I am the first and the last, says the Lord,  
and the living one; I was dead, and  
behold I am alive for evermore.

*All* **Alleluia.**

*Reader* Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ  
according to John.

*All* **Glory to you, O Lord.**

While they were talking about this, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, 'Peace be with you.' They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. He said to them, 'Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have.' And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, 'Have you anything here to eat?' They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate in their presence.

Then he said to them, 'These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.' Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, 'Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things.

*At the end of the Gospel ..*

*Reader* This is the Gospel of the Lord.

*All* **Praise to you, O Christ.**

## Sermon – Revd Adelaide preaches today

### Affirmation of Faith

*President* Let us declare our faith in the Resurrection  
of our Lord Jesus Christ.

*All* **Christ died for our sins  
in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he was buried;  
he was raised to life on the third day  
in accordance with the Scriptures;  
afterwards he appeared to his followers,**

**and to all the apostles:  
this we have received,  
and this we believe.  
Amen.**

## **Intercessions – led by Liz B**

*President* In joy and hope let us pray to the Father.  
Liz is leading our prayers

*Intercessor* - Liz using freestanding mic in body  
of church

Lord, in your mercy  
**hear our prayer.**

*(or)*

Lord, hear us.  
**Lord, graciously hear us.**

*After the final prayer ...*

*Intercessor* God of mercy,  
**hear our prayer  
and make us one in heart and mind  
to serve you with joy forever.  
Amen.**

## **Liturgy of the Eucharist**

### **The Peace**

*President* The risen Christ came  
and stood among his disciples and said,  
'Peace be with you.' Then were they glad  
when they saw the Lord. Alleluia.

The peace of the risen Christ  
be always with you

*All* **and also with you. Alleluia.**

*President* Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

### **Offertory Hymn – The day of resurrection**

### **Preparation of the Table**

*President* Be present, be present,  
Lord Jesus Christ,  
our risen high priest;  
and make yourself known  
in the breaking of bread.

*All* **Amen.**

## **The Eucharistic Prayer**

*President* The Lord is here.

*All* **His Spirit is with us.**

*President* Lift up your hearts.

*All* **We lift them to the Lord.**

*President* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*All* **It is right to give thanks and praise.**

*President* It is indeed right,  
it is our duty and our joy,  
at all times and in all places  
to give you thanks and praise,  
holy Father, heavenly King,  
almighty and eternal God,  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord.  
For he is your living Word;  
through him you have created all things  
from the beginning,  
and formed us in your own image.

*All* **To you be glory and praise for ever.**

*President* Through him you have freed us from  
the slavery of sin, giving him to be born  
of a woman and to die upon the cross;  
you raised him from the dead  
and exalted him to your right hand on  
high.

*All* **To you be glory and praise for ever.**

*President* Through him you have sent upon us  
your holy and life-giving Spirit, and made  
us a people for your own possession.

*All* **To you be glory and praise for ever.**

*President* And now we give you thanks  
because in his victory over the grave

a new age has dawned,  
the long reign of sin is ended,  
a broken world is being renewed  
and humanity is once again made whole.  
Therefore with angels and archangels,  
and with all the company of heaven,  
we proclaim your great and glorious  
name, for ever praising you and *saying*:

*All* **Holy, holy, holy Lord,  
God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes  
in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

*President* Accept our praises, heavenly Father,  
through your Son our Saviour Jesus  
Christ, and as we follow his example  
and obey his command, grant that by the  
power of your Holy Spirit these gifts of  
bread and wine may be to us his body  
and his blood; who, in the same night  
that he was betrayed, took bread and  
gave you thanks; he broke it and gave it  
to his disciples, saying:

Take, eat;  
this is my body which is given for you;  
do this in remembrance of me.

*All* **To you be glory and praise for ever.**

*President* In the same way, after supper  
he took the cup and gave you thanks;  
he gave it to them, saying:

Drink this, all of you;  
this is my blood of the new covenant,  
which is shed for you and for many  
for the forgiveness of sins.  
Do this, as often as you drink it,  
in remembrance of me.

*All* **To you be glory and praise for ever.**

*President* Therefore, heavenly Father,  
we remember his offering of himself  
made once for all upon the cross;

we proclaim his mighty Resurrection  
and glorious Ascension;  
we look for the coming of your kingdom,  
and with this bread and this cup we  
make the memorial of Christ your Son  
our Lord. Christ is the bread of life:

*All* **When we eat this bread  
and drink this cup,  
we proclaim your death, Lord Jesus,  
until you come in glory.**

*President* Accept through him, our great high  
priest, this our sacrifice of thanks and  
praise, and as we eat and drink these  
holy gifts in the presence of your divine  
majesty, renew us by your Spirit, inspire  
us with your love, and unite us in the  
body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

*All* **To you be glory and praise for ever.**

*President* Through him, and with him, and in him,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
with all who stand before you in earth  
and heaven, we worship you, Father  
almighty, in songs of everlasting praise:

*All* **Blessing and honour and glory and  
power be yours for ever and ever.  
Amen.**

## **The Lord's Prayer**

*President* Rejoicing in God's new creation,  
as our Saviour taught us, so we pray

*All* **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.  
Lead us not into temptation  
but deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,**



and the glory are yours  
now and for ever. Amen.

## **Breaking of the Bread**

*The president breaks the consecrated bread.*

*President* Jesus says, I am the bread of life,  
whoever eats of this bread will live for  
ever.

*All* **Lord, our hearts hunger for you;  
give us this bread always.**

## **Agnus Dei - Mass of St Cedd, Nardone, Agnus Dei**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin  
of the world, have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take away the sin  
of the world, have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take away the sin  
of the world, grant us peace.**

## **Invitation to Communion**

*President* Alleluia. Christ our Passover  
is sacrificed for us.

*All* **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

*The president and people receive communion*

**Communion Hymn – Love divine all loves excelling, Summers  
*additional music if needed: Organ, Liebster Jesu, Bach***

## **Prayer after Communion**

*Silence is kept.*

*The Post Communion or another suitable prayer is said.*

*All respond Amen.*

## **NOTICES – given by Miriam**

## **Final Prayer**

*MOW*

We say together ...

*All*

**Father of all, we give you thanks and praise, that when we were still far off you met us in your Son and brought us home. Dying and living, he declared your love, gave us grace, and opened the gate of glory. May we who share Christ's body live his risen life; we who drink his cup bring life to others; we whom the Spirit lights give light to the world. Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us, so we and all your children shall be free, and the whole earth live to praise your name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## **Blessing and Sending Out**

*President*

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

*All*

**He is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

*President*

God, who through the Resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ has given us the victory, give you joy and peace in your faith; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

*All*

**Amen.**

*President*

Go in the peace of Christ.  
Alleluia, alleluia.

*All*

**Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**

**Final hymn - Jesus lives, thy terrors now**