



FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

SUNDAY 3 MAY 2020

WELCOME

Rev Cate Thorn

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Grace to you and peace from God our Creator,
the love at our beginning and without end,
in our midst and with us.

God is with us, here we find new life.

In this Easter season,
we celebrate that the powers of despair and destruction
do not have the final word; that new life can still break out;
that love is stronger than death;
and that nothing can stop the life, hope,
and determination of Easter people.

**God of grace, we come today with Easter joy,
seeking to be a people of resurrection.**

**Gather us together now,
form us into a community of your people,
and reveal to us the Holy One. Amen.**

THE SENTENCE AND PRAYER OF THE DAY

“I am the good shepherd.
I know my sheep and my sheep know me.”

John 10:14

**Jesus, good shepherd of the sheep,
who seeks the lost to guide them home:
feed us and we will be satisfied,
heal us and we will be whole,
lead us that we may be with you. Amen.**

HYMN

**Christ is alive! Let Christians sing.
The cross stands empty to the sky.
Let streets and homes with praises ring.
Love, drowned in death, shall never die.**

**Christ is alive! No longer bound
to distant years in Palestine,
but saving, healing, here and now,
and touching every place and time.**

**In every insult, rift and war,
where colour, scorn or wealth divide,
Christ suffers still, yet loves the more,
and lives, where even hope has died.**

**Women and men, in age and youth,
can feel the Spirit, hear the call,
and find the way, the life, the truth,
revealed in Jesus, freed for all.**

**Christ is alive, and comes to bring
good news to this and every age,
till earth and sky and ocean ring
with joy, with justice, love and praise.**

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THE GOSPEL

John 10:1-10

THE SERMON

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PSALM 23

Setting: Hylton Stewart

St Matthew's Voices

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Renee Tuala

THE SILENCE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Kua akona nei tātou e to tātou Ariki, ka inoi tātou:

**E tō mātou Matua i te rangi,
kia tapu tōu Ingoa.**

Kia tae mai tōu rangatiratanga.

**Kia meatia tāu e pai ai ki runga ki te whenua,
kia rite anō ki tō te rangi.**

Hōmai ki a mātou āiane

he taro mā mātou mō tēnei rā.

Murua ō mātou hara,

me mātou hoki e muru nei,

i ō te hunga e hara ana ki a mātou.

Aua hoki mātou e kawea kia whakawaia;

engari whakaorangia mātou i te kino:

Nōu hoki te rangatiratanga, te kaha, me te korōria,

Āke, ake, ake. Āmine.

BLESSING

DISMISSAL

Deacon Wilf Holt

Alleluia, Alleluia!

Go now for the Spirit of God is alive in the land.

Amen. We go in the power of love. Alleluia, Alleluia!

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Grand March from "Aida"

Giuseppe Verdi (1813-1901)

Paul Chan, Director of Music