

ST PAULS LUTHERAN CHURCH

ŌTAUTAHI

TE RĀTAPU TUARUA O TE ARANGA

THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

7 APRIL 2024

CHRISTCHURCH

#### NAU MAI HAERE MAI WELCOME

As a community of faith here at St Pauls, we welcome all who are seeking God's love and grace. We welcome all because God welcomes all.

We welcome all without regard to where you are in your personal faith journey, whether you are a life-long Lutheran, or you come from another faith tradition, whether you are doubting, or you have no faith practice at all. Our unity is in Christ who embraces all.

We invite you to fill out a Visitors Card if you want to and to place it on the offering plate, hand it to an usher or give it to Pastor Mark.

If you – or someone you know – would like to know more about a relationship with the Lord Jesus or our church community here at St Pauls, please –

Speak to Pastor Mark Whitfield after worship, phone him on 028 85001875 or email him on mark.whitfield@lutheran.org.nz at any time

... or speak with one of our members during the fellowship time after worship.

All are welcome. You are welcome.



#### **GOD'S MISSION THROUGH US**

Going in the power of the Holy Spirit, to the people of Burwood, Ōtautahi Christchurch and beyond, making them disciples of Jesus Christ

#### WHAKATUWHERATIA OKU NGUTU

### O LORD, OPEN MY LIPS

Worship begins with God. The psalmist writes -

## Lord, open my lips, so my mouth will praise you

Psalm 51:15

In Christian worship, God serves his people – *Divine Service* – with his love through Word and Sacrament and we respond with our prayers and songs of thanks and praise.

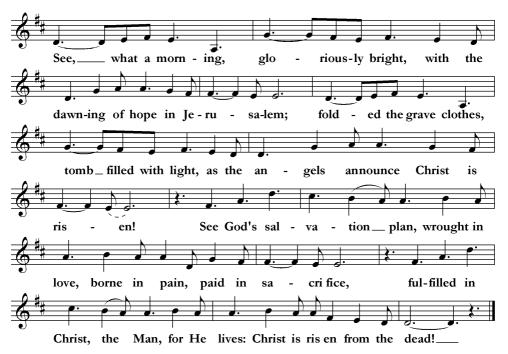
Here at St Pauls, we use a variety of musical settings for liturgy and worship. This morning's setting mainly uses **chants and hymn-tunes**. The confessional writings of the Church encourage us to receive and be blessed by the Lord's Supper (Holy Communion) each Sunday –

One common Mass is observed among us on every holy day, and on other days. If any desire the sacrament, it is also administered to those who ask for it.

The Augsburg Confession

## Mihi and Words of Welcome

# Waiata – Gathering Song



See Mary weeping, 'Where is He laid?'
As in sorrow she turns from the empty tomb.
Hears a voice speaking, calling her name.
It's the Master, the Lord raised to life again!
The voice that spans the years,
Speaking life, stirring hope, bringing peace to us,
Will sound till He appears,
For He lives, Christ is risen from the dead!



I know that my Redeemer lives.

What comfort this sweet sentence gives!
He lives, he lives, who once was dead.
He lives, my ever-living head.
We sing alleluia
For he lives, Jesus lives, my Redeemer lives.
We sing alleluia
For he lives, Christ is risen from the dead!

He lives, all glory to his name!
He lives, my Jesus, still the same.
O the sweet joy this sentence gives:
I know that my Redeemer lives!
We sing alleluia
For he lives, Jesus lives, my Redeemer lives.
We sing alleluia
For he lives, Christ is risen from the dead!

©2003 Thankyou Music Additional verses from *I know that my* Redeemer lives Samuel Medley (1738-99) Stuart Townend and Keith Getty

Iriiritanga — Remembrance of Baptism

This is the message I have heard from him and now celebrate with you:

Christ is risen!

He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Blessed are you who have not seen him, yet you truly believe and trust him.

# It is so good and delightful when Christians gather together as one.

Ki te ingoa o te Matua, o te Tamaiti, o te Wairua Tapu. In the name of the Father and of the Son + and of the Holy Spirit.



Whaakinga – We confess our sin and seek God's forgiveness

Jesus came and stood among them saying: "Peace be with you." Then the disciples were overjoyed as they looked upon the Lord. My friends, we are in the presence of amazing grace. So let us without fear seek the Lord's forgiveness and his renovation of attitude and thought. Let us pray.

Our help is in the name of the Lord.



I said, I will confess my sins to the Lord.



Then he forgave the guilt of my sin.

Gracious God, have mercy on us.

We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin.

We are truly sorry and humbly repent.

In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do.

Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of + Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

Amen.

## Hīmene — Entrance Song



Worthy is Christ, the Lamb, who was slain, Whose blood set us free to be people of God.

This is the feast

Power, riches, wisdom, and strength And honour, blessing and glory are his.

This is the feast

Sing with all the people of God,
And join in the hymn of all creation:
Blessing, honour, glory and might
Be to God and the Lamb for ever. Amen.

This is the feast

For the Lamb who was slain Has begun his reign. Alleluia.

This is the feast

## Karakia – A Prayer for Today

Kia noho a Ihowa ki a koutou. The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Most holy God, patient Friend of doubters, our human eyes have not seen, nor have our hands touched, the risen Christ.

Keep your gift of faith fresh and alert in us, which though not seeing, glories in following the living Lord wherever he leads.

By this faith, enable us to love others not measuring the cost, nor expecting any pay-back except that of knowing we are participants in an Easter drama which has no end. In the name of this very same Jesus, who with you and the Holy Spirit, are the joy of hearts' desiring, and object of all our purest loving and adoring,

now and ever more. Amen.

#### WORD

Te taima o ngā tamariki — Especially for Kids



The First Reading – Acts 4:32-35

<sup>32</sup> All the believers were one in heart and mind. No one claimed that any of their possessions was their own, but they shared everything they had. <sup>33</sup> With great power the apostles continued to testify to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus. And God's grace was so powerfully at work in them all <sup>34</sup> that there were no needy persons among them. For from time to time those who owned land or houses sold them, brought the money from the sales <sup>35</sup> and put it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to anyone who had need.

This is the Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God.



As perfume, by its scent, breathes fragrance all around, so life itself will sweeter be where unity is found.

And like refreshing dew that falls upon the hills, true union sheds its gentle grace, and deeper love instils.

God grants the choicest gifts to those who live in peace; to them such blessings shall abound and evermore increase.

Psalm 133 James Edward Seddon (1915-1983) Music by Mark (2024)

# Second Reading – 1 John 1:1 - 2:2

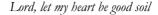
<sup>1</sup> That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked at and our hands have touched—this we proclaim concerning the Word of life. <sup>2</sup> The life appeared; we have seen it and testify to it, and we proclaim to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and has appeared to us. <sup>3</sup> We proclaim to you what we have seen and heard, so that you also may have fellowship with us. And our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son, Jesus Christ. <sup>4</sup> We write this to make our joy complete.

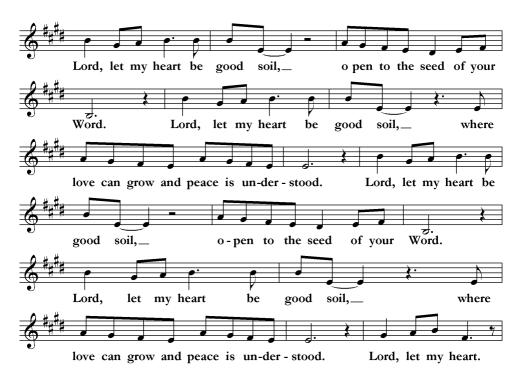
<sup>5</sup>This is the message we have heard from him and declare to you: God is light; in him there is no darkness at all. <sup>6</sup>If we claim to have fellowship with him and yet walk in the darkness, we lie and do not live out the truth. <sup>7</sup>But if we walk in the

light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, purifies us from all sin.

- <sup>8</sup> If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. <sup>9</sup> If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness. <sup>10</sup> If we claim we have not sinned, we make him out to be a liar and his word is not in us.
- <sup>1</sup> My dear children, I write this to you so that you will not sin. But if anybody does sin, we have an advocate with the Father—Jesus Christ, the Righteous One. <sup>2</sup> He is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not only for ours but also for the sins of the whole world.

This is the Word of the Lord **Thanks be to God.** 



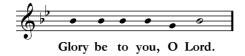




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Rongopai – The Gospel – John 20:19-31

Ko te Rongo Pai nō te Pukapuka a Hāto Hoani; a reading from the Holy Gospel according to John.



<sup>19</sup> On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear of the Jewish leaders, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!" <sup>20</sup> After he said this, he showed them his hands and side. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord.

<sup>21</sup> Again Jesus said, "Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you." <sup>22</sup> And with that he breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit. <sup>23</sup> If you forgive anyone's sins, their sins are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven."

<sup>24</sup>Now Thomas (also known as Didymus), one of the Twelve, was not with the disciples when Jesus came. <sup>25</sup>So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord!"

But he said to them, "Unless I see the nail marks in his hands and put my finger where the nails were, and put my hand into his side, I will not believe."

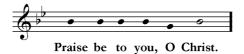
<sup>26</sup> A week later his disciples were in the house again, and Thomas was with them. Though the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!" <sup>27</sup> Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here; see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side. Stop doubting and believe."

<sup>28</sup> Thomas said to him, "My Lord and my God!"

<sup>29</sup> Then Jesus told him, "Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."

<sup>30</sup> Jesus performed many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not recorded in this book. <sup>31</sup> But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

Ko te Rongo Pai a te Ariki; the Gospel of the Lord:



Lord Jesus, thank you for letting Thomas doubt, and for showing yourself after your resurrection.

Strengthen our faith in you as the living Son of God.

Amen.

Kōrero Whakatau - The Sermon

### THE BELIEVERS SHARE THEIR POSSESSIONS

Acts 4:32-35

 $A {\it ffirmation of Baptism-The Apostles' Creed}$ 

I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried.
He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven, and sits at the right hand of God, the Father almighty,
from thence he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen. Hīmene – Hymn (Song) of the Day

Christ is alive! Let Christians sing.
His cross stands empty to the sky.
Let streets and homes with praises ring.
His love in death shall never die.

Christ is alive! No longer bound to distant years in Palestine, he comes to claim the here and now and conquer every place and time.

Not throned above, remotely high, untouched, unmoved by human pains, but daily, in the midst of life, our Savior with the Father reigns.

In every insult, rift, and war where colour, scorn, or wealth divide, he suffers still, yet loves the more, and lives, though ever crucified.

Christ is alive! His Spirit burns through this and every future age, till all creation lives and learns his joy, his justice, love, and praise.

Brian Wren (1936 - ) TRURO
T. Williams Psalmodia Evangelica 1789
LHS-761

#### **MEAL**

# Karakia – Prayer

We have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous one. So let us come to the Father in the name of Jesus, to pray for all we need.

God and Lord: Fill us with your Spirit of life.

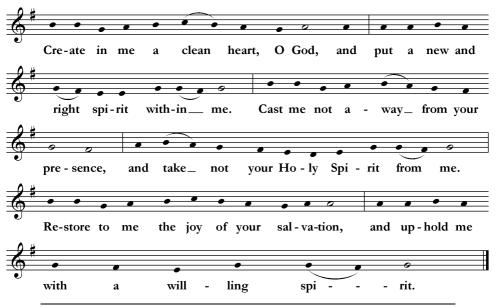
## Closing Prayer

God of life, show us the risen Lord through your life-giving Spirit, so that we may be filled with faith to do the work you have given us to do. We ask this in the name of your Son Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Hongi – Te Rangimarie – the Peace of the Lord

The peace of the Lord be with you always. **And also with you.** 

Koha – Offering – as the Table of the Lord is set

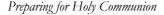


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Living God, let the resurrection of your Son transform our lives.

Make us bold in serving you and bringing your good news to other people.

Help us to share of ourselves and our possessions
with one another and especially with people in need. Amen.



The Lord be with you.



Lift up your hearts.



Let us give thanks to the Lord.



It is indeed right and good, Lord God, holy Father, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to you, through Jesus Christ our Lord. But most of all we praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son, the true Passover Lamb, who has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising again he has restored life. And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the other witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we adore and praise your glorious name:

Holy, holy, holy, Lord. Alleluia! God of pow'r and God of might. Alleluia! Glory fills the heav'n and earth. Alleluia! Blessed is the one who comes. Hosanna; alleluia!

## E to matou Matua i te rangi – The Lord's Prayer

Made bold by the Holy Spirit, we pray as Jesus taught:

E to matou Matua i te rangi

Kia tapu tou Ingoa.

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.

Kia tae mai tou rangatiratanga.
Kia meatia tau e pai ai ki runga ki te whenua,
kia rite ano ki to te rangi.
Homai ki a matou aianei he taro ma matou mo tenei
ra.
Murua o matou hara, Me matou hoki e muru nei i o
te hunga e hara ana ki a matou.
Aua hoki matou e kawea kia whakawaia;
engari whakaorangia matou i te kino.
Nou hoki te rangitiratanga, te kaha,
me te kororia,
ake ake ake. Amine.

Words of Institution

# Lamb of God

Behold the Lamb who bears our sins away,
Slain for us: and we remember:
The promise made that all who come in faith
Find forgiveness at the cross.
So we share in this Bread of life,
And we drink of His sacrifice,
As a sign of our bonds of peace
Around the table of the King.

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Holy Communion is a means of grace.

It is a gift from God, instituted by Jesus on the night before his crucifixion.

This gift is Jesus himself; that in and through the bread and wine we are offered

Jesus – his body and blood, his life, his presence.

Come if you believe that Jesus' life and all it offers is for you.

## At the end of Holy Communion

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ make you strong and keep you in his grace. Peace be with you.

#### Amen.

Almighty and merciful God,

your Son Jesus Christ is the resurrection and the life for all who put their trust in him. As we have received his body and blood, raise us up from the death that comes with sin, and give us the new life of faith in Christ, so that we may always live to please you.

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.

Te karakia whakamoemiti - Our Song of Thanks

And so with thankfulness and faith we rise to respond and to remember Our call to follow in the steps of Christ as His body here on earth. As we share in His suffering, we proclaim: Christ will come again! And we'll join in the feast of heaven around the table of the King.

Celebrations and Announcements

#### **SENDING**

Mānawatanga — Blessing

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.



## Waiata – Sending Song

Yours is the glory, risen, conquering Son, endless is the victory over death you've won. Angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away, kept the folded graveclothes, where your body lay. Yours is the glory, risen, conquering Son, endless is the victory over death you've won.

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 the Lord is living, death has lost its sting. Yours is the glory, risen, conquering Son, endless is the victory over death you've won.

No more we doubt you, glorious Prince of life. Life is naught 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. Yours is the glory, risen, conquering Son, endless is the victory over death you've won.

Edmond Louis Budry (1854-1932)

MACCABAEUS Georg Frederic Händel (1685-1759) LHS-770

# Poroporoaki – Sending

Haere i runga i te aroha. Haere i runga i te rangimarie. Go in peace, as witnesses of the risen Lord to love and serve him. Amen. Alleluia. We go in the name of Christ.

AND THE HOLY SPIRIT HAS

THESE FOLKS IN ACTS SEEM TO REALLY GET INTO IT.



WELL, JESUS HAS DEFEATED DEATH



EMPOWERED THEIR CONFIDENCE IN THE RESURRECTION, WHY WOULD YOU HOLD BACK?





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ACTS 4:32-35

# Worship Next Sunday (14 Apr.)

Easter 3

Readings Acts 3:12-19 (Psalm 4), 1 John 3:1-7 and Luke 24:36b-48

Reader Nora Holy Communion Leanne

Usher / Welcoming Philippa Hospitality Philippa

| This Week    |                              |  |
|--------------|------------------------------|--|
| Today        | 10.00am                      | Worship - Bishop Robert Bartholomaeus is our guest   |
|              | 11.30am<br>12.15pm<br>4.30pm | preacher Bring 'n Share Fellowship Lunch with Council of Synod Bishop Robert meeting with Leadership Team Church Workers meeting at Leanne and Mark's place for dinner |
| Monday 8     |                              | Church Workers Conference  |
| Tuesday 9    | 3.00pm                       | Church Workers Conference  Mark participating in colloquy for SMP candidate Mark  Tung (Botany Lutheran Church)  |
| Wednesday 10 |                              | Tung (Botany Edulcian Church)  |
| Thursday 11  |                              |  |
| Friday 12    | 11.00am                      | Mark meeting with Wainoni Avonside Community Services  |
| Saturday 13  |                              | Trust  |
| Sunday 14    | 10.00am                      | Worship  |

## In our prayers

For the servant-leaders of the LCNZ (Council of Synod) as they care for the Lord's Church in Aotearoa and seek to support God's ministry wherever we are located ... for the Church Workers who will meet in conference over the next couple of days here at St Pauls ... for the wives of pastors and church workers who will meet in their Spice Retreat next weekend in Wellington ... for those recovering from surgery (Audrey), COVID (Judy and Bernie and Pastor John Davison and other sickness (Philippa) ... for those being affected by job cuts in the public service and by the increasing cost of living ... for our retiring bishop, Robert, and our new bishop, Richard ... a prayer of thanks that Bunnings (in Shirley) have agreed to provide everything needed to build the Share / Kai Pantry at no cost ... for the ongoing conversations with a local Community Trust that are leading to the possibility of St Pauls hosting community-based / focused programs throughout the week ... and for anything else you can think of ...  $\odot$ 

# Taking Faith Home



Sunday John 20:19-31 Come and see and believe Monday Acts 4:32-35 The sharing of goods Tuesday 1 John 1:1 – 2:2 The word of life Wednesday Matthew 5:14-16 Let your light shine Psalm 27 Thursday Song of confidence Friday 2 Corinthians 4:1-6 Light shining in the darkness Saturday Psalm 133 The blessing of unity Sunday Luke 24:36b-48 Jesus appears to his disciples

Verse for the Week

If we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin.

1 John 1:7

Prayer for the Week God of love and mercy, we thank you for the community of faith that helps us to know and experience your light and truth through Jesus, our resurrected Savior and Lord. Amen.

Mealtime Prayer Generous God, we thank you for this meal and pray that others may have what they need to live, serve, and trust in you through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord. Amen.

A Blessing to Give | May God's light bless you with people filled with joy.



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# Jesus Appears to His Disciples

But he said to them, "Unless I see the nail marks in his hands and put my finger where the nails were, and put my hand into his side, I will not believe it." John 20:25

Based on John 20:19-31 (NIV)



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