

The Congregation of Mark the Evangelist  
Easter A | 5 April 2026

Jesus

is

risen

Welcome to this service of worship at Mark the Evangelist!  
Today's service is being live-streamed for the participation of those  
who can't join us physically today

### *Preparing for Worship Today*

- Congregational responses are printed in ***bold italics***.
- Pray for those who will be leading us in our worship today!
- Today's service includes a re-affirmation of baptism – look through this before the service to see what happens there.



AND the service begins a multi-part congregational chant.  
Please have a look at the "Processional Chant" section before  
the service begins.



### **A SERVICE OF WORD AND SACRAMENT**

**Prelude** JS Bach, *Christ ist erstanden*

#### **Processional Chant: Jubilate Deo**

*(We stand as the Scriptures are brought into the worship space)*

*After the cantor sings through once, join in! "Jubilate Deo" is pronounced "You-bee-lah-tay D-ay-oh"*

*The chant is a round, repeating every four beats; these points are underlined below – feel free to chime in with a new thread, whenever!*

*We sing this until the "Amen" is introduced and repeated – tone in with the Amens after you've finished your current verse, until the Amens are brought to a close.*

***Ju-bi-la-té Dé-o! Ju-bi-la-té Dé-o: Al-lé-lu-ia***

("Jubilate Deo" is Latin, and means "Rejoice in the Lord".)

*These words and music are attributed to  
Michael Praetorius 1571-1621*

### **The promise of God**

The Lord be with you.  
***And also with you.***

Jesus is risen!  
***Alleluia!***

Matthew 28:1-10 *He has been raised from the dead*

### **Prayer of invocation**

**Hymn 360** Light's reddening dawn gleams through the sky (vv1-4, 8)

### **With the Children**

## ***The Word Spoken: Scripture and Preaching***

### **ForeWord**

#### **Word: The Testimony of Scripture**

Your word, O Lord, is a lamp to our feet:  
***and a light to our path.***

1 Corinthians 15.1-11 *The message that I proclaimed to you*

This is the word of the Lord;  
***Thanks be to God!***

#### **Word: The Preaching of the Word**

### **AfterWord: Reaffirmation of Baptismal Vows**

*(The congregation stands)*

Sisters and brothers,  
in our baptism, we died and were  
buried with Christ,  
so that we might rise with him to new  
life.

We were initiated into Christ's holy church  
and brought to life through water and  
the Spirit.

God's mighty acts of salvation for us  
and for all people  
are gracious gifts, freely given.

As we reaffirm our baptism,  
we declare our common allegiance to Christ  
and seek to be obedient to his will.

And so I ask you now:

Do you turn to Christ?  
***I turn to Christ.***

Do you repent of your sins?  
***I repent of my sins.***

Do you renounce evil  
and the false values of this world?  
***I renounce them.***

And now I ask you to confess the faith  
into which you were baptised,  
and in which you continue to live and grow:

**LITBIT:** "To be baptized is to  
recover the humanity that God  
first intended. What did God  
intend? He intended that human  
beings should grow into such  
love for him and such confidence  
in him that they could rightly be  
called God's sons and daughters.  
Human beings have let go of that  
identity, abandoned it, forgotten  
it or corrupted it. And when  
Jesus arrives on the scene he  
restores humanity to where it  
should be."

ROWAN WILLIAMS

Do you believe in God,  
who made you and loves you?

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

Do you believe in Jesus Christ,  
your Saviour and Lord?

***I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.***

Do you believe in the Holy Spirit,  
and the continuing work of our salvation?

***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.***

This is the faith of God's baptised people.

***We are not ashamed to confess it  
in Christ our Lord.***

*(Water is poured into the font.)*

Come Lord Jesus,  
refresh the lives of your faithful people.

*(The people are sprinkled with water.)*

## Declaration of Forgiveness

...Hear, then, Christ's word of grace: your sins are forgiven.

***Thanks be to God!***

## The Peace

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

***And also with you.***

## The Prayers of the People

### *The Visible Word: Eucharist*

Hymn 12 Ye gates, lift up your heads

1. Ye gates, lift up your heads on high; ye  
2. Ye gates lift up your heads; ye doors, doors  
doors that last for ay, be lift-ed up, that so the King of  
that do last for ay, be lift-ed up that so the King of  
glo-ry en-ter may. (Men:) But who of glo-ry is the  
glo-ry en-ter may. (Men:) But who is he that is the  
King? (All:) The migh-ty Lord is this, ev'n that same Lord, that  
King.(All:) the King of glo-ry, who is this? The Lord of hosts, and  
great in might and strong in bat-tle is, ev'n that same Lord that  
none but he, the King of glo-ry is, the Lord of hosts, and  
great in might and strong in bat-tle is.  
none but he, the King of glo-ry is.

(After v.2)

Hal - le - lu - jah, Hal - le - lu - jah, Hal - le - lu - jah, Ha - le - lu - jah,  
Hal - le - lu - jah, A - men, A - men, A - men.

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(If you are able, please remain standing until after the Lord's Prayer)

### The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

(The prayer continues...)

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might, hea - ven and earth are  
full of your glo - ry, ho - sa - na in the high - est. Bles - sed is he who comes in the name of the  
Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est! Ho - san - na - in the high - est!

(The prayer continues...)

### The 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 us our sins,  
as we forgive those who sin against us.**

**Save us from the time of trial  
and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours  
now and for ever. Amen.**

(The people sit)

### The Breaking of the Bread

Holy things for a people made holy;

Taste and see that the Lord is good.

Psalm 34:8

(Sung:) **Alleluia, alleluia, give thanks to the risen Lord,  
alleluia, alleluia, give praise to his name. [TIS 390]**

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### The Communion

The Uniting Church recognises this Table as the Lord's and, so, open to all who would normally commune in their home congregations.

**GATHERING:** We'll gather in a circle around the table for the distribution of the elements; please wait until all have received and the prayer is said before returning to your seats.

If you can't stand or walk to the front but would like to receive communion, please raise your hand if the celebrant has not already noticed you.

## Offering

## Notices

### *The Sending Forth of the People of God*

**Hymn** 370 Christ the Lord is risen today

*...ours the cross, the grave, the skies...*

### **Word of Mission and Blessing**

**Postlude** JS Bach, *Ach Herr, lass dein lieb Engelein*

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## NOTICES

Dear Lyrebird friends,

Our next concert is today. Of course the concert is only an hour or so, leaving plenty of time for Easter egg hunts or whatever else you like to do on the day.

Our guests for this concert are both eminent figures in the early music world and music in general. Hannah

Lane is a harpist specializing in the Baroque triple harp but also a dab hand with the single action instruments of Classical and Romantic times. She is also a teacher and an avid researcher, so in some cases we hear music not available or little heard elsewhere. Nicholas Pollock plays more instruments from the Baroque and Renaissance than we've ever heard of, but is also quite comfortable playing guitar in a punk rock band. When these two performers come together the result is uncommon music-making of the highest standard.

We hope you can join us for the concert at Yuma Auditorium on Sunday April 5th at 2pm. There is a rumour that there will be Easter eggs and/or hot cross buns at the afternoon tea table.

The TryBooking link for tickets: <https://www.trybooking.com/DJDYB>





### Fragment 86

The proclaimed Resurrection of Jesus is a function of his own particular history within its cultural context, and not a function of nature. The Resurrection is a function — a contradiction — of his history as crucified, and not of his nature as mortal. The problem with the Resurrection is not the proposal that Jesus stopped being dead but that, as one crucified, he is the last person we'd expect God to stop from being dead.

### FAITH AFTER FAITH

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- Recent Sermons
- Good Friday: "The holy, and broken, Hallelujah"



### UPCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS

*See above for more details on these events*

Church Council	Tue Apr 7, 7.30pm Online
Hotham Mission Board	Fri Apr 17, 3pm hybrid
Quarterly Conversation on the Quarterly Essay	Fri April 24, 1100am in the Library
Hymn-learning session	May 3, after morning tea

### People to commemorate this week

Martin Luther King Jnr, martyr & social activist; Leonard Kentish, martyr

### Ecumenical Prayer Cycle

The Balkans - Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Kosovo, Montenegro, North Macedonia, Serbia, Slovenia

### Lectionary Readings | 12 April 2026

Acts 2:14a, 22-32; Psalm 16; 1 Peter 1:3-9; John 20:19-31

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