

**Leigh Fijian Leigh Memorial  
Congregations**

**Parramatta Mission**

**Uniting Church in Australia**

**Easter Day**

**12 April 2020**

# THE FIRST SERVICE OF EASTER

## 1. Lali Leigh Fijian

## 2. INTRODUCTION Keith

Sisters and brothers in Christ,  
this is the day  
when our Saviour Jesus Christ passed from death to life.  
On this most holy day  
we gather with the Church throughout the world  
in celebration and prayer.

Through light and the word,  
through water and the bread and wine,  
we recall Christ's death and resurrection,  
we share Christ's triumph over sin and death,  
and with invincible hope  
we await Christ's coming again.

Hear the Pastoral Team message:

Christ is not here.  
Christ has risen  
God is close,  
Always.

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### 3. PRAYER OF THE DAY **Keith**

Eternal giver of life and light,  
this holy day shines with the radiance of the risen Christ.  
Renew your Church with the Spirit given to us in baptism,  
that we may worship you in sincerity and truth,  
and shine as a light in the world;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and forever.  
**Amen.**

### 4. LIGHTING OF THE EASTER CANDLE: **Keith**

The light of Christ rises in glory,  
overcoming on this most holy night  
the darkness of sin and death.  
**Thanks be to God.**

Christ is Risen!  
**He is risen indeed!**

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### 5. HYMN: TIS 370 Christ the Lord is risen today

1. Christ the Lord is risen today:

*Hallelujah!*

Let the whole creation say:

Hallelujah!

Raise your joys and triumphs high:

Hallelujah!

Sing now, heavens, and earth reply:

*Hallelujah!*

2. Love's redeeming work is done;  
fought the fight the battle won;  
vain the stone, the watch, the seal;  
Christ has burst the gates of hell.

3. Lives again our glorious king:  
where, O death, is now your sting?  
Once he died our souls to save:  
Where's your victory, O grave?

4. 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. FACES OF EASTER: **Amelia**

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### 7. GOSPEL READING:

Alleluia (from Bread of Heaven - Margaret Rizza)

[https://youtu.be/aS6RvA\\_7cI](https://youtu.be/aS6RvA_7cI)

Matthew 28:1-10 **Leigh Fijian**

1 But after the sabbath, at the dawning of the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary came to view the tomb. 2 And suddenly there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord descended from heaven and came and rolled away the stone and sat upon it. 3 His appearance was like lightning, and his dress was as white as snow. 4 And the guards, out of fear of him, were shaken and became like the dead. 5 But the angel answering, said to the women, “Do not fear; for I know that you seek Jesus who has been crucified. 6 He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said. Come; see the place where he lay. 7 Then quickly go and tell his disciples that he has been raised from the dead, and know this, he goes before you to Galilee. There you will see him. Listen! I have told you.” 8 And they went quickly from the tomb with great fear and joy and ran to inform his disciples. 9 And wow, Jesus met them and said, “Greetings!” They approached him, held his feet and worshipped him. 10 Then Jesus said, “Fear not. Go, inform my brothers and sisters that they may go to Galilee, and there they will see me.”

Translation by Keith Hamilton

The Gospel of Jesus Christ  
**Alleluia! Thanks be to God.**

8. EASTER MESSAGE: **Keith**

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## 9. CONGREGATIONAL REAFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM

## 10. INTRODUCTION **Keith**

The minister says:

Brothers and sisters,  
as we celebrate again the resurrection  
of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
we remember that through the mystery  
of his suffering and death  
we have died and been buried with him in baptism.  
In our baptism,  
we were also raised with him to new life.  
Having prepared ourselves during Lent,  
we now reaffirm our baptism,  
declaring our allegiance to the risen Christ  
and our rejection of all that is evil.

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### 11. REAFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM

**Kyrie eleison:** LORD have mercy. (Margaret Rizza)

<https://youtu.be/o34zio-m0R8>

**(Lord have mercy  
Christ have mercy  
Lord have mercy)**

Do you repent of your sins?

**I repent of my sins.**

Do you turn to Jesus Christ  
who has defeated the power of sin and death  
and brought us new life?

**I turn to Christ.**

Do you commit yourself to God,  
trusting in Jesus Christ as Saviour  
and in the Holy Spirit as God's power and presence along the  
way?

**I commit myself to God.**

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### 12. THE APOSTLES' CREED **Manas**

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

Do you believe in God?

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

Do you believe in Jesus Christ?

**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?

**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.**



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### 13. COMMITMENT TO MISSION **Keith**

I ask you now to pledge yourselves  
to Christ's ministry in the world.

Will you continue in the community of faith,  
the apostles' teaching,  
the breaking of bread and the prayers?

*Acts 2:42*

**With God's help, we will.**

Will you proclaim by word and example  
the good news of God in Christ?

**With God's help, we will.**

Will you seek Christ in all people,  
and love your neighbour as yourself?

**With God's help, we will.**

Will you strive for justice and peace,  
and respect the dignity of every human being?

**With God's help, we will.**

May almighty God,  
who has given us new birth by water and the Holy Spirit,  
keep us steadfast in the faith,  
and bring us to eternal life;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

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### 14. RECOLLECTION OF BAPTISM **Keith**

*The people remain standing.*

*An elder pours water into the font.*

*The elder then says:*

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

*The minister may say one or more of the following, and sprinkle water from the font by hand three times towards the people.*

Sisters and brothers:

Always remember you are baptised,  
and be thankful.

*and*

Always remember you are baptised,  
and give thanks to the risen Lord.

*and*

Always remember you are baptised,  
and praise the Holy Spirit.

### 15. THE SIGN OF THE CROSS **Keith**

*The people remain in their places.*

*The minister may say:*

Today we remember that, from the time of our baptism,  
the sign of the cross has been upon us.

I invite you now to join me  
in tracing the sign of the cross upon your forehead,  
saying: I belong to Christ. Amen.

*The minister and people mark themselves with the sign, saying:*

**I belong to Christ. Amen.**

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### 16. PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE **Leigh Memorial**

Let us pray for all the baptised everywhere  
and for ourselves in this congregation of God's people.  
To the bidding: Lord in your mercy,  
I ask you to prayer: **hear our prayer.**

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

That our redemption from evil  
and our rescue from the way of sin and death  
may be evident in our daily living.  
Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

That the Holy Spirit may continue  
to open our hearts and lives  
to the grace and truth we find in Jesus our Lord.  
Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

That we may be kept in the faith and communion  
of the holy, catholic and apostolic Church.  
Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

That we may be sent into the world  
to witness to the love of Christ.  
Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

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That we may be brought to the fullness  
of God's peace and glory.  
Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

Let us prayer together:

**Praise be to you, my Lord Jesus Christ,  
for all the benefits  
you have won for me,  
for all the pains and insults  
you have borne for me.**

*Attributed to  
St Richard of Chichester*

**O most merciful Redeemer,  
friend and brother,  
may I know you more clearly,  
love you more dearly,  
and follow you more nearly,  
day by day. Amen.**

### **17. THE PEACE      Keith**

We are the body of Christ.  
In the one Spirit we were all baptised into one body.  
Let us then pursue all that makes for peace  
and builds up our common life.

The peace of Christ be always with you.  
**And also with you.**

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### 18. INVITATION **Keith**

This is the joyful feast of Jesus:  
bread for beloved children;  
a meal for those expecting scraps;  
and a banquet for last-minute guests!  
Come, your place is at the table.  
Here Christ meets you  
and calls you God's own.

#### **Clive and Mary**

The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**  
**Vei Kemuni Talega**

#### **Clive and Mary**

Lift up your hearts.  
**We lift them to the Lord.**  
**Keimami sa laveta cake yani vei kemuni**

#### **Clive and Mary**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**  
**E dodonu mo ni rokovi ka kilikili mo ni Dokai**

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### Manas

Thanks and praise, glory and honour are rightly yours,  
our Lord and God,  
for you alone are worthy.

In time beyond our dreaming  
you brought forth life out of darkness,  
and in the love of Christ your Son  
you set man and woman at the heart of your creation.

You loved the world so much  
that you sent your only Son  
to bring us life eternal.  
Dying he destroyed our death, alleluia.  
Rising he restored our life, alleluia.

And so we praise you  
with the faithful of every time and place,  
joining with choirs of angels  
and the whole creation  
in the eternal hymn:

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**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.**

### **Keith**

We thank you that you called a covenant people  
to be a light to the nations.

Through Moses you taught us to love your law,  
and in the prophets you cried out for justice.

In the fullness of your mercy  
you became one with us in Jesus Christ,  
who gave himself up for us on the cross.  
You make us alive together with him,  
that we may rejoice in his presence  
and share his peace.

By water and the Spirit  
you open the kingdom to all who believe,  
and welcome us to your table:  
for by grace we are saved, through faith.

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We bless you, Sovereign God, ruler of the universe,  
through our Lord Jesus Christ,  
who on the night of his betrayal  
took bread,  
gave you thanks,  
broke it,  
and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
Take this and eat it.  
This is my body given for you.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

In the same way, after supper,  
he took the cup,  
gave thanks,  
and gave it to them, saying:  
Drink from this, all of you.  
This is my blood of the new covenant  
poured out for you and for everyone  
for the forgiveness of sins.  
Do this, whenever you drink it,  
for the remembrance of me.

With this bread and this cup  
we do as our Saviour commands:  
we celebrate the redemption he has won for us.



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**Christ has died,  
Christ is risen,  
Christ will come again.  
Sa mate na Karisito  
Sa tuake na Karisito  
Ena Iesu tale main a Karisito**

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Pour out the Holy Spirit on us  
and on these gifts of bread and wine,  
that they may be for us the body and blood of Christ.

Make us one with him,  
one with each other,  
and one in ministry in the world,  
until at last we feast with him in the kingdom.

Through your Son, Jesus Christ,  
in your holy Church,  
all honour and glory are yours, Father almighty,  
now and for ever.

**Amen.**

### **19. 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.**

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### 20. THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

The minister takes the bread and breaks it in full view of the people, in silence or saying:

The bread we break  
is a sharing in the body of Christ.

The minister lifts the cup in full view of the people, in silence or saying:

The cup we take  
is a sharing in the blood of Christ.

The minister holds out the bread and the cup to the people and says:

The gifts of God for the people of God.  
**May we who share these gifts  
be found in Christ  
and Christ in us.**

(Uniting in Worship II 324:1)

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### 21. LAMB OF GOD

#### **Clive and Mary**

Jesus, lamb of God.

**Have mercy on us.**

**Jisu, Lami ni Kalou**

**Ni lomani keimami**

#### **Clive and Mary**

Jesus, bearer of our sins.

**Have mercy on us.**

**Jisu, ko ni colata na neimami valavala ca**

**Ni lomani keimami**

#### **Clive and Mary**

Jesus, redeemer of the world.

**Grant us your peace.**

**Jisu nai Vakabula**

**Me sobuti keimami na nomuni vakacegu**

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### 22. PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

**Keith**

Gracious God,  
you have made us one  
with all your people in heaven and on earth.  
We have recalled your mighty acts in holy history.  
We have seen your power  
in sending light to conquer darkness,  
water to give us life;  
and the bread of heaven to nourish us in love.  
Send us with your salvation and joy to all the world,  
in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

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### 23. SENDING AND BLESSING

#### **Manas**

The blessing of the Living God,  
who brings light out of darkness,  
be upon you now and forever. **Amen.**

#### **Mary**

The blessing of the risen Christ,  
who sends you as apostles  
into all the world,  
be upon you now and forever. **Amen.**

#### **Amelia**

The blessing of the Holy Spirit,  
who fills the Church with joy and praise,  
be upon you now and forever. **Amen.**

#### **Keith**

The blessing of our God,  
the holy and glorious Trinity,  
be upon you and remain with you now,  
and forever. **Amen.**

Go in the peace of Christ. Alleluia! Alleluia!  
**Thanks be to God! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

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**24. HYMN TIS 380** Thine be the glory  
(Note altered words – combination old and new words from AHB & TIS)

**1. Thine be 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 grave-clothes, where your body lay.**

*Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son,  
Endless is the victory over death you've won*

**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 the Lord is living, death has lost its sting.**

*Refrain*

**3. 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.**

*Refrain*