

Sunday 10 May 2020

Gathering God's People

Lali

Introit

Lighting the Christ Candle:

If you have a candle in your room, one of the children might light it
and someone in your home read these words

Christ Jesus is the light of the world.

Greeting:

To the community of Christ
Scattered through the city:

Grace and peace to you.
And also to you.

Christ is risen!
Alleluia.
Christ is risen!
He is risen indeed!

Call to worship: (in 3 voices: A – CP; B – a mother; C – a child / youth)

B: Where can I go from your spirit?
Or where can I flee from your presence?
⁸ If I ascend to heaven, you are there;
if I make my bed in Sheol, you are there.
⁹ If I take the wings of the morning
and settle at the farthest limits of the sea,

¹⁰ even there your hand shall lead me,
and your right hand shall hold me fast.

A: ¹¹ If I say, "Surely the darkness shall cover me,
and the light around me become night,"

¹² even the darkness is not dark to you;
the night is as bright as the day,
for darkness is as light to you.

C: ¹³ For it was you who formed my inward parts;
you knit me together in my mother's womb.

¹⁴ I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made.
Wonderful are your works;
that I know very well.

¹⁵ My frame was not hidden from you,
when I was being made in secret,
intricately woven in the depths of the earth.

¹⁶ Your eyes beheld my unformed substance.
In your book were written
all the days that were formed for me,
when none of them as yet existed. (Psalm 139)

Sere: The Power Of Your Love (mothers)

A Prayer of Approach: Soweri Suguta Rogoimuri

God is good, **All the time!**
All the time, **God is good!**

First time altogether, second time children

Pause

Forgive us, God of grace, God of mercy

When we reject you:

When we turn away from the neighbour

Who is in need;

When we put others to shame

And act in ways where others

Do not trust us.

Amelia Vocea

⁹But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light. ¹⁰Once you were not a people, but now you are the people of God; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy. (1 Peter 2:9-10)

Silence

Words of Assurance: (Matthew 7:24-27)

Jesus said:

Each of those who hears these my words
And does them is like the wise person
who builds their house on rock.

The rain came down, the rivers rose,
And the winds blew and beat against that house;
But it did not fall, because it was built on rock.

Believe the good news of the gospel.
In Jesus Christ we are loved,
Forgiven, and set free!

Behold salvation has come to this house.
Thanks be to God!

Sing: halle, halle, hallelujah

The Peace

May the peace of Christ be always with you.
And also with you.

'The Faces of Jesus after Easter'. Rev Amelia

Learning Together:

Uniting Earth / children's climate action

'What kind of world do we wish for our children?'
(introduced by Clive)

(Somewhere over the rainbow / What a wonderful world:
Israel Kamakawiwo'Ole)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nflf8BhMVs>

Video extracts from: Uniting Earth
<https://www.unitingearth.org.au/worship/>

Featuring:

Maya (6)
Sioeli (8)
Lars (8)

Fepaki (10)

Song: 'Cherish the delicate earth'.
(Paul Somerville)

<https://www.unitingearth.org.au/worship/>

Sharing: **Leviana, Maca**

The Service of the Word

New Testament Reading: Acts 7:54-8:1 – **Mele Dovibua**
(the first martyr)

⁵⁴ When they heard these things, they became enraged and ground their teeth at Stephen.^[a] ⁵⁵ But filled with the Holy Spirit, he gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. ⁵⁶ "Look," he said, "I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!" ⁵⁷ But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. ⁵⁸ Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him; and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. ⁵⁹ While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit." ⁶⁰ Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, "Lord, do not hold this sin against them." When he had said this, he died.^[b] ¹ And Saul approved of their killing him.

Gospel Reading:

John 14:1-14.

Marica Sadrata

“Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe^[a] in God, believe also in me. ²In my Father’s house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you?^[b] ³And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. ⁴And you know the way to the place where I am going.”^[c] ⁵Thomas said to him, “Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?” ⁶Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. ⁷If you know me, you will know^[d] my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.”

Mereoni Sorova

⁸Philip said to him, “Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.” ⁹Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’? ¹⁰Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. ¹¹Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. ¹²Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. ¹³I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may

be glorified in the Son. 14 If in my name you ask me^e for anything, I will do it.

Reflection – Akisi Allison

Song: **The Mothers sing (Jisu sa wekada Dina)**
What a Friend we have In Jesus

Sermon: ‘The womb of life’. **(Rev Amelia)**‘

Prayers for Others: **Inise Foiakau**

Lord, in your mercy
HEAR OUR PRAYER

The Lord’s Prayer

Song: ‘May our lives and prayers be one’.

May our lives and our prayers be one - by Paul Somerville

**May our | lives and our prayers be | one — —
As our | hopes shape the roads we walk | on,
And when our | work and our dream-ing’s | done.
May our | lives and our prayers be | one.**

* **Within the rhythm of our days	———
* **We take the time to muse and pray	———
* **The fears we face, the tears we taste	———
* **We view in light of holy grace...	———

May our lives...

**We name our deepest hopes and dreams
For those we love and all in need.**

**We picture how the world could be.
We live the change we want to see.**
May our lives...

Sere: To God Be The Glory (Mothers)

Dismissal and Blessing: Rev. Mary Pearson

May the love of God
Who knew you while you were being
Formed in your mother's womb
Nourish and nurture you
Into to a living hope.

May the peace of Christ Jesus
Who longed to gather us in
Like a mother hen gathers her chicks walks
Comfort and care for you.

May the wisdom of the Holy Spirit
Who longs and yearns for us
To be made whole
And live life in all its fullness
Support and sustain you.

Go, in the peace of Christ,
Who is with us to the close of the age,
Amen

Song : In The Sweet By And By.(MOTHERS)