Sunday 7 April 2024 Warragul UC, Low Sunday in the Easter Season Easter Journeyings



Song Geoff "Just as I am"

Call to Worship

The Grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you

Prayer

Sing TiS 392 "At the dawning of salvation"

Introduction and Indigenous Acknowledgement

Prayer.

Living and loving God,

We will remember Jesus as we live our lives.

We will remember him as we forgive, and not hold on to hurts

silence & personal reflection.

We will remember Jesus as we live our lives.

We will remember him as we give until it makes a difference silence & personal reflection.

We will remember Jesus as we live our lives.

We will remember him in our sharing with those we love and those who love us silence & personal reflection

We will remember Jesus as we live our lives.

We will remember him in our fears and challenges and rejoicings silence & personal reflection

We will remember Jesus as we live our lives.

God of life, we remember the crucified and rising Lord Jesus Christ, bringer of true love in all its fullness, companion along our way in thanksgiving and forgiveness. Amen!

Declaration of Forgiveness

Friends, this is true in the Easter season and in all of time

Christ has died! Christ has died!

Christ is risen! Christ is risen!

Christ is coming again! Christ is coming again!

Know that Jesus the Christ is with you along your way, in forgiveness and in hope:

Amen! Thanks be to God!

Peace The Peace of the Lord be with you And also with you

Sing TiS 256 "From heaven you came" (all verses)

A Dramatic Reading from the Gospel of John 20: 19-31
In these words we hear the Word for our living and our loving
Thanks be to God!

Reflection Easter Journeyings – Thomas and change

Sing TiS 536 "An upper room"

Prayers of the People

Living and loving God,

We will remember Jesus as we live our lives.

We will remember him as we resist war and all forms of violence.

We will remember Jesus as we live our lives.

We will remember him as we feed the hungry, shelter the homeless and befriend the lonely.

We will remember Jesus as we live our lives.

We will remember his inclusiveness, loving, forgiving and restoring hope with any person.

We will remember Jesus as we live our lives.

We will remember his guidelines for our lives and for our loving.

Loving Lord Jesus

May our love touch your people

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!

Offering

God, we bring our gifts

From the bounty of your giving.

We bring our love

In the name of Christ.

We bring our service

with each other, through your Spirit. Amen!

An Easter celebration of the Holy Communion

Narrative: followed by

Christ is risen!

Alleluia!

The Risen Lord be with you

And also with you

Spirit of Life,

And so we give thanks with Christians of all times and all places in the eternal hymn

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.

Prayer continues, concluding Amen!

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

COMMUNION - we will be served in our seats, please eat and drink as you receive.

Prayer: Living God, we give thanks that through this bread and wine our lives have been nourished; our faith strengthened and our love increased.

Loving God, we are grateful for this moment, this meal and these people, and we give ourselves to grow in the way of Jesus. May we leave this meal as people on a journey, because we have shared the living bread and cannot remain the same. Alleluia! Amen!

Sing TiS 380 "Yours be the glory"

Blessing

The grace of our Easter God be with you **And also with you.**

In creation and life, from chaos and death **Go with our never-weary Creator.**

Through courage and faith, from hopelessness and fearfulness

Go with the resurgent Christ the redeemer strength and in compassion from loneliness and

In strength and in compassion from loneliness and lifelessness

Go, attended by the dynamic Holy Spirit.
Go, people of God, shining Christ's light,
May the Presence of God enfold us in life
and in all eternity. Amen! Alleluia!

Sing TiS 679 "Now to the Risen Lord"