

**Easter Day  
World-Wide Worship @ Home  
Sunday 12 April, 2020**

**Getting Ready**

Set up your worship space with the things you gathered that remind you of life: an egg, a flower, a photo, a seed, ...



**Light your Candle**

**Christ our Light,  
Brings to our World.  
Jesus is Risen  
He is Risen indeed! Alleluia!**

**Call to Worship: Call to Praise**

The congregation at Toora call out  
**Jesus is Risen**

The people of God at Foster reply  
**He is Risen indeed! Alleluia!**

The disciples of Fish Creek cry out,  
**"Why are you weeping?"**

And the faithful at Tarwin Lower reply  
**"I have seen the Lord!"**

The believers at Wonthaggi call to the  
people of The Way at Inverloch,  
**Jesus is Risen**

The congregation at Phillip Island reply:  
**He is Risen indeed! Alleluia!**

**Opening Hymn of Praise**

**370 Christ the Lord is Risen today**  
Christ the Lord is risen today: Hallelujah!  
Let the whole creation say: Hallelujah!

Raise your joys and triumphs high:  
Hallelujah!  
Sing now heaven and earth reply:  
Hallelujah!

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

Lives again our glorious king; Hallelujah!  
where O death is now your sting?  
Hallelujah!  
Once he died our souls to save; Hallelujah!  
where your victory O grave? Hallelujah!

Soar we now where Christ has led  
Hallelujah!  
following our exalted Head; Hallelujah!  
made like him like him we rise: Hallelujah!  
ours the cross the grave the skies.  
Hallelujah!-

John Wesley 1707-88  
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**Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24**

**O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;  
his steadfast love endures forever!  
Let Israel say, "His steadfast love endures  
forever."**

*Shout it with thankful hearts, everyone!  
God's goodness and love cannot be  
contained or curtailed.  
It flows to us unyielding, lavish and eternal.*

**The LORD is my strength and my might; he  
has become my salvation.  
There are glad songs of victory in the tents  
of the righteous: "The right hand of the  
LORD does valiantly;  
the right hand of the LORD is exalted; the  
right hand of the LORD does valiantly."**

*I'm plugged in and drawing power from your splendour God and you keep me charged up.*

*Melodies of delight and blessing surround you from all corners of the earth.*

*Hear us singing: "Our God fills us with outrageous life in abundance, turning our puddling chorus of gratitude into bursting billabongs of joyful celebration."*

**I shall not die, but I shall live, and recount the deeds of the LORD.**

**The LORD has punished me severely, but he did not give me over to death.**

*It's not over, this time of seclusion and separation, but I'm going to tell anyone I can;*

*It's been a tough time, and still is, but I'm going to make it because you embrace me, you hold me in the light of life.*

**Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them and give thanks to the LORD.**

**This is the gate of the LORD; the righteous shall enter through it.**

*The arms of life are flung wide open – come on, we're invited to enter and abide!*

**I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation.**

**The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.**

*A big bunch of fragrant 'thank-you-s' to you God, because your ear picked up my cries*

*and you brought me here, into the household of your presence, built from love, which holds no worldly currency, and is the greatest treasure.*

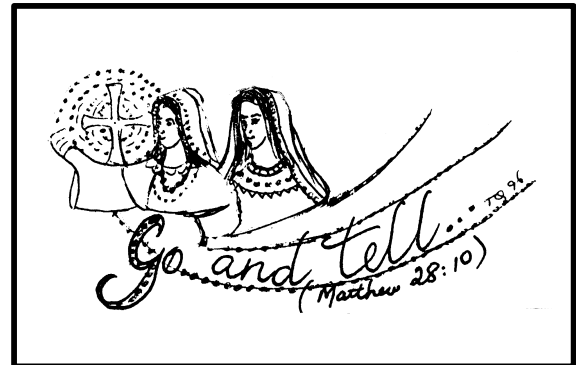
**This is the Lord's doing; it is marvellous in our eyes.**

**This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

*You've smashed it God! (You've done more than we could ever have imagined.)*

*Today, this day, every day, is your gift of life for us.*

*So we'll sing, pray, laugh and dance with all our being. Let it be so.*



## The Gospel

### Matthew 28: 1-10

These are Word of Hope and Joy  
Thanks be to God

## Easter Day Reflection

See attached

## Prayers

God of Life,

We know that our lives are often full of our own agendas. We often do just what we want and don't consider you and don't consider others. We get sucked in to negativity and despair. Help us to be mindful always of your transformative love which we celebrate especially at Easter. Transform us and help us to live out the resurrection good news every day.

We think of those who need to know this love this day. Those who are sad, those who are sick, those who face death or grieve death today. For those without food or shelter we pray. We seek peace and we pray in compassion for all those experiencing the effects of conflict or

downsizing and closings of whatever sort. We pray for broken relationships and torn emotions. Help us to be witnesses to your love, bringing peace and life to every place we go. Help us to show up, to bring hope and grace and love and life.

For in so doing we declare the great mystery "Christ is Risen indeed".

Amen

### The Lord's Prayer

*and we pray together what Jesus taught:*

***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:

- place your offering in a safe place and give thanks to God.

#### Notices

Make a note of who you will share some Good News with this week.

### Hymn TiS392 At the Dawning of Salvation

At the dawning of salvation;  
in the morning of the world  
Christ is raised a living banner  
by the love of God unfurled  
Through the daylight  
through the darkness

Christ leads on his great array:  
all the saints and all the sinners  
he has gathered on his way.

He is risen in the morning  
he is risen from the dead;  
he is laughter after sadness  
he is light when night has fled.  
He has suffered  
he has triumphed  
life is his alone to give:  
as he gave it once he gives it  
evermore  
that we may live.

For the glory of salvation  
in the dawn of Easter day  
we will praise you  
loving Father;  
we rejoice to sing and pray  
with the Son and with the Spirit.  
Lead us on  
your great array  
saints and sinners celebrating  
your triumphant love today.

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### Blessing

The disciples in Toora, Foster, Fish Creek, Tarwin Lower, Wonthaggi, Inverloch, and Phillip Island, have heard Mary Magdalene's message:

**"I have seen the Lord!"**

May we, the people of God in this region, hold this joy and hope in the coming weeks!

**"Suddenly Jesus met them and said,  
"Greetings!" And they came to him...and  
worshiped." (Matt 28:9)**

Let us live our lives as our worship,  
sharing this New Life today, and everyday.

**So Let It Be!**

**\* extinguish your candle: take time to watch  
the smoke spiral upward**

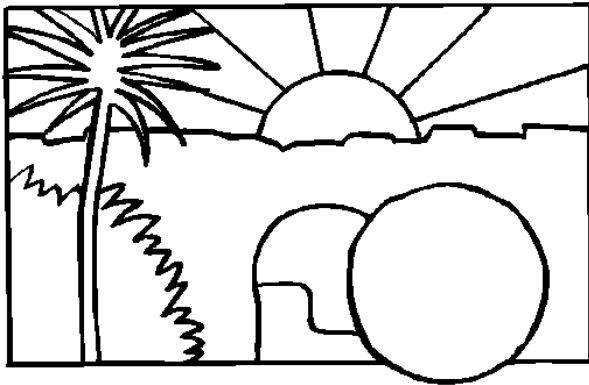
**Now, let's celebrate the resurrection!**  
**Grab a refreshment, and ring a friend.**  
**Share the Joy of New Life!**

The liturgy is from Rev. Ian Turnnidge  
Rev. Jennie Gordon prepared the Psalm prayer.  
The reflection from Rev. Deacon Wendy Elson



*Shared with love from the Uniting Church  
Toora, Foster, Fish Creek, Tarwin Lower,  
Wonthaggi, Inverloch, Phillip Island, to the  
wider church and beyond!*

### **EASTER DAY COLOURING**



Hey, hey, This is how I greet the day,  
I greet the day

Lead me to the ones I need  
And to the one who's needing me.  
And everything that gets me through  
Gladly, I receive from You.  
All the mercy, all the love,  
Pouring down to fill us up  
Hey, hey, This is how I greet the day,  
I greet the day

Hello sunshine  
Hello rain  
Glad to see you,  
Either way  
Lead me to the ones I need  
And to the one who's needing me  
Hey, hey, This is how I greet the day,

I greet the day  
Come on, greet the day  
Let's greet the day

Hello sunshine  
Hello rain  
Hello every single day  
Lead me to the ones I need  
And to the one who's needing me.  
I won't assume the worst is true,  
And do the best that I can do.

From the Album *How Mercy Looks from Here*, Amy Grant, Sparrow/Capitol, 2013  
Words and Music: Amy Grant and Cindy Morgan

### **Greet The Day**

Lead me to the ones I need  
And to the one who's needing me.  
I won't assume the worst is true,  
And do the best that I can do.  
A word of kindness, I believe,  
Is heard throughout Eternity

Easter Day @ Home Service of Worship for Uniting Church communities in The Shearwater Ministry Area: *Toora, Foster, Fish Creek, Tarwin Lower, Wonthaggi, Inverloch, Phillip Island*