



Christ is Risen!

St Aidan's Uniting Church
31st March 2024

Call to Worship

Christ is risen!

He is risen indeed!

Alleluia!

Prayer of Confession

God of the Resurrection,
as we give thanks for the ways
in which you have breathed new life into us,
we also confess the times
that we have fled from the tomb
and not responded to your call to life.

When we allow fear to overcome
your invitation to life in all its fullness,

**Resurrection God,
forgive us.**

When the invitation to a fullness of life
seems nonsensical,

**Resurrection God,
forgive us.**

When the words of your messengers
are too challenging for where we are,

**Resurrection God,
forgive us.**

Forgive us each day we would walk away
from the life you give;
renew our hearts
and help us start again.

Amen.

Words of Assurance

The Resurrection story is a story of grace,
of new starts when all seems bleak,
and of God's gift of hope to all humanity.

Know that God offers forgiveness
to all who repent and change their hearts:
you are forgiven.

Thanks be to God.

Prayer of Intercession

Creator God,
today as we celebrate the Resurrection
and the invitation to live life in all its fullness,
we pray for the people
who are yet to experience that fullness of life
or whose circumstances engenders such fear
that hope is not a realistic expectation.

We pray for the people of countries at war,
where people go to bed at night,
not knowing if they will wake up alive.

We pray for people
whose leaders oppress and abuse them.

We pray for people who experience discrimination
for many different reasons,
all of them unjustified.

We pray for people who are blocked
from living life to the fullest
because of their sexuality,
disability, skin colour, language, or gender.

We pray for people in poverty
who do not know
how they will afford their next meal
or even where they will sleep tonight;
and those who know all too well
their next meal will be from dumpster diving
and their next bed will be in a park.

We pray for all people
who work towards offering others
life in all its fullness,
and give you thanks for the work they do
regardless of whether or not they do it in your name.

We pray for the needs we know about
in this community and congregation.
We pray for the people
who have no one else to pray for them.

Amen.

Benediction & Blessing

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Let us go out to share the Resurrection hope;
let us go out celebrating the fullness of life that God offers
all;

let us go out knowing that we are not alone.

And as you go, may you always know
the love of God surrounds you,
Christ, the companion, walks with you,
and the Spirit leads you on the dance of life.