

Good Enough Disciples



St Aidan's Uniting Church
27th April 2025
Easter 2

Call to Worship

Christ is risen!

He is risen indeed!

Easter is not one day;
it is a whole season
that stretches from the day of Resurrection
until we celebrate Pentecost,
with its gift of the Holy Spirit,
and the birth of the church.

In this time of hearing stories
that reflect on being the church,
we also reflect on what it means
to be the church in this time and place.

We take this time
to reflect on who we are and whose we are,
how our story and the God story interacts,
and build our relationship
as we worship God.

Prayers

Forgiving God,
as we reflect on what it means
to be your church in this time and place,
we also ask for your help
to be the people you call us to be.

When we are frozen in our actions
afraid of not succeeding,
or not being perfect,
or not trying because we think we will fall short,

**God of the Resurrection,
forgive us and grant us new beginnings.**

When we look at the needs of our world
and not respond

because no matter what we do
it will never be enough,
God of the Resurrection,
forgive us and grant us new beginnings.

When we see others who need support,
to know in practical ways,
your love, compassion, and care,
and yet we turn aside,
because we are afraid we will be asked
to do even more than we think is possible,
God of the Resurrection,
forgive us and grant us new beginnings.

When we fail to value
the small things that we can do
as being a worthwhile contribution
to living out your reign of grace and peace,
God of the Resurrection,
forgive us and grant us new beginnings.

Show us a new way,
give us new confidence
that we may share your love
and whatever attempts we make in doing that
is good.
Amen.

Words of Assurance

God calls us to new life,
to our own Resurrection
that looks to the future with hope.

Know that when you confess,
God will help you to start again:
you are forgiven –
Thanks be to God.

Prayer of Intercession

God of the Resurrection,
you have given us fresh starts and new beginnings,
looking beyond what we see as your limitations
to the possibilities you know are true.

As we pray for the needs of the world
we pray for those who need at this time
to experience your resurrection life
and to respond to your call
even when the call feels daunting.

We pray for the people
who, like Thomas, have been put down
because they dared to ask questions
and explore possibilities
that others would deny.

We pray for those
who are afraid of the possibilities offered,
who have been taught to think
that they will never be good enough
or that anything less than perfect
is not worth doing at all.

We pray for those who have been taught
to devalue themselves and what they offer
because others do not see the value
in who they are or what they can do.

We pray for people who think they know their limits
and are unwilling or afraid to challenge them,
expanding their achievements
to what they never thought was possible.

We also pray for those
who place limits on other people –
because of attributes
that have nothing to do with possibility,

such as race, culture, gender or sexuality –
or because they simply want to put others down
who threaten their own sense of competence.

Gather them all into your loving arms,
show them how you see them –
with all the potential and possibilities
that you offer.
Amen.

Benediction & Blessing

As you go, may you experience anew
the resurrection life that is offered
this day and every day.

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