

WESLEY UNITING CHURCH GEELONG

Welcome to Easter 7
2024



Rev Peter Greenwood

A WARM WELCOME to any who are visiting or worshipping with us for the first time today. Please make yourselves known. We trust you will enjoy this time of fellowship with us. You are invited to join us over a cuppa after the service.

LIGHTING OF THE EASTER CANDLE

CALL TO WORSHIP

Ah, the fragrance of new grass
and brilliant wildflowers...

Do you hear his footsteps coming? The Lord of the Resurrection!

ACCLAMATION

Christ is risen!

He is risen indeed! Alleluia !

EASTER PROCLAMATION

Rejoice, heavenly powers!

Sing choirs of angels!

Exult all creation around God's throne!

Jesus Christ our King is risen!

Sound the trumpet of salvation!

Rejoice, heavenly powers!

Sing, choirs of angels!

Jesus Christ our King is risen!

Rejoice, O earth, in shining splendour,

Radiant in the brightness of your King!

Christ has conquered!

Glory fills you!

Darkness vanishes forever!

Rejoice, heavenly powers!

Sing, choirs of angels!

Jesus Christ our King is risen!

Rejoice, O mother Church!

Exult in glory!

The risen Saviour shines upon you!

Let this place resound with joy,

Echoing the mighty song of all God's people!

Rejoice, heavenly powers!
Sing, choirs of angels!
Jesus Christ our King is risen!

PRAYER

SONG OF EASTER PRAISE TIS 477

Jesus calls us here to meet him
as, through word and song and prayer,
we affirm God's promised presence
where his people live and care.

Praise the God who keeps his promise;
praise the Son who calls us friends;
praise the Spirit who, among us,
to our hopes and fears attends.

Jesus calls us to confess him
Word of Life and Lord of All,
sharer of our flesh and frailness
saving all who fail or fall.

Tell his holy human story;
tell his tales that all may hear;
tell the world that Christ in glory
came to earth to meet us here.

Jesus calls us to each other:
vastly different though we are.
Creed and colour, class and gender
neither limit nor debar.

Join the hand of friend and stranger;
join the hands of age and youth;
join the faithful and the doubter
in their common search for truth.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

CONFESSION

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

SHARING THE PEACE OF THE RISEN LORD

LISTENING TO SCRIPTURE

1 John 5: 9 – 13

We believe what people tell us. But we can trust what God says even more, and God is the one who has spoken about his Son. If we have faith in God's Son, we have believed what God has said. But if we don't believe what God has said about his Son, it is the same as calling God a liar. God has also said he gave us eternal life and this life comes to us from his Son. And so, if we have God's Son, we have this life. But if we don't have the Son, we don't have this life.

All of you have faith in the Son of God, and I have written to let you know you have eternal life.

John 17 : 6 – 19

You have given me some followers from this world, and I have shown them what you are like. They were yours, but you gave them to me, and they have obeyed you. They know that you gave me everything I have. I told my followers what you told me, and they accepted it. They know I came from you, and they believe you are the one who sent me. I am praying for them, but not for those who belong to this world. My followers belong to you, and I am praying for them. All I have is yours, and all you have is mine, and they will bring glory to me.

Holy Father, I am no longer in the world. I am coming to you, but my followers are still in the world. So keep them safe by the power of the name you have given me. Then they will be one with each other, just as you and I are one. While I was with them, I kept them safe by the power you have given me. I guarded them, and not one of them was lost, except the one who had to be lost. This happened so that what the Scriptures say would come true.

I am on my way to you. But I say these things while I am still in the world, so my followers will have the same complete joy that I do. I have told them your message. But the people of this world hate them, because they don't belong to this world, just as I don't.

Father, I don't ask you to take my followers out of the world, but keep them safe from the evil one. They don't belong to this world, and neither do I. Your word is the truth. So let this truth make them completely yours. I am sending them into the world, just as you sent me. I have given myself completely for their sake, so they may belong completely to the truth.

REFLECTION

Song: There's a love that seeks us

There's a love that seeks us,
love that will not leave us,
knows our deepest longing,
drives away our fear.

There's a God who holds us,
lovingly enfolds us;
we will lack for nothing,
trusting he is near.

Chorus

*Our God, you're wonderful,
your love will never fail,
your goodness follows us for all our days.*

*Our God, you're wonderful
your love forever will be with us.*

There's a love that guides us,
walks the road beside us,
comforting, providing,
showing us the way.

Love will light the darkness,
where the valley's deepest,
lead us through the shadows
to a resting place.

Chorus

OFFERTORY

DEDICATION SONG

SONG: FATHER IN HEAVEN TIS 465

1.

Father in heaven,
grant to your children
mercy and blessing,
songs never ceasing,
love to unite us,
grace to redeem us -
Father in heaven,
Father our God.

2.

Jesus, Redeemer,
may we remember
your gracious passion,
your resurrection.
Worship we bring you,
praise we shall sing you -
Jesus, Redeemer,
Jesus our Lord.

3.

Spirit descending
whose is the blessing,
strength for the weary,
help for the needy;
make us your temple,
born a new people
Spirit descending,
Spirit adored.

NOTICES AND SHARING

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

So we whisper in prayer the words Jesus has given us:

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 forever. Amen.

SONG: HOW SHALL I CALL YOU Misc H6

1.

How shall I call you? Maker of heaven,
poet of sunset, and painter of sky,
Father almighty who's running to find us,
giving his Son who must suffer and die.

Chorus:

*Glory to the Father, the Son, and the Spirit,
let's sing it again and again.*

*Glory to the Father, the Son and the Spirit,
forever and ever. Amen.*

2.

How shall I call you? Lover of children,
shepherd and teacher and brother and friend;
healer of blind man and healer of leper,
you are beginning and middle and end.

Chorus

3.

How shall I call you? Spirit of comfort,
cloud in the daytime and fire in the night,
guide as we wander, protector in danger,
listener and helper and giver of light.

Chorus

4.

How shall I call you? Master and servant,
Lord of the seasons, and Lord of the years,
faithful and constant in loving and mercy,
giver of laughter and taker of tears

COMMISSIONING

As you leave this meeting place,
may God guide you,
And may red dust and yellow sands
be stirred to life
as you move and act in this land
for justice, faith and the common good.

**We will go among the people,
and with God's help and grace
we will love those we meet. Amen.**

Song Sent by the Lord am I UIS 14.10
Sent by the Lord am I;
my hands are ready now
to make the earth the place
in which the kingdom comes. *(repeat)*

The angels cannot change
a world of hurt and pain
into a world of love,
of justice and of peace.

The task is mine to do,
to set it really free.
O help me to obey,
help me to do your will.

SONG: SHALOM TO YOU NOW TIS 778

Shalom to you now,
Shalom, my friends.
May God's full mercies
Bless you, my friends.
In all your living
And through your loving,
Christ be your shalom,
Christ be your shalom.

The Geelong Uniting Churches - combined Pentecost Service

The service is **open to all**, and will be held at **10am on the 19th of May**, at **'The Dome'** - Geelong Library & Heritage Centre, 51 Little Malop Street, Geelong.

The Uniting Churches across Geelong are combining together to celebrate Pentecost;
the Sunday when we observe the receiving of the Holy Spirit.

This day is also integrated with the wearing of something **red**; to represent the Holy Spirit descending on the people like 'tongues of flame'.

Celebrating the Holy Spirit: **'Sofia Wisdom'**
(Honouring the feminine aspects of God)

Don't forget to wear something **Red**

The service will be followed by a shared morning tea.
The service will be **Live-Streamed** for those unable to attend in person (details will be made available on the Presbytery Facebook page).
For more information, please contact Jeanne on 0432284279



The Church office will be closed from
May 7th to May 20th.

UPCOMING EVENTS

May 15th

Craft Group
10.30 am



May 19th

Combined Pentecost
Service 10.00 am



May 22nd

Bus Trip
10.30 am



May 24th

Wesley Playgroup
10.00 am



May 24th

RAAF Band
7.30 pm



May 28th

Coffee and Chat
10.30 am at the Hub East





The Royal Australian Air Force Band

7:30PM, FRIDAY 24 MAY

WESLEY UNITING CHURCH

100 Yarra St, Geelong VIC

Free admission

Squadron Leader Daniel Phillips

Leading Aircraftman Adam Cooper-Stanbury

Guiseppe Verdi - 'La Forza Del Destino'

David Bedford - 'Sun Paints Rainbows on the Vast Waves'

Anne Cawrse - 'Skin Metal Wood: Percussion Concerto' (movt 1)

Julie Giroux - Symphony No VI 'The Blue Marble'

Join the Royal Australian Air Force Band for an unforgettable musical journey in the beautiful setting of Geelong's Wesley Uniting Church.

From the majestic and sweeping melodies of Julie Giroux's 'The Blue Marble' to the evocative and enchanting tones of David Bedford's 'Sun Paints Rainbows on the Vast Waves,' each piece promises to transport listeners to new heights of musical wonder.

Highlighting the versatility and virtuosity of your Air Force Band, percussion takes centre stage with Adelaide composer Anne Cawrse's 'Skin Metal Wood: Percussion Concerto,' a dynamic and thrilling showcase of rhythmic prowess. In addition, no performance would be complete without a nod to the classics, as the band presents a stirring rendition of Verdi's timeless masterpiece, 'La Forza Del Destino.'

For further information please contact: airforce.band@defence.gov.au

Daily Diary

Monday	13th May	10.30 am	Gentle Exercise
Wednesday	15th May	10.30 am	Craft Group
Sunday	19th May	10.00 am	Combined Pentecost Service

Rosters

	Today	Next Sunday
WELCOME	Betty Backwell	Combined Pentecost
READER	Helen Maybin	Service
Camera Operator	Zara White	
Data Projection	Will Pearce	
Morning Tea	Hilary Prideaux, Leon Pederick, Helen Maybin	
Offering Counters	Lorene and Judy	
Communion		

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