



SAINTS A & A



Worship@Home Sunday 12th April
Easter Sunday
Meeting by Zoom Saints A & A

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9:00am - 9:25am Welcome and settling in Cuppa and Easter Eggs. Get your own 😊 so as not to bust the bubble.



We need a new configuration of liturgy and climate to celebrate Easter in the Southern Hemisphere.

In the southern hemisphere we cannot exploit the theme of Spring's new life.

Perhaps the theme of refreshing coolness would be an excellent substitute to enrich our appreciation of the Easter event.

March/April in New Zealand generally is a pleasant, refreshing month, before the onslaught of winter.



Easter Sunday 12th April

Saints A & A

Birkenhead Northcote

Aotearoa New Zealand

9:30am Gathering:

Welcome

This day we shall let the hills embrace us,
the trees comfort us,
and the sun enlighten our minds.

This day we shall let the sap rise within us
and dance the music of the Cosmos.ⁱ

We celebrate the richness and diversity of life and the wonder of resurrection
let us light our candles in unity with each other, God and the cosmos.

Opening prose: Yes there is fear

Gathering song: Christ is Risen

Reading: John 20:1-18

Response:

Jesus lives! He lives in the hearts
and minds of all who love him.

This is the way we will remember him!

On this day called Easter, we celebrate
the indestructible love and wisdom that
Jesus showed to the world.

We will gladly follow in his Way!

We will remember Jesus as we live our lives.

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

We will remember Jesus as we live our lives.

**We will remember him as we give
until it makes a difference.**

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 faith in a God
who loves, forgives and restores our hope.**

We will remember Jesus as we live our lives.

**We will remember his guidelines
for life and for loving.** ⁱⁱ

Singing: Alleluia Christ is alive

Sermon: “Yes-Life”

Singing: For the beauty of the Earth

Our Prayers for others:

The 'Abba' Prayer:

You are invited to pray in the spirit of the Abba/Lord's Prayer, and in your original language, as that is appropriate

Holy Being,

whom we call by many different names,

Blessed are you.

Blessed are we in you.

May we create with you a realm of mercy, peace and justice.

May love be done in the here and now as it is in the infinite.

May we share life in bread and hope.

For our failures to love, we need forgiveness.

May we find the paths of reconciliation.

In the midst of evil's every incarnation,

From the powers that possess our spirits and our structures,

May we find liberation.

In the power that is love, we seek to live and move and have our being.

May it be so, now and forever. (Nancy L Steeves)

Singing: Jesu Jesu

Over to you in regards to your candle continuing to burn – all we ask it that you be safe with it.

Before we leave this morning:

A BIG THANK YOU to Rev. Lorraine Francis



Also as some of you like to have an after service chat so we are randomly going to go into CHAT rooms for 5minutes.

Look Forward to seeing you all Next Sunday



READINGS

John 20:1-18 New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)

The Resurrection of Jesus

20 Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. ² So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, “They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him.” ³ Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. ⁴ The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. ⁵ He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. ⁶ Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, ⁷ and the cloth that had been on Jesus’ head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. ⁸ Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; ⁹ for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. ¹⁰ Then the disciples returned to their homes.

Jesus Appears to Mary Magdalene

¹¹ But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look [\[a\]](#) into the tomb; ¹² and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. ¹³ They said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping?” She said to them, “They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him.” ¹⁴ When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. ¹⁵ Jesus said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?” Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, “Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him,

and I will take him away.”¹⁶ Jesus said to her, “Mary!” She turned and said to him in Hebrew,^[b] “Rabbouni!” (which means Teacher).¹⁷ Jesus said to her, “Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, ‘I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.’”¹⁸ Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, “I have seen the Lord”; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

ⁱ (*Adapt/William L. Wallace/wb*)

ⁱⁱ (*2012 Easter Liturgy, PCNVic*)