

**EASTER**



**Brougham Place Uniting Church**

April 5, 2026

Preacher: Rev Linda Driver

Easter Sunday. White and Gold

***Kardlayirdi Karnungga***

***A Light on the Hill***

Welcome to Brougham Place Uniting Church.

We acknowledge the Kurna people as the traditional carers of the land on which our church is built.

*As you wait for worship to begin, please turn your phone to silent.*

Prelude

Welcome and Acknowledgment of Country

Naa marni? *(Are you all good?)*

**Marni A!** *(Good I am)*

## Introit and Lighting of the Candles

*Easter Gloria (R Nairn)*

### Call to Worship

Rise up and live!

Life is springing forth from death and is offered to the world.

**Thanks be to you, O Christ.**

Christ is risen, the beat of love and life continues.

**Thanks be to you, O Christ.**

Christ is risen, alive in our hearts and our communities.

**Thanks be to you, O Christ.**

Christ is risen.

**He is risen indeed.**

Alleluia!

**Alleluia!**

The light of the world shines once again!

### We sing: *Christ the Lord is Risen Today*

1. 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!*
2. Love's redeeming work is done;  
fought the fight, the battle won;  
vain the stone, the watch, the seal:  
Christ has burst the gates of hell.
3. Lives again our glorious king;  
where, O death, is now your sting?  
Once he died our souls to save;  
where your victory, O grave?

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

### Opening Prayer

Living and loving God,  
we come to you with songs of praise  
and shouts of joy  
**for love abounds, and signs of life surround us.**

As we wait in awe this day,  
we pray that the signs of the risen Christ  
will be made real among us.  
Be present with us in ways that go deeply into our lives,  
that we may find the passion of your life within us  
and around us.  
This we pray in faith  
**because we believe that you are indeed alive amongst us.**  
**Amen.**

### Prayer of Confession

Living Christ,  
like Mary, we come looking for you amongst the dead,  
but we forget that you are found in the ordinariness of real life.  
When we fail to see you in those we meet in our everyday life,  
God, awaken your love within us.  
**May we be witnesses to the risen Christ in our midst.**

Like Peter, we run to the tomb in disbelief that you are not there,  
but we miss all the signs of your life along the way.  
When we fail to see you in the world around us,  
God, awaken your love within us.  
**May we be witnesses to the risen Christ in our midst.**

Like Mary, we weep at your graveside for what could have been,  
but we fail to recognise you in the present, here with us now.  
When we fail to see you in small acts of kindness and glimpses  
of your love,  
God, awaken your love within us.  
May we be witnesses to the risen Christ in our midst.  
Amen.

## Words of Grace

Look, Christ is alive.  
God makes all things new.  
God makes each of us new.  
**Thanks be to God.**

## Easter Greeting

Christ is risen.  
**He is risen indeed.**

## Community News and Notices



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## Children's Time (Exploring the Theme)

*Children and Young People are staying in the service today. Some activities are available at the back.*

## Musical Offering

*Easter Song (TiS 389)*

## Scripture Reading: *John 20:1-18*

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. 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." Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, and the cloth that had been on Jesus's head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed, for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. Then the disciples returned to their homes.

But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb, 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. 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." When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. 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." Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to him in Hebrew, "Rabbouni!" (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, "Do not touch 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.'" 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.

The Gospel of Christ, Light of the world.  
**Thanks be to God.**

Choral Anthem

*Christians Shout for Joy and Gladness (JS Bach)*

Message

Poem: *I Sometimes Forget (Hafiz)*

I sometimes forget  
that I was created for Joy.

My mind is too busy.  
My Heart is too heavy  
for me to remember  
that I have been  
called to dance  
the Sacred dance of life.

I was created to smile  
To Love  
To be lifted up  
And to lift others up.

O' Sacred One  
Untangle my feet  
from all that ensnares.

Free my soul.  
That we might  
Dance  
and that our dancing  
might be contagious.

We sing: *Alleluia, Alleluia*

*Refrain:*

*Alleluia, alleluia, give thanks to the risen Lord,  
alleluia, alleluia, give praise to his name.*

1. Jesus is Lord of all the earth;  
he is the king of creation.

*Refrain*

2. Spread the good news o'er all the earth:  
Jesus has died and has risen.

*Refrain*

3. We have been crucified with Christ;  
and now we shall live for ever.

*Refrain*

4. God has proclaimed the just reward:  
new life for all! Alleluia!

*Refrain*

5. Come, let us praise the living God,  
joyfully sing to our Saviour.

*Refrain*

## Communion

*The children are invited to sit with their families.*

INVITATION

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Let us come to God with our prayers of thanksgiving:

May God be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts!

**We lift them up to our God.**

Let us give thanks to God our Creator.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

God of yesterday...

... We offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as we  
proclaim the mystery of faith.

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

With a mouth full of Alleluias, we join our voices once more to pray the prayer you taught us to pray, saying:

**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.**

## THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

We break this bread  
and take this cup  
so that we can all share in the life of Christ.  
**The gifts of God for the people of God.**

## THE COMMUNION

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Prayers of the People

Offering



Your Offerings will be received.

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## Offering Prayer

Living God,  
we bring our gifts and our lives before you.  
May they work together to bring light, love and life  
to the people of our community.  
Amen.

## We sing: *An Easter Hymn*

Yours be the glory, risen dauntless Love:  
open the invitation, now: abundant life.  
Angels again were with you, rolled the stone away,  
you, set free from death to show us all the Way.

*Yours be the glory, risen dauntless Love:  
open the invitation, now: abundant life!*

See there the women, faithful in loving care,  
open to invitation, mystery and awe they shared.  
Peter again ran headlong, rushed to see the grave,  
all the beloved disciples saw and were amazed!

*Yours be the glory, risen dauntless Love:  
open the invitation, now: abundant life!*

Glorious creation, shout and sing: rejoice!  
God is recreating, calling out with joy;  
former things shall not bring weeping and distress,  
for the invitation reaches out to bless!

*Yours be the glory, risen dauntless Love:  
open the invitation, now: abundant life!*

Here, now, we praise you, Wisdom and Word of God,  
come to live among us, teach and show us Love.  
Let your church with gladness, sing our Maker's song,  
open to invitation, in the Spirit, one.

*Yours be the glory, risen dauntless Love:  
open the invitation, now: abundant life!*

## Sending Forth and Benediction

Go out into the world,  
with arms open to love,  
to share the good news  
we have received this day.

Christ is risen.  
**Christ is risen indeed.**  
**Alleluia!**

## Choral Blessing

*And Now May the Courage. (R. Nairn)*

## Extroit

*The Easter egg hunt begins for the children after the service.  
Come and share morning tea together, in the basement. There are  
stairs behind the organ and a ramp between the church and the car  
park. All are welcome!*

*Thank you for joining us for worship!  
If you would like to get in touch or request a prayer,  
please make use of the Contact Cards in the pews  
and next to the Offering Bowl. Alternately, you can  
email our Minister, Rev Linda Driver: [lindad@bpuc.org](mailto:lindad@bpuc.org)*

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*Congregation Hymns/Songs:*

*Christ the Lord is Risen Today*

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*Alleluia, Alleluia*

Together in Song, 390.

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