



Brougham Place Uniting Church

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Preacher: Rev Jill Lienert

Easter 2: White

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 Ai! *(Good I am)*

We care for Kurna land,
We care for Kurna sky.
We care for Kurna waters,
We touch our hearts and say:
Thank you, Kurna people.

Introit and Lighting of the Candles

What God Ordains is Always Good (TiS 109 Rodigast/Gastor)

Call to Worship

Jesus moves through all the barriers to grace.
He stands in our midst, divine love, bringer of hope,
reassurance and peace;
We bring all our uncertainties and fears.
Jesus the Risen One, reaches out to greet us.

Holding out healing hands, so newly wounded.
Realistic but loving,
Pained but forgiving,
Scarred but ready to embrace.
Jesus the Risen One, reaches out to greet us.

We respond in wonder and joy, surprised by the knowledge
of God's enduring presence that transcends every
darkness and every loss of hope.

Prayer

**Jesus Christ,
Risen and glorious Lord,
You break down the walls of fear and doubt that imprison
us all.
You speak words of peace that restore us to wholeness.
Come with your new life.
Come with your offer of peace.
Come with your guiding power
and claim us anew. Amen**

We sing: *Life to the Brim*

1. Life to the Brim, Life overflowing
Life pouring out in compassion and grace
Spirit of God, Well up within us
Bring us to life in this time and this place.
2. Life to the brim, Life overflowing
Life flooding in from below and above
Spirit of God, pour out upon us
Bring us to faith and to hope and to love.

*Come Holy Spirit
Lord and giver of life
Make us your people
Make us the body of Christ*

3. Life to the brim, Life overflowing
Foretaste and sign of the healing to come
Spirit of God, Strengthen and guide us
Take us and use us 'til your kingdom's come.

Prayer of Confession

In this moment, in this place,
where all is wonder and all is grace—
we pause.

We become aware of ourselves before God,
not as we pretend to be,
but as we are.

We confess that we do not always live as people of wonder.

We rush past what is sacred.

We close ourselves to mystery.

In this moment, in this place,
where silence waits—
we notice the noise we carry within us.

**We confess that we fill our lives with distraction,
avoiding the deeper questions,
resisting what we do not understand.**

In this moment, in this place,
where we are one—
we remember how easily we forget.

**We confess the ways we turn from one another,
withdrawing, judging, holding back love.**

And in this moment, in this place,
we name what we cannot yet put into words—
the quiet truths of our hearts.

(silence)

God of grace, meet us here.

Not to condemn, but to renew.

Not to explain, but to transform.

Words Of Wisdom and Assurance

Hear this good news:
The Living Christ comes to us
not when we are certain,
but while we are still wondering,
still searching,
still becoming.

Christ meets us here—
not to judge or measure us,
but to draw us deeper into life.
And speaks peace.

Peace to all that feels uncertain within us.

Peace to all that is still unfinished.

Peace to the quiet ache for wholeness.

This is the grace of resurrection:
that even now,
we are being made new.
Not all at once,
not all resolved—
but gently, deeply, truly.

We are held in God's love.

We are being made whole.

We belong to the life of Christ.

Amen.

Passing of the Peace

The peace of our God be with you.
And also with you.

We sing: Breathe on me breath of God

1. Breathe on me, breath of God,
fill me with life anew,
that I may love all that you love
and do what you would do.
2. Breathe on me, breath of God
until my heart is pure,
until with you I will one will,
to do and to endure.
3. Breathe on me, breath of God,
and all my life refine,
until this earthly part of me
glows with your fire divine.
4. Breathe on me, breath of God;
so shall I never die,
but live with you the perfect life
of your eternity.

Community News and Notices



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Children's Time (Exploring the Theme)

Children and Young People may go downstairs for Sunday School and Youth. Parents, you are welcome to join your young children in Sunday School if you feel they may need your assistance. Alternatively, you may wish for your child to remain with you for the duration of worship. Activity packs are available at the entrances.

Choral Anthem

Now the green blade rises (AA 38 Trad. Crum)

Scripture Reading: *John 20:19-31*

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors were locked where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples that are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may continue to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

May the Spirit of God open our eyes to see, our ears to hear,
and our hearts to understand.

Interview

Message

We sing: *When our futures are uncertain*

1. When our futures are uncertain,
when our Christian life is tough,
when our worries fill our thinking,
when our hope is not enough –
then the rallying cry of Thomas
rises high above the crowd:
'Give your lives, your all, for Jesus.
Join him on this narrow road.'
2. When the many signs confuse me -
aimless wanderings fill my day -
then I pray the prayer with Thomas:
'Gracious Lord, show us the way.'
Suddenly the spell is broken!
Truth and Life in Christ, I see:
'I'm the way that you are seeking,
Come, disciple, follow me.'
3. When I miss the great adventure,
When belief is too absurd -
deep inside, I need, with Thomas
simple faith to be assured.
Then, the resurrected Jesus
brings to me his hands and side.
Overwhelming love engulfs me!
Death is dead and Christ's alive!

4. Come, inspire this feeble vision,
put your daring in our minds:
words to motivate disciples,
lives that challenge humankind.
Like Saint Thomas, full of passion,
clear our gloom that we may see -
Christ, our Lord, alive forever!
Christ, my God, alive in me!

Offering



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Offertory prayer

Prayers of the People

THE LORD'S PRAYER

And now with the confidence of the children of God,
let us pray the prayer Jesus taught us 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.**

We sing: *Thuma Mina*

1. Thuma mina, thuma mina,
thuma mina Somandla.

Repeat

1a Send me, Jesus; send me, Jesus;
send me, Jesus; send me, Lord.

Repeat

2. Lead me, Jesus; lead me, Jesus;
lead me, Jesus; lead me, Lord.

Repeat

3. Fill me, Jesus; fill me, Jesus;
fill me, Jesus; fill me, Lord.

Repeat

4. I will go, Lord; I will go, Lord:
in your name, Lord, I will go.

Repeat

Sending Forth and Benediction

Choral Blessing

The Lord bless you and keep you, Rutter

Extroit

(It is appropriate to depart during the Extroit if you wish)

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*

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