



Sunday 12th April 2015

Crows Nest Uniting Church

Shirley Road, Wollstonecraft



Peace be with you

Sunday 12th April 2015
Easter 2 in the year of Mark
10.00 am

Welcome to this time of worship and community. We hope you find the service helpful and encouraging.
We will be following this order to guide our prayer and praise,
and we invite you to join in the responses printed in ***bold and italic type***.

Gathering God's People

Prelude Music to prepare for worship

Call to Worship (After Brother Roger of Taize)

Lord Christ,
at times we walk like strangers on the earth
shattered by violence and stung by opposition.
Like a gentle breeze, you breathe upon us
the Spirit of peace.
***Transfigure the deserts of our doubts
and prepare us to be bearers of reconciliation
wherever you place us,
that the hope of peace may arise in our world. Amen.***

Hymn 411 ***Filled with the Spirit's power***

A Prayer of Confession

When Jesus first appeared to his disciples after the Resurrection he breathed on them and said 'Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.'
We bring our prayers of confession.

When we, in bitterness and anger, refuse to forgive, and breathe a spirit of judgment on others –
Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

When we, in pride and fear, refuse to seek forgiveness, and cut ourselves off from your Spirit of grace –
Christ have mercy
Christ, have mercy.

That we may live as Resurrection people, in the freedom and joy of Jesus –
Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Let us pray:

**Most loving God,
we confess to you and to each other
that we, like Thomas,
struggle with faith,
and find it hard to live
in trust and hope.
Holy God, forgive us and heal us,
renew us in peace and hope,
for Jesus' sake. Amen**

Declaration of Forgiveness

The first words the risen Jesus said to his disciples were
“Peace be with you.”

So hear good news:
Our sins are forgiven.

Thanks be to God!

The Peace

The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

(You may like to exchange a sign of peace with those around you.)

An introduction to the theme of the day

Hymn 355 *Man more than man*

Children will leave for Kids Alive during the last verse of the hymn

The Service of the Word

The First Reading: Acts 4:32-35

The Epistle Reading: 1 John 1:1-2:2

The Gospel Reading: John 20:19-31

After the final reading the reader will say

For the Word of the Lord

Please respond by saying

Thanks be to God.

Music for Reflection

Preaching of the Word

Responding to God's Word

**Hymn 649 (T:567) *These things did Thomas
count as real***

Announcements & Offering

Music to lead us to prayer

Intercessory Prayers ... in your mercy: ***Hear our prayer***

The Lord's Prayer (in the front of the hymn book)

Hymn 601 *O Master let me walk with thee*

Benediction & Three-fold Amen

Postlude

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'A welcoming, spirited community for today'

A printed copy of the sermon is available in the Church Porch
and will be published on the website: <http://crowsnestuniting.org.au>