

Order of Service – Sunday 19 April

- This service is designed for use in a small group setting, so will function differently with only 1 or 2 people. Feel free to adapt it to suit.
- It will be helpful if one person leads the gathering, and introduces each section using the suggested words, or take turns! There are some things to say together as well (in bold).
- You can access the songs and sermon by clicking on the links where they are found in the outline.

Introduction

As we meet together today, let's begin by giving thanks to our great God and Saviour who has called us into his church:

**Gracious God, we humbly thank you
for all your gifts so freely given to us,
for life and health and safety,
for power to work, leisure to rest,
and for all that is beautiful in creation and human life.
But above all, we praise you for our Saviour, Jesus Christ,
for his death and resurrection,
for the gift of your Spirit,
and for the hope of sharing in your glory.
Fill our hearts with all joy and peace in believing;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Optional Song

Made Alive - [Link](#)

Optional Kid's Song

Blind Man - [Link](#)

Optional Kid's Spot – Kid's Activity Sheets are available here [Ages 4-8](#) | [Ages 9-12](#)

Quiz Worx - [Link](#)

Bible Readings

The following, or another prayer may be said before the Bible readings

Thank you, Father, that all Scripture is God-breathed,
and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting
ad training in righteousness.

Open our hearts to receive your word, that we may know you better
and be thoroughly equipped for every good work,
through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

1 Kings 3:1-15

Solomon made an alliance with Pharaoh king of Egypt by marrying Pharaoh's daughter. Solomon brought her to the city of David until he finished building his palace, the LORD's temple, and the wall surrounding Jerusalem. ²However, the people were sacrificing on the high places, because until that time a temple for the LORD's name had not been built. ³Solomon loved the LORD by walking in the statutes of his father David, but he also sacrificed and burned incense on the high places.

⁴The king went to Gibeon to sacrifice there because it was the most famous high place. He offered a thousand burnt offerings on that altar. ⁵At Gibeon the LORD appeared to Solomon in a dream at night. God said, "Ask. What should I give you?"

⁶And Solomon replied, "You have shown great and faithful love to your servant, my father David, because he walked before you in faithfulness, righteousness, and integrity. You have continued this great and faithful love for him by giving him a son to sit on his throne, as it is today.

⁷"LORD my God, you have now made your servant king in my father David's place. Yet I am just a youth with no experience in leadership. ⁸Your servant is among your people you have chosen, a people too many to be numbered or counted. ⁹So give your servant a receptive heart to judge your people and to discern between good and evil. For who is able to judge this great people of yours?"

¹⁰Now it pleased the Lord that Solomon had requested this. ¹¹So God said to him, "Because you have requested this and did not ask for long life or riches for yourself, or the death of your enemies, but you asked discernment for yourself to administer justice, ¹²I will therefore do what you have asked. I will give you a wise and understanding heart, so that there has never been anyone like you before and never will be again. ¹³In addition, I will give you what you did not ask for: both riches and honor, so that no king will be your equal during your entire life. ¹⁴If you walk in my ways and keep my statutes and commands just as your father David did, I will give you a long life."

¹⁵Then Solomon woke up and realized it had been a dream. He went to Jerusalem, stood before the ark of the Lord's covenant, and offered burnt offerings and fellowship offerings. Then he held a feast for all his servants.

1 Corinthians 16:13-24

¹³Be alert, stand firm in the faith, be courageous, be strong. ¹⁴Do everything in love.

¹⁵Brothers and sisters, you know the household of Stephanas: They are the firstfruits of Achaia and have devoted themselves to serving the saints. I urge you ¹⁶also to submit to such people, and to everyone who works and labors with them. ¹⁷I am delighted to have Stephanas, Fortunatus, and Achaicus present, because

these men have made up for your absence. ¹⁸For they have refreshed my spirit and yours. Therefore recognize such people.

¹⁹The churches of Asia send you greetings. Aquila and Priscilla send you greetings warmly in the Lord, along with the church that meets in their home. ²⁰All the brothers and sisters send you greetings. Greet one another with a holy kiss.

²¹This greeting is in my own hand—Paul. ²²If anyone does not love the Lord, a curse be on him. Our Lord, come! ²³The grace of the Lord Jesus be with you. ²⁴My love be with all of you in Christ Jesus.

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Creed

Let's affirm together, with Christian around the world and through the ages, what it is we believe:

Do you believe in God the Father?

**We believe in God, the Father Almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe in God the Son?

**We believe in Jesus Christ,
God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father;
from there he will come to judge
the living and the dead.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy universal church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Sermon

Jim Douglass – **1 Corinthians 16**

Optional time for discussion or reflection

Confession

Although we are the people of God, Scripture reminds us that we still sin. We need to confess our failures, knowing that the Lord Jesus died for us and intercedes for us with the Father.

Let us draw near to God, who freely forgives through his infinite goodness and mercy, and pray to him with sincerity and confidence.

**Heavenly Father,
we praise you for adopting us as your children
and making us heirs of eternal life.
In your mercy you have washed us from our sins
and made us clean in your sight.
Yet we still fail to love you
and serve you as we should.
Forgive us our sins
and renew us by your grace,
that we may continue to grow as members of Christ,
in whom alone is our salvation. Amen.**

Words of Assurance

God is slow to anger and full of compassion.
He forgives all who humbly repent and turn to his Son Jesus Christ,
in whom there is no condemnation.

Prayer

Informal time of prayer or you could use the prayers below:

Dear God, out of your love, mercy and grace show compassion on this broken world. We pray that out of strife and hardship people will turn towards you and not continue in rebellion. We pray that our own hearts may be increasingly attuned to you and not give over to selfish desire and ambition. Help us to be ever reliant on you and not our own strength and understanding. Enable us to be earnest in repenting and eager to follow you and to trust you in everything.

We continue to pray for the turmoil and heartache around the world and in Australia. We pray for comfort with those who are grieving, especially those who have lost love ones and are themselves feeling isolated and alone. We pray for those who are struggling with loss of income and job security, emotional health, and relational wellbeing. Place us in positions and places where we can be effective witnesses for you. Help us to reflect Christ's servant heart in our dealings with both our brothers and sisters in Christ and with all people everywhere.

We ask, Dear Lord, that you will protect those most vulnerable in our community, the elderly, the disadvantaged, the unemployed, those who are threatened or coping with pain

and loss. Bring consolation to those who despair. We pray for those who are finding the lock down isolation frustrating and stressful, that they will find peace and contentment in you and turn to you for the renewing of your spirit. Open our eyes to make us a people who look outward and not inward to our own desires.

We bring before you those who work in the health services, those involved in safeguarding our communities such as the police and military personnel. We ask that they may be kept safe and supported well by society. We pray that equipment and other resources needed will be available where required.

We pray for those countries which are struggling with the enormous weight of the unfolding calamity. We ask that Christians in those countries may draw inspiration from you and be encouraged and have opportunity to tell others of your saving work at the cross.

Help us to reflect over this Easter holiday period on the victory won; that death has been defeated and nothing can separate us from you and your almighty power. Strengthen us when we are tempted to doubt that nothing is beyond your control or your power. Thank you that you are a loving God who sent your Son to die in our place, to smash the power of death, to give everlasting life to those whose faith is placed in you. Amen.

Lord's Prayer

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.**

Optional Song

Micah Song - [Link](#)

Concluding Prayer

**Father, take us and use us to love and serve you
and all people, in the power of your Spirit
and in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Zoom Prayer Meetings

Every Monday 7-7.30pm
from Monday 20 April
Zoom Meeting ID: 885 600 3808

Every Saturday 10-10.30am
from Saturday 25 April
Zoom Meeting ID: 884 3210 2716



Monday Prayer Meetings

7-7.30pm, starting Monday 20 April

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