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'We celebrate life in Christ. Join us on the journey'
Easter 3A Sunday April 26th 2020



*It is delightful that you are here as we worship God this morning. I hope that you are finding God in both usual and unusual places and experiences during these strange times. Please join in reading the **words in bold italic type** if you would like to.*

Pre-service music: Trust and obey

Worship Service: led by Rev Sally Carter and the worship team

Call to Worship:

Where shattered hearts are made whole,
where wounded souls are healed,
where life is stronger than death:
there, the stone has been rolled away.

Where cold hearts are warmed,

where forgiveness heals our deepest shame,
Where we go out into new hope,
there, Jesus is opening our eyes.

Where the lonely become our friends,
where a stranger is welcomed home,
where hope is stronger than despair,
there, we find Jesus walking.

The stone has been rolled away!
Our eyes are opened to new hope!
Jesus is our companion on the journey!

Alleluia! Christ is risen!
Alleluia! Christ is with us!

***Hymn: Lord of the Dance**

Telling our story 1: Walking

During this strange time, many of us have been taking a walk each day. Or you may have memories of walks you have taken. Take some time to feel what it is like to walk. To feel the ground underneath your feet. To know the presence of a companion beside you - sometimes talking, sometimes silently together, sometimes almost forgetting they are there. Jesus' followers were walking 7 miles, about 11km - from Napier to Bayview. Imagine that. While we listen to 'Stay with Us'

Prayers: followed by the Lord's Prayer

.....hear us as we pray, saying,

***Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name.***

***Your kingdom come,
your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.***

Give us this day 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.***

Gospel Reading: Luke 24:13 - 35

On the Journey to Emmaus

Reflection:

***Hymn: What a friend we have in Jesus**

Telling our story (ii) Recognition

Do you have a time in your life when you suddenly recognised something or someone for what or who they really were? I have told you more than once of being seen by a stranger from Mozambique. Or perhaps you have seen the light shining through leaves or flower petals.... Or seen the depths of love in the eyes of a dying loved one, or the infinite promise of a newly born child.... The disciples recognise Jesus in this heartfelt way.... Imagine that....as we listen to

Soften our hearts...

***Offering**

***Source of all life, we offer this food and money to your purposes .
Jesus, redeemer of our frailties, we offer our hearts to you.
Spirit, our eternal companion, we offer our work and energies to you.
God, three in one, we offer our lives to you. AMEN.***

Benediction:

***Hymn: One more step along the world I go**

One more step along the world I go,
one more step along the world I go;
from the old things to the new
keep me traveling along with you:

Refrain:

*And it's from the old I travel to the new;
keep me traveling along with you.*

Round the corner of the world I turn,
more and more about the world I learn;
all the new things that I see
you'll be looking at along with me: Refrain

As I travel through the bad and good,
keep me traveling the way I should;
where I see no way to go

you'll be telling me the way, I know: Refrain

Give me courage when the world is rough,
keep me loving though the world is tough;
leap and sing in all I do,
keep me traveling along with you: Refrain

You are older than the world can be,
you are younger than the life in me;
ever old and ever new,
keep me traveling along with you: Refrain

Words: Sydney Carter

Music: Southcote by Sydney Carter, arranged by Lionel Dakers

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Sung blessing:

Halle, halle, hallelujah!

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Halle, halle, hallelujah!

Hallelujah, hallelujah!

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