



# WODEN VALLEY UNITING CHURCH

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## Easter 3

Faith Emmaus, Pentecost and Peter



**10 a.m. Worship**  
**19 April 2026**

**Leader:** Mrs Ann Sutton OAM

**Music:** Joan Pratt

**Reader:** Libby Coates

**Prayers:** Libby Coates

Jesus practiced radical inclusion! All are welcome here.

## WE GATHER AS PEOPLE OF GOD

**The Gong is struck three times.** *The gong calls us to gather, to be present in this time of worship.*

**Prelude** *(a time for quiet preparation).*

**Acknowledgement of First Peoples**

**Lighting the Community Candle**

## COLLECT

God of love and peace.

This morning, we come in the spirit of togetherness,

to hear a message for the coming week,

to offer thanks and praise

and to feel your presence in this lovely House of Prayer.

**Come close to us as we listen and bless us as we worship.**

**In Jesus' name. AMEN**

**Song: TIS 156 Morning has broken**

## WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Bountiful God, in you we have placed our hope.

We thank you for - - Jesus Christ - the greatest blessing of all.

We choose to serve you because your way is love and life.

May our faithful witness and the service of our lives reveal the depth of our love and gratitude as we worship praise and adore you

In Jesus' name and in the power of the Holy Spirit.

Forgiving God of Israel, God of Jesus Christ, and creator of our world

we would not be here if you had not chosen to touch our lives with your love.

We cannot hide our wonder that you should choose to enter our world and our lives in person - in Jesus.

Yet we confess that we are tempted, often daily, with choices which affect how we live as your faithful people - choices about how we share the gifts you have given us.

Let us bow quietly today and think about the events of the last week

Where we have not loved our neighbour and have not offered a helping hand or a caring word: **Forgive us**

Where we have been cross and grumpy: **Forgive us**

Where we have been angry and have said words that have wounded others: **Forgive us**

Where we have not been honest with ourselves or with others: **Forgive us**

Where we have been complacent rather than going the extra mile: **Forgive us**

**Forgiving God,**

**Help us to love ourselves and yet to face up to our shortcomings so that we may receive forgiveness and healing,**

**Strengthen us where we are weak with the renewing power of your Spirit so that we are indeed your faithful people and devoted followers of Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord. Amen .**

### **ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS:**

Out of love for the world, God chose to share our humanity in the person of Jesus Christ, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. (based on John 3:16) The good news therefore is this:

In Jesus Christ we are accepted, we are loved, we are forgiven.

**Thanks be to God!**

## **STORY FOR THE YOUNG AT HEART**

### **THE PEACE**

In love, hope and unity, with vision and service, let us greet each other with a sign of peace. May the peace of the Lord be always with you. **And also with you.**

*You are invited to share the peace of God with your neighbours, in whatever way is comfortable for you.*

**SONG: TIS 164** ‘The great love of God is revealed in the Son’ *(Please stand as you are able)*

### **PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING:**

#### **Readings**

**Lk 24:13-35**

**Acts 2:14a, 36-41**

**1 Pt 1:17-23**

**MESSAGE**      Ann Sutton

**Music for Reflection**

## WE RESPOND TO THE WORD

**Hymn: TIS 526** Lord Jesus Christ, (living Lord)

### OFFERING

We acknowledge that in addition to this collection, many do so elsewhere through direct debit or any other means, and so many of our community contribute in many other ways to our shared mission. We give thanks for the gifts of faith and trust and patience, which we bring with our offering today. **Amen.**

### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

**The Care Candle Song** - (please remain seated; the care candle is lit)

We take a match,	And light a fire,
And light a spark,	To represent our heart's desire,
To show the want within our hearts,	To share our hopes,
To share each joy,	To bear our shames,
To bear each pain,	We take a spark and light a flame, And light
We take a spark,	a flame.
We take a flame	We light a flame.

*Aaron Harper*

**Prayers of the People** (Please remain seated)

**Lord's Prayer** (by the Iona Community)

**God in heaven, your name is to be  
honoured.  
May your new community of hope be  
realised on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us today the essentials of life.  
Release us from our wrongdoing as we also  
release those who wrong us.  
Do not test us beyond our enduring; save us  
from all that is evil.  
For you embrace justice, love and peace, now and to  
the end of time. Amen**

## WE GO OUT INTO THE WORLD

Hymn: TIS 569 'Guide me O my great redeemer'

Candles are extinguished.

## WORDS OF BLESSING<sup>1</sup>

Glory be to God who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, through the saving Grace of Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit working within us.

**As members of the Body of Christ we are charged to love and care for each other.**

So go out in Peace to joyfully love and serve the Lord.

**BLESSING:** The Grace of God, Love of Jesus and Fellowship of Holy Spirit live with each of us now and ever more AMEN

**Postlude** – (Please remain seated)

## 'THIS WEEK' AT WODEN VALLEY UNITING CHURCH

Church notices; Joys and Concerns, significant birthdays, anniversaries & events

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<sup>1</sup> Blessing adapted from..... <https://godsbleessing.org/hospitality-prayer/>