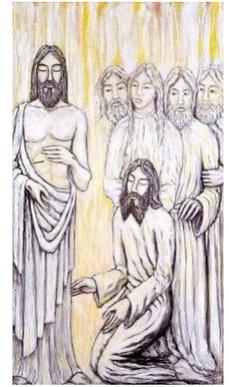


Sunday Zoomice 26th April 2020

Theme: Breaking Bread

WELCOME - Jason

Muting, Breakout rooms



Call to worship - Val

L: People are often unreasonable and self-centred. Forgive them anyway

ALL: Through God's love, we choose to be a blessing

L: If you are kind, people may accuse you of ulterior motives. Be kind anyway

ALL: Through God's love, we choose to be a blessing

L: If you find happiness, people may be jealous. Be happy anyway

ALL: Through God's love, we choose to be a blessing

L: The good you do today, may be forgotten tomorrow. Do good anyway

ALL: Through God's love, we choose to be a blessing

L: Give the world the best you have, and it may never be enough. Give your best anyway

ALL: Through God's love, we choose to be a blessing

L: For you see, in the end, it is between you and God. It was never between you and them anyway.

ALL: Through God's love, we choose to be a blessing

L: Come, let us worship.

Song: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZugvUQ4m90U>

Be still for the presence

Be still, for the presence of the Lord,
The holy One, is here;
Come bow before him now
With reverence and fear
In him no sin is found
We stand on holy ground.
Be still, for the presence of the Lord,
The holy One, is here.

Be still, for the glory of the Lord
Is shining all around;
He burns with holy fire,
With splendour he is crowned:
How awesome is the sight
Our radiant king of light!
Be still, for the glory of the Lord
Is shining all around.

Be still, for the power of the Lord
Is moving in this place:
He comes to cleanse and heal,
To minister his grace -
No work too hard for him.
In faith receive from him.
Be still, for the power of the Lord
Is moving in this place.

Source: [Musixmatch](#)

Songwriters: David Evans

Be Still lyrics © Thank You Music Ltd.

OPENING PRAYER - Val

L: Jesus, Thank You

Thank you for coming back, for chatting with people along the road, for sharing meals and lighting barbecues.

Thank you for entrusting your message to humans, fallible people like us.

May we, through your Love, choose to be a blessing in our bubbles, in our supermarkets and chemists, on our zoom meetings and letter writings. May we listen to your call and choose Your life.

Amen

Scripture -

Mary M *From scripture today we hear these words from the book of Acts:*

‘Repent and be baptised, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. The promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off – for all whom the Lord our God will call.’

(Acts 2:38-39)

Jason And again in the first letter to Peter:

For you know that it was not with perishable things such as silver or gold that you were redeemed from the empty way of life handed down to you from your ancestors, but with the precious blood of Christ, a lamb without blemish or defect. He was chosen before the creation of the world, but was revealed in these last times for your sake. Through him you believe in God, who raised him from the dead and glorified him, and so your faith and hope are in God.

(1 Peter 1:18-21)

CONFESSION - Jason

J: God has promised forgiveness to all who truly repent, turn to Christ in faith and are themselves forgiving.

In silence we call to mind our sins

Silence

J: Let us confess our sins

ALL: Merciful God, we have sinned

in what we have thought and said

in the wrong we have done, and in the good we have not done.

We have sinned in ignorance,

we have sinned in weakness,

we have sinned through our own deliberate fault.

We are truly sorry.

We repent and turn to you.

Forgive us, for our Saviour Christ's sake,

and renew our lives to the glory of your name.

Amen

Silence

ABSOLUTION - Jason

J: Through the cross of Christ, God have mercy on you, pardon you and set you free.

Know that you are forgiven and be at peace.

God strengthen you in all goodness and keep you in life eternal.

AMEN

READING: LUKE 24:13-35 NIVUK – Mary M

A reading from the gospel

Now that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem. They were talking with each other about everything that had happened. As they talked and discussed these things with each other, Jesus himself came up and walked along with them; but they were kept from recognising him.

He asked them, “What are you discussing together as you walk along?”

They stood still, their faces downcast. One of them, named Cleopas, asked him, “Are you the only one visiting Jerusalem who does not know the things that have happened there in these days?”

“What things?” he asked.

“About Jesus of Nazareth,” they replied. “He was a prophet, powerful in word and deed before God and all the people. The chief priests and our rulers handed him over to be sentenced to death, and they crucified him; but we had hoped that he was the one who was going to redeem Israel. And what is more, it is the third day since all this took place. In addition, some of our women amazed us. They went to the tomb early this morning but didn’t find his body. They came and told us that they had seen a vision of angels, who said he was alive. Then some of our companions went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but they did not see Jesus.”

He said to them, “How foolish you are and how slow to believe all that the prophets have spoken! Did not the Messiah have to suffer these things and then enter his glory?”

And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets he explained to them what was said in all the Scriptures concerning himself.

As they approached the village to which they were going, Jesus continued on as if he were going further. But they urged him strongly, “Stay with us, for it is nearly evening; the day is almost over.” So he went in to stay with them.

When he was at the table with them, he took bread, gave thanks, broke it and began to give it to them. Then their eyes were opened and they recognised him, and he disappeared from their sight.

They asked each other “Were not our hearts burning within us while he talked with us on the road and opened the Scriptures to us?”

They got up and returned at once to Jerusalem. There they found the Eleven and those with them, assembled together and saying, “It is true! The Lord has risen and has appeared to Simon.” Then the two told what had happened on the way, and how Jesus was recognised by them when he broke the bread.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church. **Thanks be to God.**

Homily (see additional document)

POETRY: (adapted from Seasons) - Steph

On the day the stranger walked with them down the Emmaus Road,
it wasn't the prophecies he explained, or even the companionship on a journey of
loss,

or even, well, opening the door to that scarred body.

No, they knew the Risen One in the breaking of bread.

You are what you break – bread.

You are what you break – stereotypes,

barriers put up by prejudices so old no one remembers their germinations,

or so insidious you don't recall what celebrity, leader, newsfeed, or friend turned the
clever phrase.

You are what you break – family patterns and personal defence's,
racial lines and glass ceilings,

some "people will talk"

and "we've always done it this way!"

You are what you break – boundaries between old and young,

English speakers and those with other beautiful words,

Religious faiths that don't trust each other,

and cultural identities so rich, and so afraid of dying.

You are what you break - Boundaries between

workers in corner offices and workers in garages

shoppers at Prada and shoppers in op-shops

graduates of university, and the school of hard knocks.

those with a record, and those who think that's retro music on vinyl.

You are what you break – the hidden codes
of the school playground, the break room, water cooler
faculty lounge, family dynamics and sports teams

You are what you break – addictions
to alcohol or opioids,
Facebook, or spank video online shopping, or gaming

You are what you break – fears
of flying, small spaces, clowns,
fears of the gender in your brain, or the gender of the person you love.
fears of saying yes to hospice care, or retirement dreams
or of moving to a refuge when someone hits you or your children.

You are what you break – it is all a loaf of bread once it's been broken.
It's how we feed each other, how we identify the words that light up our hearts.
How we recognise the Holy Stranger
who is with us all the time.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE – Anne & Brian

We pray together.....

Close with the Lord's Prayer

**Our Father in heaven,
Holy be your name
Your kingdom come
Your will be done
On earth as it is in heaven
Give us today your
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.**

ZOOM CHATS - Jason

In what ways are you nourished by the scriptures?

What encounter assures you of the presence of Christ?

How is the holy Stranger recognised in your community through what you, individually and as the church, break?

The audio moves into the song. Please pause if you wish to think over these questions before moving on.

Hymn: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=v8YOPj5TnUM>

Here is love vast as the ocean

Here is love, vast as the ocean
Loving kindness as the flood
When the Prince of Life, our Ransom
Shed for us His precious blood
Who His love will not remember?
Who can cease to sing His praise?
He can never be forgotten
Throughout Heaven's eternal days

On the mount of crucifixion
Fountains opened deep and wide
Through the floodgates of God's mercy
Flowed a vast and gracious tide
Grace and love, like mighty rivers
Poured incessant from above
And Heaven's peace and perfect justice
Kissed a guilty world in love

<repeat from beginning>

Grace and love, like mighty rivers
Poured incessant from above
And Heaven's peace and perfect justice
Kissed a guilty world in love

Source: [LyricFind](#)

Songwriters: John Andrew Schreiner / Robert Lowry / William Rees

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SENDING OUT -

Go in the peace and in the love of Jesus Christ, who died and has risen again.
Alleluia!

We go in the name of Christ. He is risen indeed. Alleluia!