

DARLING DOWNS PARISH OF THE AELC
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The Second Sunday of Easter

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INTROIT: Praise the LORD! Praise the LORD from the heavens! Praise Him in the heights above!

Praise Him, all you His angels! Praise Him, all His hosts!

Praise Him, sun and moon! Praise Him, all you stars of light!

Praise Him, you heaven of heavens, and you waters above the heavens!

Let them praise the name of the LORD! For He commanded, and they were created.

He set them in position for ever and ever. He gave a decree that will not pass away.

Praise the LORD from the earth, you great sea creatures and all ocean depths, fire and hail, snow and fog, wind and storm, which carry out His Word, you mountains and all hills, you fruit trees and all cedars, you wild animals and all cattle, you reptiles and winged birds, you kings of the earth and all peoples, you princes and all judges on the earth, you young men and also you maidens, you old men together with young people!

Let them praise the name of the LORD! For His name alone is exalted. His majesty is above earth and heaven.

He has raised up a horn for His people, praise from all His devout people, from the people of Israel, the people who are close to Him! Praise the LORD!

Psalm 148

COLLECT: Almighty God, grant that we, who have celebrated the Lord's resurrection, may by Your grace confess in our life and conversation that Jesus is Lord and God; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

READINGS: Acts 4:32-35 The first Christians share their possessions.

1 John 1-2:2 The Word gives life and light.

John 20:19-31 The risen Lord appears to Thomas.

SERMON: John 20:19-31 The Blessing of Peace

The Lord's Supper has always been seen as a sign of unity between those who commune together at the Lord's table (1 Cor. 10:17). When Christians partake of the Lord's Supper in a church body that has a confession of faith, they thereby declare that they believe that they are one in faith with those who commune with them. Since people cannot honestly hold two differing confessions at the same time, they cannot honestly commune with those whose confession is in conflict with their own. If any do this nevertheless, they deny their own confession, and so deny Christ Himself (2 Cor. 6:14-18). **We ask visitors who are communicant members in a church not in fellowship with the AELC, or are not familiar with the *AELC Statement of Faith*, to refrain from communing today. If you have questions, please speak with the pastor after service.**

THE RESURRECTION IS A TRUE FACT

The resurrection of Christ from the dead is a stage of Jesus' exaltation. To accomplish His resurrection, Jesus made full use of the divine properties His human nature had received from the divine nature. He had said, "*The reason why the Father loves Me is that I lay down My life, that I may take it back again. No one takes it from Me, but I lay it down of My own accord. I have authority to lay it down and have authority to take it back again. This command I have received from My Father*" (John 10:17-18). The ability to have life and give life is a property that the Son of God possessed from eternity. This property was communicated to His human nature at the time of Christ's conception. During His humiliation, Jesus did not exercise this power when He died. Had Jesus exercised this property, He could not have died. However, when Jesus rose from the dead, He simply exercised the power His human nature possessed from His divine nature and raised Himself from the dead. This is the command He had received from His Father. So, who raised Jesus from the dead? God raised Jesus from the dead (Acts 2:32). The God-man, Jesus Christ, also raised Himself from the dead. His resurrection is part of His exaltation in that He exercised the divine property to give life, which His human nature had received from His divine nature.

The resurrection of Jesus from the dead is attested to in many places in the Bible. One such place where Jesus' resurrection was prophesied was in the Old Testament where Job, who spoke of his own resurrection from the dead, based his hope on the fact that "*my Redeemer lives and that at the last He will stand on the dust*" (Job 19:25). Again, David had foretold, "*For You will not abandon My soul to Sheol or allow Your Faithful One to see decay*" (Psalm

16:10). On Pentecost, Peter stated that David “*saw what would come and said concerning the resurrection of the Christ that He was not abandoned to the grave and that His body did not experience decay*” (Acts 2:31). Isaiah foretold, “*Because of the anguish of His soul, He will see and be satisfied*” (Is. 53:11).

Jesus made it clear that the Old Testament foretold His resurrection. He told His disciples, “*Look! We are going up to Jerusalem, and the Son of Man will be betrayed to the Chief Priests and scribes. They will condemn Him to die¹⁹ and hand Him over to the Gentiles to be made fun of, whipped and crucified, but on the third day He will be raised*” (Matthew 20:18-19). Jesus said to the Emmaus disciples, “*Was it not necessary for the Messiah to suffer these things and enter His glory?*” (Luke 24:26).

Jesus foretold He would raise Himself from the dead. “*“Destroy this Temple! I shall raise it in three days.”*”

²⁰ *Then the Jews said, “It has taken forty-six years to build this Temple, and will You raise it in three days?”*

²¹ *However, He was speaking about the Temple of His body.”* (John 2:19,21; see also John 10:17-18). Jesus indicated He would spend three days and nights in the heart of the earth (Matthew 12:40). This would be the sign that Jesus was who He said He was, the Messiah, the God-man.

Welcome to all worshipping with us today! Pastor Peter Ziebell, Phone 46333604 or 0407583922.

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COMING SERVICES

3 EASTER 18 April	4 EASTER 25 April	5 EASTER 2 May
8.30am OAK LR 8.30am TMBA LR 9.00am GRN LR 9.30am AUB LR 9.00am MARBURG HC	8.30am OAK HC 8.30am TMBA LR 9.30am AUB LR 10.00am GRN HC 9.00am LOWOOD LR	8.30am OAK LR 8.00am TMBA Bible Study & 9.00am HC 9.00am GRN LR 10.30am AUB HC 9.00am MARBURG LR
Sunday, 18 April		
READINGS: Acts 3:11-21; 1 John 3:1-7; Luke 24:36-49		
HYMNS: 112 90 221 (294 284) 97		
Sunday, 25 April		
READINGS: Acts 4:1-12; 1 John 3:16-24; John 10:11-18		
HYMNS: 151 391 387 (789 291) 609		

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