



**TOORAK
UNITING
CHURCH**

We are a people who follow
the way of Jesus of Nazareth.
His words and actions
inform our living today.
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Order of Service

Sunday 12 April, 2026

10:15am Worship Service

Easter 2

Minister: Rev Sylvia Akauola-Tongotongo

**PRICELESS
INHERITANCE**

Introit

Welcome

Call to Worship

Come as you are and let us worship together with joy as Easter people.

Our gratitude belongs to you, God, source of all love and joy.

Your loyalty to us is untiring and your love is beyond all measure.

We thank you, Lord of Life!

Hymn 107 Sing praise and thanksgiving

Prayer of Approach

Reading 1 Peter 1: 3-9

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Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, so that the genuineness of your faith—being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed. Although you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

In this word is the voice of the Lord. ***Thanks be to God.***

Hymn 102 Praise to the living God

Reflection Priceless Inheritance

Hymn 210 O for a thousand tongues to sing

Offering

Dedication

We offer our gifts and our lives in response to the many gifts we're blessed with, hoping to make a difference not just in our own lives but in the lives of others. May our gratitude for life be expressed in our generosity. May our faith be expressed in commitment to justice. May our belief in the future find expression in simple acts of kindness lived out in our ordinary lives, Amen.

Community Notices

Prayers of the People

Prayer by John O'Donohue in Benedictus: A Book of Blessings

As the fever of day calms towards twilight

May all that is strained in us come to ease.

We pray for all who suffered violence today

May an unexpected serenity surprise them.

For those who risk their lives each day for peace

May their hearts glimpse providence at the heart of history.

That those who make riches from violence and war,

Might hear in their dreams the cries of the lost.

That we might see through our fear of each other

A new vision to heal our fatal attraction to aggression.

That those who enjoy the privilege of peace

Might not forget their tormented brothers and sisters.

That the wolf might lie down with the lamb

That our swords be beaten into ploughshares

And no hurt or harm be done.

Anywhere along the holy mountain.

(In silence, we pray for ourselves, our families, our young people and children, our church and our communities...)

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name.

your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.

Give us today 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.*

Hymn 380 Yours be the glory

Blessing

Postlude

Toorak Uniting Church Newsletter
Update 12 April 2026

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Sunday services:
9am & 10:15am

Deadline for Update submission is 3pm on the Wednesday prior.



Notes of thanks for Easter

The congregation is deeply grateful for the contribution of the Choir to the Easter worship services. We are greatly blessed to be supported by Dylan Quinlan-Baskett and his wonderful team.

We have also appreciated the work of tenor, James Penn, who sang in his final service as a choir member at TUC on Sunday and we wish him well in his future engagements.

To all the staff and volunteers who contributed to the successful Ecumenical Good Friday Witness Walk and the Morning Tea at its conclusion, the Toorak Ecumenical Council appreciates all of your work. Your efforts ensured that this event ran so smoothly. Thank You.

Morning tea in Argyle House

Morning Tea on Sunday, 12 April will be held in Argyle House rather than the Hall. Please join us there after the 10:15am service.

Mozart Great Mass in C Minor Concert | 5pm on Saturday, 16 May at St Paul's Cathedral, Cnr Flinders & Swanston Streets

Victoria Chorale is excited to present the Great Mass in C Minor by much-loved audience favourite, Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart. Described as 'Great' because of its sheer size, the Mass represents Mozart at his most daring and innovative. Soaring above the conventions of his time, he crafted the C Minor Mass to be a work of breathtaking scope and architectural grandeur featuring many virtuoso arias for soprano and mezzo soprano and a double choir with two separate four-part choirs (soprano alto, tenor, bass) that push the human voice to its limits.

Conducted by our exciting and innovative Musical Director, Mario Dobernig, we will be joined by the brilliant Art of Sound Orchestra and talented soloists, Molly Ryan, Soprano, Sally-Anne Russell, Mezzo Soprano, Jiacheng Ding, Tenor and Michael Lampard, Baritone.

A performance not to be missed!

Pensioner, student, and child discounts apply. To book, please visit **trybooking.com/DJDIF**

Kinross Café

Church Council determined that, despite the best endeavours and considerable commitment and hard work contribute by many, the operating model for the Café was unsustainable and that it should be closed while the future of Argyle House is considered.

The final trading day was Thursday, 2 April. We are very grateful to manager Chris Ferdinands and staff Chloe, Alana, Wanjiku, and Michelle for providing a warm welcome for the wider community and we wish them all the very best as they seek new oppoertunities.

19 April – Communion Sunday

Each month on the third Sunday we come together to celebrate Communion. It is these Sundays we have the opportunity to donate towards our four Outreach programs we support. These programs are all under the umbrella of the Uniting Church and greatly rely on and appreciate our support. They are The Homework Hub in Pakenham, The Cranbourne Food Truck, the Boroondara Community Outreach in Kew, and SOSK (Skills, Opportunity and Survival in Kenya).

You may either donate cash into the Outreach offering bowl at the rear of the Church or you may donate electronically at any time to Toorak Uniting Church, marking your donation as "Outreach".

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Thank you for your heartfelt support!

April Diary Dates

Sun	12 Apr	9:00am	Worship in the Round	Rev Sylvia
Sun	12 Apr	10:15am	Worship Service	Rev Sylvia
Sun	12 Apr	11:15am	Morning Tea	Argyle House
Mon	13 Apr	9:30am	Pastoral Care Group	Faichney Room
Mon	13 Apr	10:30am	Exploring the Bible	Argyle House
Tue	14 Apr	7:30pm	Christian Meditation Group	Online
Tue	14 Apr	7:30pm	Exploring the Bible Online	Zoom
Wed	15 Apr	7:00pm	Handbells	Wettenhall Room
Sun	19 Apr	9:00am	Worship in the Round (HC)	Rev Sylvia
Sun	19 Apr	10:15am	Worship Service (HC)	Rev Sylvia
Sun	19 Apr	11:15am	Morning Tea	Hall
Mon	20 Apr	10:30am	Exploring the Bible	Argyle House
Tue	21 Apr	7:30pm	Christian Meditation Group	Church Space
Tue	21 Apr	7:30pm	Exploring the Bible Online	Zoom
Wed	22 Apr	5:00pm	Worship Committee Meeting	Faichney Room
Wed	22 Apr	7:00pm	Handbells	Wettenhall Room



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The flowers in the Church today are provided by Jean Macleod.

Your offering will be gratefully received via direct deposit to
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Welcome to Toorak Uniting Church

Toorak Uniting Church acknowledges and respects the past and present Custodians and Elders of this nation and the continuation of cultural, spiritual and educational practices of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island peoples.

We welcome all people irrespective of race, religion, political views, gender, marital status, sexual orientation, or age. Wherever you are on your faith journey, wherever you have come from and wherever you are going to; whatever you believe, whatever you do not believe, you are welcome here at Toorak Uniting Church.

Toorak Uniting Church has been a proud member of the Toorak Ecumenical Movement since signing the Ecumenical Agreement in 1980. We pray for our partner churches: St Peter's Roman Catholic Church, St John's Anglican Church and the Swedish Church.