

Welcome to . . .
The Presbyterian Church of Saint David
April 8, 2018
Second Sunday of Easter

Opening Responses:

L> This is the Good News - the grave is empty,
Christ is risen!

ALL> Hallelujah!

L> This is the Good News - the light shines in the darkness
and the darkness can never put it out.

ALL> Hallelujah!

L> This is the Good News –
if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation.

ALL> Hallelujah!

Prayer of Adoration: (said together)

**We are blessed, O God of Life,
that on Sunday, the day of resurrection,
you raised Jesus from death.**

**We gather in the welcome light of your presence,
with the Risen Christ among us.**

In Jesus you make all things new.

We praise and adore you.

**May we, who are witnesses of Jesus' resurrection,
live his risen life.**

**May we always be your Easter people,
through Jesus Christ our Lord who is alive!**

Alleluia! Amen.

Hymn: The strife is o'er, the battle done 257 vv 1,2,4

RESPONSE in Preparation for the Readings:

L> Let us prepare ourselves for the Word of God
as it comes to us in the reading of Holy Scripture.

ALL> Our hearts and minds are open.

The Word of God:

Acts 4:32-35

I John 1:1-2:2

For the Word of God in scripture,
for the Word of God among us,
for the Word of God within us.

ALL> Thanks be to God.

Reflection

Invitation:

Prayer of Thanksgiving & Blessing, Prayers for Others

Response: *Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.*

Communion

Prayer: (*said together*)

**Lord Jesus Christ, you have put your life into our hands;
now we put our lives into yours.**

Take us, renew and remake us.

What we have been is past;

what we shall be, through you, still awaits us.

Lead us on. Take us with you. Amen.

Hymn: We are God's people

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Closing Responses: [*from The Iona Community*]

L> Lord of life, you walk this journey
with us and through us;

ALL> Lead us, Lord, lead us on.

L> Journeying within, and wrestling with the world,

ALL> Lead us, Lord, lead us on.

L> Lead us to risk, to grow, and to tread the path
you have opened for us;

ALL> Lead us, Lord, lead us on.

L> And let us rejoice that every place is your place;

ALL> In the Name of Christ, the Risen One. Amen.