
ANGLICAN CHURCH *of the* ASCENSION

4th May 2019
Fourth Sunday of Easter

EAST BURWOOD



“Seeking God, Serving with love, Sharing hope”

Welcome to Church

Sentence for Today

The Lamb in the midst of the throne will be their shepherd, and will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.

Revelation 7.17



For those who have children with them, there is a children's corner in the church for the little ones. Children from pre-school age may leave for 'Godzone' - Special Children's Activities - shortly after we begin the 9.30am service.

ORDER OF SERVICE

Entrance Hymn: TiS 152 “Joyful, joyful, we adore you”

EASTER ACCLAMATION

Christ is risen. Alleluia!

He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Welcome

Prayer of Preparation:

Let us pray.

**Almighty God,
to whom all hearts are open,
all desires known
and from whom no secrets are hidden:
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love you,
and worthily magnify your holy name,
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Kyries:

Lord have mercy,

Christ have mercy,

Lord have mercy.

Invitation to Confession:

Christ our Passover Lamb has been offered for us,
therefore we come to celebrate the festival

Let us confess our sins in penitence and faith, with a sincere and a true heart

Confession:

**Merciful God, our maker and our judge
we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed,
and in what we have failed to do:
we have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves;
we repent, and are sorry for all our sins.
Father, forgive us.
Strengthen us to love and obey you in newness of life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Absolution

The Gloria:

**Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to God's people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,**

we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father;
receive our prayer.
For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High
Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

The Prayer of the Day:

Gracious God,
you sent Jesus, the good shepherd,
to gather us together:
may we not wander from his flock,
but follow wherever he leads us,
listening for his voice and staying near him,
until we are safely in your fold,
to live with you for ever;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Prayer at the time of choosing an Incumbent:

God our Father,
you have welcomed each one of us in Jesus
and called us to be his body in this place.
Send us your Holy Spirit at this time of uncertainty and change
to fill us with vision, energy and faithfulness in prayer
that we may be true to our calling to bring new life to our community;
and guide with your heavenly wisdom
those who are to choose a new priest for this parish,
so that the one whom we receive
may be a wise and gentle shepherd of your people:
ready to serve us with joy,
to build us up in faith
and to lead us by example
in loving obedience to your son, our saviour, Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Godzone talk and blessing

The ministry of the Word:

The first reading: Acts 9.36-43

Now in Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was devoted to good works and acts of charity. At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid

her in a room upstairs. Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, who heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him with the request, 'Please come to us without delay.' So Peter got up and went with them; and when he arrived, they took him to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing tunics and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was with them. Peter put all of them outside, and then he knelt down and prayed. He turned to the body and said, 'Tabitha, get up.' Then she opened her eyes, and seeing Peter, she sat up. He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive. This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. Meanwhile he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner.

For the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 23

(TiS 10 – 9:30am)

The Lord is my shepherd:

therefore can I lack nothing.

He will make me lie down in green pastures:

and lead me beside still waters.

He will refresh my soul:

and guide me in right pathways for his name's sake.

Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,

I will fear no evil:

for you are with me, your rod and your staff comfort me.

You spread a table before me

in the face of those who trouble me:

you have anointed my head with oil,

and my cup shall be full.

Surely your goodness and loving-kindness

will follow me all the days of my life:

and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

The second reading: Revelation 7.9-17

After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands.

They cried out in a loud voice, saying,

'Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!'

And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshipped God,

singing,

'Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom

and thanksgiving and honour

and power and might

be to our God for ever and ever! Amen.'

Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, 'Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?'

I said to him, 'Sir, you are the one that knows.' Then he said to me, 'These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

For this reason they are before the throne of God,
and worship him day and night within his temple,
and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them.

They will hunger no more, and thirst no more;
the sun will not strike them,
nor any scorching heat;

for the Lamb at the centre of the throne will be their shepherd,
and he will guide them to springs of the water of life,
and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.'

For the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gradual hymn: TiS 223 *"How sweet the name of Jesus sounds"*

The Gospel reading:

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

The gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ,
according to John, chapter 10, beginning at verse 22.

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, 'How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly.' Jesus answered, 'I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name testify to me; but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father's hand. The Father and I are one.'

For the gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

The Sermon

The Creed:

Let us stand together and affirm the faith of the church:

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,**

begotten, not made,
of one being with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation,
he came down from heaven;
*was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and became truly human.*

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge
the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son
is worshipped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the
forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life for the world to come. Amen.

The prayers of the people:

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Response: Lord in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

At the conclusion

Almighty God, you have promised to hear our prayers,

**Grant that what we have asked in faith we may by your grace receive,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Prayer of Approach:

We do not presume
to come to your table, merciful Lord,
trusting in our own righteousness,
but in your manifold and great mercies.

We are not worthy
so much as to gather up the crumbs under your table.

But you are the same Lord,
whose nature is always to have mercy.

Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord,
so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ,
and to drink his blood,
that we may evermore dwell in him,
and he in us. Amen.

The Greeting of Peace:

Christ is risen. Alleluia.

He is risen indeed. Alleluia

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

Offertory hymn: TiS 111 *“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King”*

Prayer over the gifts:

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation.

Through your goodness we have these gifts to share.

Accept and use our offerings for your glory and for the service of your kingdom.

Blessed be God for ever.

The Great Thanksgiving:

The Lord be with you

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

**. . . Holy, holy, holy, Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

. . . Let us proclaim the mystery of faith.

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

**. . . Blessing and honour and glory and power
are yours for ever and ever. Amen.**

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 for ever. Amen.**

The breaking of the bread:

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.
We who are many are one body,
for we all share in the one bread.

Agnus Dei:

**Jesus, Lamb of God, have mercy on us.
Jesus, bearer of our sins, have mercy on us
Jesus, redeemer of the world, grant us your peace.**

Invitation to communion:

Come let us take this holy sacrament of the body and blood of Christ
in remembrance that he died for us,
and feed on him in our hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

The Communion

Post communion hymn: TiS 659 “The Lord is my shepherd and I want to follow”

Prayer after Communion:

Eternal God, giver of life,
in the breaking of the bread we know the risen Lord.
May we who celebrate this holy feast
walk in his risen light and bring new life to all creation.
**Most loving God, you send us into the world you love.
Give us grace to go thankfully and with courage
in the power of your Spirit.**

Notices

The Blessing

Final Hymn: TiS 446 “Glorious things of you are spoken”

Dismissal:

**Go in the peace of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia!
Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!**

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WELCOME TO CHURCH. . . We are delighted that you are worshipping with us today: come and worship with us again. If you are visiting, please make yourself known to Fr. Walter or to one of our welcomers, following the service.

NOTICES

TODAY'S FLOWERS are donated by Cath Ortlieb in loving memory of her mother Donata Circosta & Aunt Marie Florio.

MOTHERS DAY RAFFLE **Today, still time to buy your extra tickets, got to be in it to win!!**

SAUSAGE SIZZLE **is next Saturday!!** 18th May, we need helpers for each of the 2 hours, please add your name to the list in the Narthex. See Peter Wharton for more details!

SCRABBLE this Wednesday at Pat Eadon's, 12 Noon, bring your own lunch.

QUIET/REFLECTION DAY with Rev'd Wendy: Pastoral Care have organised this day on behalf of all the parish this for Saturday 25th May starting at 10:00am and finishing 2:00pm. Rev'd Wendy Pullin will conduct the day. All parishioners are very welcome, lunch provided. Please see Chellam for more details.

SHOP FOR GROCERIES? Burwood East Primary School would appreciate any “**earn and learn**” stickers you could collect for them. Alma would be pleased to take them to the school.

TMA May edition is in the narthex, please take a copy.

FOOTY TIPPING. Still a surprise or two in Round 7 with Neil Ludwick the best by picking 8 correctly, and another four picking 7 (Russell Mills, Barrie Harding, Christine and Jon Youings). The average was nearly 6 correct tips. Jon Youings has joined Jan Mansfield in the lead (39), with Lyle Mansfield and Russell Mills one point behind, and four others (Cameron Godwin, Barry Harding and Neil Ludwick) in third position (37). Just four rounds to go till the first half season competition closes - keep at it!

TMA ONLINE Use the link <http://tma.melbourneanglican.org.au/newsstand> for up to date Anglican news and views from around the world

SAINTS AND HOLY MEN AND WOMEN FOR THIS WEEK

Tuesday MATTHIAS, APOSTLE AND MARTYR

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Wednesday:

Acts 12. 24-13.5

Psalms 67

John 12. 44-50

Next Sunday: Fifth Sunday of Easter

Acts 11. 1-18

Psalms 148

Revelation 21. 1-6

John 13. 31-35

AS WE THANK GOD FOR HIS MANY BLESSINGS;

Let us pray for:

The Church

Church in Korea.

Converge International CEO and chaplains.

Those preparing for confirmation next Sunday at

St Philip's Mount Waverley and at Port Melbourne.

Tintern Grammar School head and chaplain

Australia

As we prepare for the coming federal elections.

The World

Those mourning following the ISIS attack in Sri Lanka.

Those seeking a safe home after strife in their own country.

A humanitarian solution to the Nauru refugee problem.

The Ascension community

Each other (*refer to prayer list for each day*).

God's presence in the events of the week (*see pewslip*)

Those who have special needs and those at the Peter James Centre, Burwood Lodge and the Arthur Preston Centre.

Ourselves as we accept the power of God's Spirit in our lives



WHO WE ARE AT ASCENSION

At the Church of the Ascension, we follow Christ in being a caring church, welcoming of all, extending his love and invitation of new life to all comers. Here we worship God in Eucharistic-centred worship, with all the rich liturgy and symbolism that the tradition of the Anglican Church offers. (See our website for more information)

THE ROSTERS

12th May, Fourth Sunday of Easter

Liturgical colour – White/yellow

8:00am

9:30 a.m.

Welcomers: Jan Wheeler
Liturgical assistant:
Scripture reader: Ron McKenzie
Godzone:
Intercessions: Fr. Walter
Eucharistic assistant: Ron McKenzie
Servers: Ron McKenzie
Morning Tea: Don Lambourne

Colin Darvell & Augustus Luo
 Aaron King
 Cath Ortlieb
 Jo Waite
 Fr Walter
 Aaron King & David Wood
 Sue Tregear, Andreas Luo & Natalie O.
 Joan Zhang & Andreas Luo

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Flowers: Chellam Stanley
Sacristan: Judithe Atkinson
Music: Peter Bedlow
Printer: Lyle Mansfield
Counting: Natalie Ortlieb & Sue Tregear
Resurrection Garden: Augustus Luo

19th May, Fifth Sunday of Easter

Liturgical colour – White/yellow

8:00am

9:30 a.m.

Welcomers: Jan Wheeler
Liturgical assistant:
Scripture reader: Sue Tregear
Godzone:
Intercessions: Fr. Walter
Eucharistic assistant: Sue Tregear
Morning Tea: Don Lambourne

Alma & Brian Brand
 Ron McKenzie
 Elizabeth Waite
 Rachael Allan
 Cath Ortlieb
 Lyle Mansfield & Cath Ortlieb
 Jan Mansfield & Natalie Ortlieb

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Flowers: Jan Mansfield
Sacristan: Judithe Atkinson
Printer: Barrie Harding
Counting: Jan & Lyle Mansfield
Cleaning: Ron McKenzie

Next Pewsheets: Please send all items for inclusion in next week's pew-sheet by 5p.m. Thursday evening to Ron McKenzie: - (r.mckenzie@novatechsolutions.com.au) - especially any Roster changes. Thank you.



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the Wurundjeri people of the Kulin nation*

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Baptism, Marriage & funerals by arrangement

Weekly services & activities

Sunday	8:00am Eucharist 9:30am Eucharist with hymns. 'Godzone' children's program during 9:30am service
Wednesday	10:00am Eucharist followed by morning tea and discussion
Friday	9:30 – 11:30am. Playgroup in hall (During school terms) 10:00am – Noon. Drop-in for coffee and chat, front meeting room.
3rd Friday	12 noon. "Not home alone" meets for lunch at the Mountain View Hotel, all welcome!