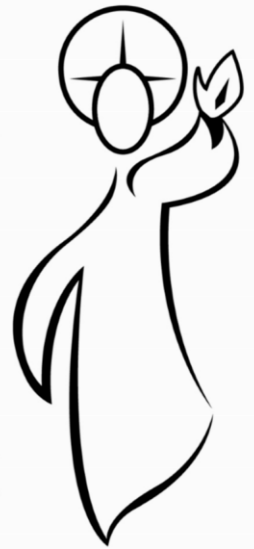

ANGLICAN CHURCH *of the* ASCENSION

30th June 2019

PETER AND PAUL, APOSTLES & MARTYRS

EAST BURWOOD



“Seeking God, Serving with love, Sharing hope”

Welcome to Church

Sentence for Today

Peter says to Jesus, ‘Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you.’ John 21.17



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 470 “Rejoice in God’s saints”

Acclamation

Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Blessed be God’s kingdom, now and for ever.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

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:

We are surrounded by a great cloud of witnesses.

Let us then run our race, laying aside every weight and bringing our
sins to the Lord in penitence and faith.

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:

Almighty God, whose apostles Peter and Paul glorified you
in their deaths as in their lives:
grant that your Church,
inspired by their teaching and example,
and knit together in unity by your Spirit,
may ever stand firm upon the one foundation,
your Son Jesus Christ our Lord;
who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of 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 12.1-11

About that time King Herod laid violent hands upon some who belonged to the church. He had James, the brother of John, killed with the sword. After he saw that it pleased the Jews, he proceeded to arrest Peter also. (This was during the festival of Unleavened Bread.) When he had seized him, he put him in prison and handed him over to four squads of soldiers to guard him, intending to bring him out to the people after the Passover. While Peter was kept in prison, the church prayed fervently to God for him. The very night before Herod was going to bring him out, Peter, bound with two chains, was

sleeping between two soldiers, while guards in front of the door were keeping watch over the prison. Suddenly an angel of the Lord appeared and a light shone in the cell. He tapped Peter on the side and woke him, saying, 'Get up quickly.' And the chains fell off his wrists. The angel said to him, 'Fasten your belt and put on your sandals.' He did so. Then he said to him, 'Wrap your cloak around you and follow me.' Peter went out and followed him; he did not realize that what was happening with the angel's help was real; he thought he was seeing a vision. After they had passed the first and the second guard, they came before the iron gate leading into the city. It opened for them of its own accord, and they went outside and walked along a lane, when suddenly the angel left him. Then Peter came to himself and said, 'Now I am sure that the Lord has sent his angel and rescued me from the hands of Herod and from all that the Jewish people were expecting.'

For the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalms 87

He has founded it upon a holy hill:

**and the Lord loves the gates of Zion
more than all the dwellings of Jacob.**

Glorious things shall be spoken of you:

O Zion, city of our God.

I might speak of my kindred in Egypt or in Babylon:

in Philistia, Tyre or Nubia, where each was born.

But of Zion it shall be said:

many were born in her,

he that is Most High has established her.

When the Lord draws up the record of the nations:

he shall take note where everyone was born.

And the singers and the dancers together:

shall make their song to your name.

The second reading: 2 Timothy 4.6-8, 17-18

As for me, I am already being poured out as a libation, and the time of my departure has come. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. From now on there is reserved for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give to me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have longed for his appearing. But the Lord stood by me and gave me strength, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. So I was rescued from the lion's mouth. The Lord will rescue me from every evil attack and save me for his heavenly kingdom. To him be the glory for ever and ever. Amen.

For the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gradual hymn: Ps 65 "I, the Lord of sea and sky"

The Gospel reading:

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

The gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ,
according to John, chapter 21, beginning at verse 15

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, 'Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?' He said to him, 'Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Feed my lambs.' A second time he said to him, 'Simon son of John, do you love me?' He said to him, 'Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Tend my sheep.' He said to him the third time, 'Simon son of John, do you love me?' Peter felt hurt because he said to him the third time, 'Do you love me?' And he said to him, 'Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Feed my sheep. Very truly, I tell you, when you were younger, you used to fasten your own belt and to go wherever you wished. But when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will fasten a belt around you and take you where you do not wish to go.' (He said this to indicate the kind of death by which he would glorify God.) After this he said to him, 'Follow me.' Peter turned and saw the disciple whom Jesus loved following them; he was the one who had reclined next to Jesus at the supper and had said, 'Lord, who is it that is going to betray you?' When Peter saw him, he said to Jesus, 'Lord, what about him?' Jesus said to him, 'If it is my will that he remain until I come, what is that to you? Follow me!'

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:

We are the body of Christ.
His spirit is with us.
The peace of the Lord be always with you.
And also with you.

Offertory hymn: TiS 446 "Glorious things of you are spoken"

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 201 “King of glory, King of peace”

Prayer after Communion:

God, the source of all holiness:
may we who have shared at this table
as strangers and pilgrims on earth
be welcomed with Peter and Paul
and all your saints to the heavenly feast in your kingdom.
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 209 “And can it be”

Dismissal:

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
In the name of Christ. Amen

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WELCOME TO CHURCH. . . We are delighted that you are worshipping with us today,
please take Communion, whatever your denomination and 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 and do stay for a cuppa and chat!

NOTICES

CHRISTMAS IN JULY DINNER: Saturday 13th July at 6:00pm, all welcome, bring a friend! A wonderful Christmas meal has been organised so please come and enjoy fun and fellowship, and a good feed! BYO drinks and remember a generous donation will be appreciated. **We need the numbers coming by next Sunday**, so, please add your name to the sheet in the narthex to ensure Santa has a meal for you!

WANT TO HELP OTHERS AND THE ENVIRONMENT?

Students at Cath Ortlieb's school, Melba College, are collecting **plastic bottle tops** towards helping provide prosthetic hands for children throughout Cambodia and other similar countries. A 3D printer and a handmade machine turns the bottle caps into filament, that can custom-make hand that allows the wearer to undertake basic tasks.

Cath's husband, Marc, is involved in the cub section of the Scouting movement. One of the groups is collecting the **little, square bread tags** to fund raise.

Many reputable organisations are also supporting these. Collecting them is also a good way to reduce rubbish and keep the environment cleaner. Many will be very pleased if you could also spread the word and start collecting them. Please see Cath about this activities.

FOOTY TIPPING. The last of the bye rounds arrived last week but no one could achieve a perfect score. However, Neil Ludwick, Russell Mills and Peter Wharton each got five correct with most getting four. This propels Neil Ludwick to the top of the leader board (15) for the second-half year competition, with Russell Mills (14) just behind, and Judithe Atkinson and Barrie Harding (13) one further point back, and about half the field on 12. No more Thursday night matches (hooray!) and it is back to normal. Good luck!

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

WEBSITE: Fr Walter's Sunday sermons are posted on the Ascension website (www.ascensionchurch.org.au) each week, you can also view previous sermons by scrolling down the page.

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)

SAINTS AND HOLY MEN AND WOMEN FOR THIS WEEK

Monday	Coming of the Light, first missionaries to the Torres Strait (1871) <i>On the first day of July, 1871 a ship bearing London Missionary Society personnel arrived on Darnley Island in the Torres Strait, with copies of the Bible. They were received as fulfilling a long-held local tradition, and the gospel of Christ took root quickly. The day has been marked since by all Islanders as 'The Coming of the Light'</i>
Saturday	John Fisher, bishop, and Thomas More, martyrs (d. 1535)

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Wednesday:

Genesis 21.5 (6-7) 8-20
Psalm 34. 1-10
Matthew 8.28-34

Next Sunday: Fourth Sunday of Pentecost

2 Kings 5.1-14
Psalm 30
Galatians 6. (1-6) 7-18
Luke 10.1-12 (13-16) 17-24

AS WE THANK GOD FOR HIS MANY BLESSINGS, LET US PRAY EACH DAY FOR -

The Church

The Church in Pakistan.

Korowa Anglican Girls' School and Ivanhoe Grammar School, their heads and chaplains.

Anglican Criminal Justice Ministry.

Australia

Those suffering following the 'flu outbreak.

The World

A peaceful outcome to the tensions in the Gulf regions.

Those suffering in Yemen refugee crisis.

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



Rosters

30th June, Peter and Paul		Liturgical colour – Red
	8:00am	9:30 a.m.
Welcomers:	Don Lambourne	Joanne & Elizabeth Waite
Liturgical assistant:		Christine Youings
Scripture reader:	Ron McKenzie	Ron McKenzie
Godzone:		Holiday programs
Intercessions:	Fr. Walter	Joy Ritchie
Servers	Ron McKenzie	Joy Ritchie, Sue Tregear, Ron McKenzie
Eucharistic assistant:	Ron McKenzie	Lyle Mansfield & David Wood
Morning Tea:	Don Lambourne	Joan Zhang & Andreas Luo
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Flowers:		Jan Mansfield
Sacristan:		Judithe Atkinson
Music:		Dawn Joseph
Printer:		David Wood
Counting:		Lyle & Jan Mansfield
Cleaning:		Peter Wharton

7th July, Fourth Sunday after Pentecost		Liturgical colour – Green
	8:00am	9:30 a.m.
Welcomers:	Jan Wheeler	Pat Ludwick & Colin Darvell
Scripture reader:	Sue Tregear	Joanne Waite
Godzone:		Holiday programs
Intercessions:	Fr. Walter	Russell Mills
Eucharistic assistant:	Sue Tregear	Cath Ortlieb & David Wood
Morning Tea:	Don Lambourne	Jan Mansfield & Natalie Ortlieb
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Flowers:		Chellam Stanley
Sacristan:		Sue Tregear
Music:		Peter Bedlow
Printer:		Lyle Mansfield
Counting:		Keith Hall & Glen Wood
Gardens:		Augustus Luo



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*We acknowledge the traditional owners of this land,
the Wurundjeri people of the Kulin nation*

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Pew sheet: Please send all items for inclusion in next week's pewsheets to Ron McKenzie by 5p.m. Thursday evening (r.mckenzie@novatechsolutions.com.au.)

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!