
ANGLICAN CHURCH *of the* ASCENSION

28th April 2019
Second Sunday of Easter

EAST BURWOOD



“Seeking God, Serving with love, Sharing hope”

Welcome to Church

Sentence for Today

Jesus said to Thomas, ‘Put your finger here and see my hands.
Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but
believe.’ John 20.27



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 368 *"This is the day the Lord has made"*

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:

Living God,
for whom no door is closed,
no heart is locked:
draw us beyond our doubts,
till we see your Christ
and touch his wounds where they bleed in others.
This we ask through Christ our Saviour,
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 5.27-32

When they had brought them, they had them stand before the council.
The high priest questioned them, saying, 'We gave you strict orders not
to teach in this name, yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your
teaching and you are determined to bring this man's blood on us.' But
Peter and the apostles answered, 'We must obey God rather than any

human authority. The God of our ancestors raised up Jesus, whom you had killed by hanging him on a tree. God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Saviour, so that he might give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him.'

For the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 118.14-29

**The Lord is my strength and my song:
and has become my salvation.**

**The sounds of joy and deliverance:
are in the tents of the righteous.**

**The right hand of the Lord does mighty things:
the right hand of the Lord raises up.**

**I shall not die but live:
and proclaim the works of the Lord.**

**The Lord has disciplined me hard:
but he has not given me over to death.**

**Open me the gates of righteousness:
and I will enter and give thanks to the Lord.**

**This is the gate of the Lord:
the righteous shall enter it.**

**I will praise you, for you answered me:
and have become my salvation.**

**The stone that the builders rejected:
has become the head of the corner.**

**This is the Lord's doing:
and it is marvellous in our eyes.**

**This is the day that the Lord has made:
let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

**O Lord, save us, we pray:
O Lord, send us prosperity.**

**Blessed is he who comes, in the name of the Lord:
from the house of the Lord we bless you.**

**The Lord is God, and he has given us light:
guide the festal throng up to the horns of the altar.**

**You are my God and I will praise you:
you are my God, I will exalt you.**

**O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good:
and his mercy endures for ever.**

The second reading: Revelation 1.4-8

John to the seven churches that are in Asia: Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne,

and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead,
and the ruler of the kings of the earth. To him who loves us and freed
us from our sins by his blood,
and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to
him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.

Look! He is coming with the clouds;

every eye will see him,

even those who pierced him;

and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail.

So it is to be. Amen.

‘I am the Alpha and the Omega’, says the Lord God, who is and who
was and who is to come, the Almighty.

For the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gradual hymn: TiS 362 *“Jesus Christ is risen today”*

The Gospel reading:

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

The gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ,
according to John, chapter 20, beginning at verse 19.

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the
doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of
the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, ‘Peace be with
you.’ After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then
the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again,
‘Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.’ When he
had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, ‘Receive the Holy
Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain
the sins of any, they are retained.’ But Thomas (who was called the
Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the
other disciples told him, ‘We have seen the Lord.’ But he said to them,
‘Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the
mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.’ A week later
his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them.

Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and
said, ‘Peace be with you.’ Then he said to Thomas, ‘Put your finger here
and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not
doubt but believe.’ Thomas answered him, ‘My Lord and my God!’ Jesus
said to him, ‘Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are
those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.’ Now Jesus did
many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written
in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that
Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you
may have life in his name.

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 382 “Now the green blade rises”

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 745 "Seek ye first the kingdom of God"

Prayer after Communion:

Most glorious Lord of life,
we thank you that you nourish us in these Easter mysteries.
Fill us with the Spirit of love and unite us in faith,
that we may witness to the resurrection
and show your glory to all the world.
**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 217 "Love divine, all loves excelling"

Dismissal:

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

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

A WARM WELCOME to Fr Jim Pilmer today as he fills in for Fr Walter.

The Rev Canon Dr Colleen O'Reilly is retiring from active ministry today and Fr Walter is doing his duty as a faithful husband supporting her today as she is farewelled at her parish of St George's Malvern.

EASTER THANK YOU: The Wardens would like to thank everyone who helped make Lent through to Easter Day a wonderful journey which was appreciated by all parishioners.

- To Joan, Andreas, Cheryl, Glen & David, Peter & Anne, Fr Walter, Sue, Christine & Ron who came to the working bee on Holy Saturday. Everything from the gardens to the church interior, narthex, windows, silverware, cobwebs in all the usual and unusual places, and all things in between were cleaned and polished.
- A special 'thanks' to the printers - Barrie, Lyle and David for the six pew sheets for the Holy Week/ Easter services.
- Another special 'thank you' must go to Christine for the time, effort and love she put into the Maundy Thursday garden and Altar of Repose, and into the Easter Garden. They truly were beautiful.
- Thanks to all the extra readers required for every service from Tenebrae to the Easter Vigil.
- And yet another special 'thank you' to Father Walter for all the time he spent with us over Palm Sunday and Tenebrae leading smoothly into Holy Week culminating in the Easter services, certainly much more than the 3 days he is supposed to be with us!
- To Robin and Michael for once again organising the Easter Breakfast and for working hard along with Christy setting up the hall. Robin scrambled the eggs while Michael and Peter cooked the bacon and sausages; and again thanks to all who helped with the clean up making the breakfast such a lovely parish happening.
- Christine and Sue for setting up the church for Easter day.
- Alan who provided the New Fire for the vigil.
- All the musicians and servers from Palm Sunday to Easter Day.

THANKYOU FROM KALO & DOUG. We received a thankyou card which is on the noticeboard. Please take some time and read the lovely words.

FOOTY TIPPING. If you had failed to put in your footy tips in Round 5, the default tips would have given you 6. The upsets in the round saw just one person (Lyle Mansfield) pick 6 (again without picking the finally victorious Blues) with most getting 5 correct. Cameron Godwin (26) is still the first half leader, with the dynamic duo of Jan and Lyle Mansfield just one point behind, Jon Youings third on 24 and then the trio of Jo Condie, Pat Ludwick and Ron McKenzie on equal fourth (23). At last, this coming week starts on a Friday, no more Thursday matches until Round 13.

MOTHERS DAY RAFFLE Only two weeks away! I am once again asking for donations to include in the Mother's Day raffle baskets. I would appreciate anything, big or small. Thanks again, Chellam. And make sure you buy tickets!!!

SAUSAGE SIZZLE 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!

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

Monday Catherine of Siena, spiritual teacher (d. 1380)
Tuesday MARK, EVANGELIST AND MARTYR
Wednesday PHILIP & JAMES, APOSTLES & MARTYRS
Thursday Athanasius, bishop of Alexandria, teacher (d. 373)

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Wednesday:

Isaiah 30. 18-21
Psalm 19. 1-6
John 14. 6-14

Next Sunday: Third Sunday of Easter

Acts 9. 1-6
Psalm 30
Revelation 5. 6-14
John 21. 1-19

AS WE THANK GOD FOR HIS MANY BLESSINGS;

Let us pray for:

The Church

Church in Japan

Ridley College and Shelford Girls' Grammar School, their heads and chaplains

Australia

Pray for all Christian denominations in our communities as we celebrate Easter.

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

Pray for the people of the Playgroup, our school students and teachers; may they continue refreshed after the term break.

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

God's presence in the events of the week (*see pew slip*).

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

28th April, Second Sunday of Easter

Liturgical colour – White/yellow

8:00am

9:30 a.m.

Welcomers: Don Lambourne

Yolanda Chan & Ros Smith

Liturgical assistant:

Aaron King

Scripture reader: Ron McKenzie

Jo Condie

Godzone:

Michael Jellis & Anne Wharton

Intercessions: Fr. Jim

Cath Ortlieb

Eucharistic assistant: Ron McKenzie

Aaron King & Cath Ortlieb

Servers: Ron McKenzie

Sue Tregear, Natalie Ortlieb & Ron McK

Morning Tea: Don Lambourne

Joy Ritchie & Pat Eadon

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Flowers

Jan Mansfield

Sacristan:

Judithe Atkinson

Printer:

Barrie Harding

Counting:

Joanne Waite & Joan Zhang

Resurrection Garden:

Peter Wharton

5th May, Third Sunday of Easter

Liturgical colour – White/yellow

8:00am

9:30 a.m.

Welcomers: Jan Wheeler

Jo Condie & Joanne Waite

Liturgical assistant:

Joanne Waite

Scripture reader: Sue Tregear

Ros Smith

Godzone:

Natalie Ortlieb

Intercessions: Fr. Walter

Russell Mills

Eucharistic assistant: Sue Tregear

Keith Hall & Joanne Waite

Morning Tea: Don Lambourne

Jan Mansfield & Barrie Harding

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Flowers:

Robin Jellis

Sacristan:

Sue Tregear

Music:

Peter Bedlow

Printer:

David Wood

Counting:

Alma & Brian Brand

Cleaning:

Sue Tregear

Next Pewsheet: 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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*We acknowledge the traditional owners of this land,
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!