

6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

5th May 2024



GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

Please all stand

PROCESSIONAL HYMN 156

SIGN OF THE CROSS

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

Blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

GREETING

The Lord be with you. **And also with you!**

Alleluia! Christ is risen. **He is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

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.

THE TWO GREAT COMMANDMENTS

“Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God, the Lord is one; you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength.” Jesus said: “This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it: you shall love your neighbour as yourself.”

KYRIE ELEISON

Lord have mercy. Christ have mercy. Lord have mercy.

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS (THE HYMN OF PRAISE)

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 / COLLECT

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Let us pray.

Loving God, your Son has chosen us and called us to be his friends: give us grace to keep his commandments, to love one another, and to bear fruit which will abide; through him who is the true vine, the source of all our life, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

THE PRAYER FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Please be seated for the reading

FIRST READING

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles 10:44-48

While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, ‘Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?’ So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

Hear the word of the Lord, **thanks be to God.**

PSALM 诗篇 98 (Hymn 57)

- 1 O sing to the Lord a new song: for he has done marvellous things;
- 2 His right hand and his holy arm: they have got him the victory.
- 3 The Lord has made known his salvation:
 he has revealed his just deliverance in the sight of the nations.
- 4 He has remembered his mercy and faithfulness towards the house of Israel:
 and all the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.
- 5 Shout with joy to the Lord, all the earth: break into singing and make melody.
- 6 Make melody to the Lord upon the harp: upon the harp and with the sounds of praise.
- 7 With trumpets and with horns: cry out in triumph before the Lord, the king.
- 8 Let the sea roar, and all that fills it: the good earth and those who live upon it.
- 9 Let the rivers clap their hands:
 and let the mountains ring out together before the Lord;
- 10 For he comes to judge the earth:
 he shall judge the world with righteousness, and the peoples with equity.

SECOND READING

A reading from the First Letter of St John, 5:1-12.

Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. For the love of God is this,

that we obey his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, for whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith. Who is it that conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God? This is the one who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ, not with the water only but with the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one that testifies, for the Spirit is the truth. There are three that testify: the Spirit and the water and the blood, and these three agree. If we receive human testimony, the testimony of God is greater; for this is the testimony of God that he has testified to his Son. Those who believe in the Son of God have the testimony in their hearts. Those who do not believe in God have made him a liar by not believing in the testimony that God has given concerning his Son. And this is the testimony: God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life.

Hear the word of the Lord, **thanks be to God.**

GRADUAL HYMN 641 verses 1,2, & 3 (v. 4 & 5 after the Gospel)

THE GOSPEL (Please stand)

Alleluia, **Alleluia.**

All who love me will keep my words, and my Father will love them and we will come to them. (*cf* 约 *John 14:23*)

Alleluia.

The Lord be with you! **And also with you!**

A reading from the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St John 15:9-17.

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Jesus said to his disciples:

As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.

'This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.

This is the Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**
Continue Gradual Hym 641 verses 4 & 5

SERMON

THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Please stand as we affirm our faith in the words of the Nicene Creed, each in our preferred language.

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 of the world to come.

Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION *please kneel/sit*

With concern for the needs of our world and faith in God's healing and saving power, let us bring our petitions before the Lord.

(At the end of each section) Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Conclude the prayer with:

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

[Let us pray.]

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.

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

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

Silence.

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

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

Almighty God, who has promised forgiveness to all who turn to him in faith: pardon you and set you free from all your sins, strengthen you in all goodness and keep you in eternal life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE PEACE 问安

The risen Christ came and stood among his disciples and said, 'Peace be with you.' Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Alleluia.

The peace of the Lord be always with you. **And also with you.**

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARISY

Please all stand

OFFERTORY HYMN 534

The offering is collected during the hymn. The gifts of the people, Bread and Wine and collection of money, are brought to the Lord's Table.

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER (Easter II)

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 thanks and praise.**

All glory and honour be yours always and everywhere,
mighty Creator, ever-living God.

We give you thanks and praise for your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ,
who by the power of your Spirit
was born of Mary and lived as one of us.

He is the true Paschal Lamb who was offered for us
and has taken away the sin of the world.

And now we give you thanks
that you raised him in triumph from the dead.

By his death, he has destroyed death
and by his rising to life again
has restored us to eternal life.

Therefore with angels and archangels,
and with all the company of heaven,
we proclaim your great and glorious name,
for ever praising you and saying:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory, Hosanna in the highest.
Blessèd is he who comes in the name of the Lord, Hosanna in the highest.**

Merciful God, we thank you
for these gifts of your creation,
this bread and wine,
and we pray that by your Word and Holy Spirit,
we who eat and drink them
may be partakers of Christ's body and blood.

On the night he was betrayed Jesus took bread;
and when he had given you thanks, he broke it,
and gave it to his disciples, saying,
'Take, eat. This is my body given for you.
Do this in remembrance of me.'

After supper, he took the cup,
and again giving you thanks,
he gave it to his disciples, saying,
'Drink from this, all of you.

This is my blood of the new covenant
shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.'

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Therefore we do as our Saviour has commanded:
proclaiming his offering of himself
made once for all upon the cross,
his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension,
and looking for his coming again,
we celebrate, with this bread and this cup,
his one perfect and sufficient sacrifice
for the sins of the whole world.

Renew us by your Holy Spirit,
unite us in the body of your Son,
and bring us with all your people
into the joy of your eternal kingdom;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
with whom, and in whom,
in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,
we worship you, Father,
in songs of never-ending praise:

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

THE LORD'S PRAYER

As Christ has taught us, we are confident to pray, each in our preferred language:

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.

BREAKING THE CONSECRATED 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 (LAMB OF GOD)

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.

THE INVITATION

The gifts of God for the people of God.

Jesus Christ is holy, Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

COMMUNION

God invites everyone to gather around his table. We extend an invitation to all baptised Christians to come forward and receive this Holy Sacrament. Others are welcome to come forward to receive a blessing by crossing arms over the chest.

COMMUNION HYMN 605

THE SENDING OUT OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Please all stand

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

God our Father, whose Son Jesus Christ gives the water of eternal life: may we thirst for you, the spring of life and source of goodness, through him who is alive and reigns, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Father, we offer ourselves to you as a living sacrifice through Jesus Christ our Lord. Send us out in the power of your Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory. Amen

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE BLESSING

The love of the Lord Jesus draw you to himself, the power of the Lord Jesus strengthen you in his service, the joy of the Lord Jesus fill your hearts; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be amongst you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

DISMISSAL

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia! Alleluia!

In the name of Christ. Alleluia! Alleluia!

DISMISSAL HYMN 830 (sheet)

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Parish Link

Notices & Information

Sixth Sunday of Easter

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Tue & Fri 9.00am – 1.00pm

St Peter's, 1038 Whitehorse Road, Box Hill. Vicar: Rev'd Victor Fan

Years Mind

Bonnie Fowler, Frances Allen, Frank Groom, Lilian Law, Peter Reynolds, George Knack, and Elizabeth Gellert, whose anniversaries occur at this time.



Daily Readings

Monday	Acts 16.11-15	Ps149	John 15.26-16.4
Tuesday	Acts 16.22-34	Ps 138	John 16.5-11
Wednesday	Acts 17.15-22-18.1	Ps 148.7-15	John 16.12-15
Thursday	Acts 1.1-11	Ps 93	Mark 16.15-20
Friday	Acts 18.9-18	Ps 47	John 16.20-23
Saturday	Acts 18.23-28	Ps 28	John 16.23-28

Prayer Points

The Church: St Philip's Mount Waverley (Ruth Newmarch, Breannon Wilkinson); The Diocese of Adelaide (Abp Geoff Smith, Asst Bps Denise Ferguson, Timothy Harris, Christopher McLeod; Clergy & People); Anglican Episcopal Church of Brazil (Abp Marinez Rosa Dos Santos Bassotto); Pastoral services: St George's Monbulk (Bp Paul Barker); Ormond Anglican (Bp Genieve Blackwell); Surfcoast Anglican Parish (Bp Brad Billings); St John's Toorak (Bp Kate Prowd).

The Parish: Give thanks for the life of Sophia whose ashes will be interred today.

The World: Pray for all victims of natural disasters.

The Nation: Pray for victims of domestic violence and for healing in the community.

Prayer of the Week

Eternal God, whose Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life: grant that we may walk in his way, rejoice in his truth, and share his risen life; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

SOPHIA ERREY

The interment of the ashes of Sophia Errey will take place in the Garden of Remembrance this Sunday, May 5, directly after 9.30am Sunday service.

MISSION ACTION PLAN (MAP)

The group that met to discuss our new MAP came up with these core values for our parish: 1.Traditional Worship; 2.Welcoming; 3.Discipleship; 4.Spiritual growth; 5.Community Outreach; 6.Fellowship; 7.Inclusive and multicultural; 8.Pastoral care. Please come along for the next meeting on Saturday, June 15.

THIRD SUNDAY OF THE MONTH ROSTER

We are still short of volunteers for making some food to share for lunch on the third Sunday of the month. Please let Cecilia know if you can assist with this.

THE SIXTH ROBIN SHARWOOD LECTURE by Ms Mandy Tibbey, barrister.

Church Law and Anti-Discrimination Law: do these need to collide?

Date: Wednesday 15 May 2024 **Time:** 7.30pm, followed by light refreshments

Location: The Craig Auditorium, Gateway Building, Trinity College

100 Royal Parade, Parkville VIC 3052.

Cost: Free, but bookings are essential.

RSVP: By 5pm, Friday 10 May 2024 [Click here to RSVP](#)

Enquiries: Briony O'Halloran | 03 8341 0216 events@trinity.unimelb.edu.au

MOTHERS UNION

22nd May, 1.30pm in the Undercroft

The speaker is from Mercy Ships. Please join us to hear of the amazing work done on these ships in countries needing medical help. We will have a small trading table with donations going to Mercy Ships.

TO MAKE YOU SMILE...



We accompanied our son and his fiancée when they met with her priest to sign some pre-wedding ceremony papers. While filling out the form, our son read aloud a few questions. When he got to the last one, which read "Are you entering this marriage at your own will?" he looked over at his fiancée.

"Put down 'yes,' " she said.

OUR INFORMATION

FIRST AID KIT – Located in the office and kitchen.

TOILETS – Located in the Church Hall and in the church building through the church doors front right.

WHEELCHAIR – Located near the toilet for the disabled upstairs.

FIRE & EMERGENCY – Please make yourself aware of the nearest escape route in the event of an emergency or fire.

OH&S – Please ensure that any incidents/accidents are reported to the Vicar or Wardens and incident report completed.

Mission Statement

Sharing the Good News

Telling the story afresh

Expressing God's love

Serving the community

Nurturing and sharing faith

Equipping to serve

Vision

To ensure that there continues to be a living, committed, communal Anglican presence of liturgical celebration, nurture and outreach in Box Hill.

ROSTER	Today 5.05.24	Next week 12.05.24
SIDESPERSON	Rosemary S	Dianne A
SERVERS	Michele M, Judy J, <i>Garry M</i>	Elizabeth B, Michele M, <i>Kim C</i>
READERS	Martin F, Kim C	Hilary B, Laurence L
INTERCESSOR	Elizabeth B	Michele M
COUNTING	Michele M, Rob K	Garry P, Lyn B
MORNING TEA	Elizabeth B , Lyn B, Laurence L	Rosemary S , Peter W, Barbara M

REPORTING CHILD ABUSE

All child safety concerns must be reported to Kooyoora Professional Standards
1800 135 246

Week Ahead

SUNDAY 5.05.24

8.00am Eucharist, **9.30am** Eucharist
11.30am Mandarin service
1.00pm Badminton, *hall*
2.00pm Dinka service

MONDAY 6.05.24

Vicar's day off
6.30-9.00pm Narc Anon *Undercroft*
6.30-8.30pm Celestial Tai Chi, *hall*

TUES 7.05.24

9.00am-1.00pm Office open
9.00 onwards Parish People@Work
6.00-8.00pm Bellydancing, *hall*
7.15-9.30pm Elgar Contact, *Undercroft*

WED 8.05.24

9.30-11.30am Playgroup, *Kinder*
10.30am Eucharist
10.00-11.30am Tai Chi, *hall*
7.30pm Liturgy Group, *Office*
8.00-9.00pm Choir practice, *Undercroft*

THU 9.05.24

Rev'd Esther's day off
6.30-9.30pm Crossways ESL, *hall*

FRI 10.05.24

8.00am-1.00pm Office open
7.30pm Chinese prayer

SAT 11.05.24

10.00am Bible Study, *office*
10.30am-1.30pm Sat School *U'croft/hall*

SUN 12.05.24

8.00am Eucharist, **9.30am** Eucharist
11.30am Mandarin service
1.00pm Badminton, *hall*
2.00pm Dinka service

For the Diary

May 19

10.30am Third Sunday of the month
integrated service

May 22

Mothers Union, 1.30pm, U'croft

May 25

Student piano concert, 3.30-6.00pm

June 11

Parish Council Meeting, 7.30pm, U'croft

June 15

Mission Action Plan meeting, 2.00pm, U'croft

June 16

Celebration of St Peter's Day
10.30am

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St Peter's church is on the land of the Wurundjeri people of the Kulin nation and we acknowledge them
as the traditional custodians of this land.