

SUNDAY AFTER ASCENSION DAY

12th May 2024



GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

Please all stand

PROCESSIONAL HYMN 517

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.

God of majesty, you led the Messiah through suffering into risen life, and took him up into the glory of heaven; clothe us with the power promised from on high, and send us forth to the ends of the earth as heralds of repentance and witnesses of Jesus Christ, the firstborn from the dead, who lives with you now and always in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God for ever and ever. 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 1:1-11

In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus did and taught from the beginning until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. After his suffering he presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them over the course of forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for the promise of the Father. 'This', he said, 'is what you have heard from me; for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.'

So when they had come together, they asked him, 'Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?' He replied, 'It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.' When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up towards heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, 'Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up towards heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.'

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

PSALM 93:1-6 (Hymn 51)

- 1 The Lord is king, and has put on robes of glory:
the Lord has put on his glory, he has girded himself with strength.
- 2 He has made the world so firm: that it cannot be moved.
- 3 Your throne is established from of old: you are from everlasting.

4 The floods have lifted up, O Lord, the floods have lifted up their voice:
the floods lift up their pounding.

5 But mightier than the sound of many waters, than the mighty waters or the
breakers of the sea: the Lord on high is mighty.

6 Your decrees are very sure: and holiness, O Lord, adorns your house for ever.

SECOND READING

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians, 1:15-23.

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love towards all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

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

GRADUAL HYMN 378 v. 1,2 & 3

THE GOSPEL (Please stand)

Alleluia, **Alleluia.**

Go and teach all nations, says the Lord; I am with you always, until the end of the world. (*cf Matthew 28:19a,20b*)

Alleluia.

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

A reading from the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St Mark 16:15-20.

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Jesus said to them, 'Go into all the world and proclaim the good news to the whole creation. The one who believes and is baptized will be saved; but the one who does not believe will be condemned. And these signs will accompany those who believe: by using my name they will cast out demons; they will speak in new tongues; they will pick up snakes in their hands, and if they drink any deadly thing, it will not hurt them; they will lay their hands on the sick, and they will recover.'

So then the Lord Jesus, after he had spoken to them, was taken up into heaven and sat down at the right hand of God. And they went out and proclaimed the good

news everywhere, while the Lord worked with them and confirmed the message by the signs that accompanied it.

GRADUAL HYMN 378 cont. v. 4, 5 & 6

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 praise and thanks giving for all God has done for us, let us confidently place our needs before him.

(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 has entered heaven itself, there to appear before God on our behalf. *Silence.*

Let us therefore draw near in full assurance of faith, and confess our sins to the God of grace.

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

The risen Lord now reigns at God's right hand. **He is the Prince of Peace.**

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

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

Please all stand

OFFERTORY HYMN 371 (TUNE 108)

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.

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Blessèd 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 EUCHARISTIC PRAYER (Ascension Day)

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,

..... (APBA P156)

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

..... (APBA P128-129)

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:

..... (APBA P129)

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 749

THE SENDING OUT OF GOD'S PEOPLE

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

God of glory,
you sent your Son Jesus Christ into the world to preach the gospel of the kingdom.
Strengthen us who share this meal to continue his mission by living the good news
we proclaim.

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

Christ our ascended King pour upon you the abundance of his gifts and bring you to reign with him in glory; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be amongst you and remain with you always.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia! Alleluia! **In the name of Christ. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

DISMISSAL HYMN 228 v. 1, 5 & 6

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Years Mind

Mildred Stork, Ella Sheldrick, Mae Buckingham, Kathleen Griffiths, Jean White, Herbert Burkitt, and Phyl Allen, whose anniversaries occur at this time.

Daily Readings

Monday	Acts 19.1-8	Ps 68.1-6	John 16.29-33
Tuesday	Acts 20.17-27	Ps 68.7-14	John 17.1-11
Wednesday	Acts 20.28-38	Ps 68.28-35	John 17.11-19
Thursday	Acts 22.30 and 23.6-11	Ps 16.1-6	John 17.20-26
Friday	Acts 25.13-21	Ps 103.15-22	John 21.15-19
Saturday	Genesis 11.1-9	Ps 104.26-32	John 7.37-39

Prayer Points

The Church: Holy Trinity & Emmanuel Oakleigh (Colleen Arnold-Moore); The Diocese of Canberra & Goulburn (Bp Mark Short, Asst Bp Carol Wagner, Clergy & People); Spiritual Health Victoria Council (Cheryl Holmes, CEO); The Anglican Church of Burundi (Abp Sixbert Macumi); Ascension Parish Burwood - 60th Anniversary (Bp Paul Barker); Pastoral services: Clifton Hill (Bp Genieve Blackwell); St Peter's Ocean Grove & All Saints' Barwon Heads (Bp Brad Billings); All Saints' Clayton (Bp Kate Prowd).

The Parish: Pray for all those in hospital or rehabilitation.

The World: Continue to pray for peace negotiations in Gaza.

The Nation: Give thanks for those who volunteer in improving community life.

Prayer of the Week

God of majesty, you led the Messiah through suffering into risen life, and took him up into the glory of heaven: clothe us with the power promised from on high, and send us forth to the ends of the earth as heralds of repentance and witnesses of Jesus Christ, the firstborn from the dead, who lives with you now and always in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God for ever and ever. **Amen.**

ABM Pew Reflections

Today Jesus departs from the disciples and ascends to heaven. Before he does so he tells them that they are his witnesses, the people who have seen and heard his deeds on earth and who can pass knowledge of them on to others. As the Church, we are likewise witnesses. How often do we find ourselves telling others about the great things that Jesus has done? • Give thanks for the work and witness of the nation's Aboriginal clergy, virtually all of whom work for the Church without a stipend. • Give thanks for the work and witness of the nation's Aboriginal clergy, virtually all of whom work for the Church without a stipend.

THIRD SUNDAY OF THE MONTH ROSTER

Many thanks to those who have offered to assist with the lunch roster on the third Sunday of the month. We now have enough names to make a roster with people rostered on every second month. Happy to have more names if you can assist. I will send out a trial roster shortly.

ACCOMMODATION NEEDED

A member of our congregation, Hena, is seeking accommodation. Do you have a room for rent? Or is there someone who would be happy for some company - maybe assistance with housework in return for a portion of rental cost? If you might be interested, please speak to Margaret Rockow who is assisting Hena.

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.

FOOD DONATIONS NEEDED

With winter coming, Anglicare are having a drive to increase their food supplies in their emergency food relief centres. Please bring your food items and put them in the crates in the Undercroft. Many thanks again to Margaret Payne and Jan Gunst who deliver these items. **Suggested foods include:** canned vegetables, meat or fish, breakfast cereal, spreads, instant coffee, rice, pasta and pasta sauce, or long-life milk. See notice at the back of the church for more suggestions.

TO MAKE YOU SMILE...

A teacher was giving a lesson on the Old Testament and asked one of her students, "Tommy, who knocked down the walls of Jericho?" Tommy answered, "Well, it wasn't me."

Worried about this lack of Bible knowledge, the teacher called Tommy's mother.

His mother said, "Look, my son's a good kid. If he says he didn't knock the wall down, he didn't knock the wall down."

More worried, the teacher called Tommy's father. He listened to her story and said, "Well, look, I don't want any trouble. Just tell me how much this wall costs, and I'll take care of it."



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 12.05.24	Next week 19.05.24 Integrated
SIDESPERSION	Dianne A	Rob K
SERVERS	Elizabeth B, Michele M, <i>Kim C</i>	Rosemary, Laura, Lisa, <i>Kim C</i>
READERS	Hilary B, Laurence L	
INTERCESSOR	Michele M	Marly F
COUNTING	Garry P, Lyn B	Rob K, Elizabeth B
MORNING TEA	Rosemary S , Peter W, Barbara M	Cecilia , Margaret R, Jan G

REPORTING CHILD ABUSE

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

St Peter's is part of the Anglican Church of Australia and the worldwide Anglican Communion. 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.

Week Ahead

SUNDAY 12.05.24

8.00am Eucharist, 9.30am Eucharist

11.30am Mandarin service

1.00pm Badminton, *hall*

2.00pm Dinka service

MONDAY 13.05.24

Vicar's day off

6.30-9.00pm Narc Anon *Undercroft*

6.30-8.30pm Celestial Tai Chi, *hall*

TUES 14.05.24

9.00am-1.00pm Office open

9.00 onwards Parish People@Work

6.00-8.00pm Bellydancing, *hall*

WED 15.05.24

9.30-11.30am Playgroup, *Kinder*

10.30am Eucharist

10.00-11.30am Tai Chi, *hall*

8.00-9.00pm Choir practice, *Undercroft*

THU 16.05.24

Rev'd Esther's day off

6.30-9.30pm Crossways ESL, *hall*

FRI 17.05.24

8.00am-1.00pm Office open

7.30pm Chinese prayer

SAT 18.05.24

10.00am Bible Study, *office*

10.30am-1.30pm Sat School *U'croft/hall*

2.00-3.00pm S Indian Choir, *hall*

SUN 19.05.24

10.30am Integrated service

1.00pm Badminton, *hall*

2.00pm Dinka service

For the Diary

May 19

10.30am Third Sunday of the month
integrated service

May 20-27

Fr Victor on leave

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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