



Anglican Parish of the Parks  
St Silas & St Anselm, Albert Park

19 April 2026  
**THIRD SUNDAY IN EASTER**  
9:30am Sung Eucharist



Caravaggio (1571-1610), *Supper at Emmaus*

***Wominjeka – Welcome***

A warm welcome to our worship today, especially if you are here for the first time or visiting from elsewhere. Please do stay to share refreshments at the end of the service. This booklet contains the full order of service: you are invited to join in the parts printed in bold type.

Today's service will be livestreamed at: <http://video.parishoftheparks.com.au>

We acknowledge and pay our respects to the Boonwurrung people, the original custodians of this land, and acknowledge the people and elders of the Eastern Kulin nation who have traditional connections with, and responsibility for, the land on which we meet.

# *WELCOME*

*to our worship today  
at the Parish of the Parks*

This booklet contains the full order of service. You are invited to join in saying together the words printed in bold type, and to stand where indicated as you are able. Sometimes you may simply need to sit and be carried by the prayers of others – that too is part of our life as the church.

Children are always welcome to be fully part of our service. At the back on the left hand side of the church there is a children's activity area, but please also feel most welcome to sit near the front where children can more easily see what is happening. It's fine if they make a bit of noise, or if they want to roam around and explore this new place.

There is a bathroom and change table at the bottom of the stairs near the front door (opposite the lift).

When we come to share Holy Communion, everyone is welcome. Children who have been baptised are welcome to share the communion bread (and wine) at their parents' discretion. If you would prefer to receive a blessing, or if you need a gluten free wafer, please let the priest know when you come forward.

If you have any particular questions, needs, concerns, or prayer requests, you are welcome to speak with Rev'd Chris after the service or to be in touch using the contact details on the back page.

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# Gathering in God's Name

*A bell is rung as a signal for all to stand*

Hymn

Tis 391

The musical score is written in treble clef with a key signature of one flat (Bb) and a 3/2 time signature. It consists of four staves of music. Above the notes, the following chords are indicated: F, C, Dm, F, Bb, F, Gm, C, F; F, C, Dm, F, Bb, F, Gm, C, F; F, Bb, C, F, C, F, G7, C, G, C; Dm, C, Dm, F, Bb, D7, Gm, C, F. The piece concludes with a double bar line.

1. Come, God's people, sing for joy,  
shout your songs of gladness,  
for the hope of Easter day  
overcomes our sadness.  
Come with all God's people here,  
who with true affection  
join again to celebrate  
Jesus' resurrection.
2. Years before, as Moses led  
Israel's sons and daughters  
from their bonds to exodus  
through the Red Sea waters:  
so the living Lord of life  
speaks through our baptism  
of the new life which we share  
with him who is risen.
3. That first Easter he arose,  
his disciples greeting;  
Christians now in every place  
still their Lord are meeting.  
Christ, who died for all the world,  
in his death brings healing;  
and his rising from the grave  
is God's power revealing.

*Presider* Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.  
*All* **Blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever.**

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

*All* 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.

## Gloria

*Organ* Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and  
peace to God's peo - ple on earth. Lord God,  
hea - ven - ly King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we  
wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your  
glo - ry. *mf* Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the  
Fa - ther, Lord God, — Lamb of God, you take a - way the

sin of the world: have mer-cy on us; you are seat-ed at the  
 right hand of the Fa-ther: re-ceive our prayer. For  
 you a-lone are the Ho-ly One, you a-lone are the  
 Lord, you a-lone are the Most High,  
 Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spi-rit, in the glo-ry of  
 God the Fa-ther. A - - - men.

## *Prayer of the Day*

*Presider* Let us pray.

O God,  
 your Son made himself known to his disciples  
 in the breaking of bread:  
 open the eyes of our faith,  
 that we may see him in his redeeming work;  
 who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
 one God, now and for ever. Amen.

*All* **Amen.**

# Opening the Scriptures

## First Reading

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

<sup>14</sup> But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them: ‘Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say.

<sup>36</sup> Therefore let the entire house of Israel know with certainty that God has made him both Lord and Messiah, this Jesus whom you crucified.’

<sup>37</sup> Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and to the other apostles, ‘Brothers, what should we do?’ <sup>38</sup> Peter said to them, ‘Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. <sup>39</sup> For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him.’ <sup>40</sup> And he testified with many other arguments and exhorted them, saying, ‘Save yourselves from this corrupt generation.’ <sup>41</sup> So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added.

(Acts 2.14a, 36-41; NRSVA)

*Reader* Hear the word of the Lord.

*All* Thanks be to God.

## Psalm 116:1-5, 15-20

TiS 71

*Response 1*

Am Dm Gm F Gm  
I will walk in the pres-ence of the Lord  
Am Bb Gm C D  
in the land of the liv - ing.

*The response is sung first by the cantor and then by the congregation.  
Thereafter it is sung by the congregation as indicated.*

## Verses

1. I love the Lord who has heard my prayer,  
who bends down to hear my call.  
The cords of death entangled me:  
the grip of the grave took hold of me.
2. Then I called on the name of the Lord,  
“I beg you, save my soul!”  
Our Lord is gracious and just,  
our God is merciful. *Response*
3. How can I repay the Lord  
for the goodness done for me?  
The cup of salvation I raise,  
and call on the name of the Lord.
4. To the Lord I will pay my vows  
before all the people.  
How precious the death of the saints,  
those who remain faithful to God! *Response*
5. Lord God, I am your slave,  
the child of a faithful mother.  
You have loosed my bonds,  
you have set me free. *Response*
6. A sacrifice of thanks I bring  
and call on your name.  
To the Lord I will pay my vows  
before all the people. *Response*
7. I will pay my vows to the Lord  
in the courts of God.  
In the midst of Jerusalem.  
Alleluia! *Response*

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## Second Reading

A reading from the first letter of Peter.

<sup>13</sup>Therefore prepare your minds for action; discipline yourselves; set all your hope on the grace that Jesus Christ will bring you when he is revealed. <sup>14</sup>Like obedient children, do not be conformed to the desires that you formerly had in ignorance. <sup>15</sup>Instead, as he who called you is holy, be holy yourselves in all your conduct; <sup>16</sup>for it is written, ‘You shall be holy, for I am holy.’

<sup>17</sup>If you invoke as Father the one who judges all people impartially according to their deeds, live in reverent fear during the time of your exile. <sup>18</sup>You know that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your ancestors, not with perishable things like silver or gold, <sup>19</sup>but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without defect or blemish. <sup>20</sup>He was destined before the foundation of the world, but was revealed at the end of the ages for your sake. <sup>21</sup>Through him you have come to trust in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are set on God.

<sup>22</sup>Now that you have purified your souls by your obedience to the truth so that you have genuine mutual love, love one another deeply from the heart. <sup>23</sup>You have been born anew, not of perishable but of imperishable seed, through the living and enduring word of God. <sup>24</sup>For

‘All flesh is like grass  
and all its glory like the flower of grass.

The grass withers,  
and the flower falls,

<sup>25</sup>but the word of the Lord endures for ever.’

That word is the good news that was announced to you.

(1.13-25; NRSVA)

*Reader* Hear the word of the Lord.

*All* **Thanks be to God.**

# Hymn

TiS 376

*Gtr. Capo 1* Ab(G) Db(C) Ab(G) /

Ab(G) Fm(Em) Bb7(A7) Eb(D) / Bbm(Am) C7(B7)

Fm(Em) Eb7(D7) Ab7(G7) Db(C) Eb7(D7) Ab(G)

1. I know that my Redeemer lives —  
what joy the blest assurance gives!  
He lives, he lives, who once was dead;  
he lives, my everlasting Head.
3. He lives, to bless me with his love:  
he lives, to plead for me above;  
he lives my hungry soul to feed;  
he lives to help in time of need.
4. He lives, and grants me daily breath;  
he lives, and I shall conquer death;  
he lives, my mansion to prepare;  
he lives, to lead me safely there.
5. He lives, all glory to his name;  
he lives, my Saviour, still the same;  
what joy the blest assurance gives,  
I know that my Redeemer lives!

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*Please remain standing for:*

# *The Gospel*

*Cantor* Lord  
*All* **Alleluia.**

*Cantor* Lord Jesus, make your word plain to us:  
make our hearts burn with love when you speak.

*All* **Alleluia.**

The Lord be with you.

*All* **And also with you.**

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

*All* **Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

<sup>13</sup> Now on that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, <sup>14</sup> and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. <sup>15</sup> While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, <sup>16</sup> but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. <sup>17</sup> And he said to them, ‘What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?’ They stood still, looking sad. <sup>18</sup> Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, ‘Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?’ <sup>19</sup> He asked them, ‘What things?’ They replied, ‘The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, <sup>20</sup> and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. <sup>21</sup> But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. <sup>22</sup> Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, <sup>23</sup> and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. <sup>24</sup> Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see him.’ <sup>25</sup> Then he said to them, ‘Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! <sup>26</sup> Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?’ <sup>27</sup> Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.

<sup>28</sup> As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. <sup>29</sup> But they urged him strongly, saying, ‘Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over.’ So he went in to stay with them. <sup>30</sup> When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. <sup>31</sup> Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. <sup>32</sup> They said to each other,

‘Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?’<sup>33</sup> That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together.<sup>34</sup> They were saying, ‘The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!’<sup>35</sup> Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

(24.13-35; NRSVA)

*All* For the Gospel of the Lord.  
**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

*Please sit*

## *Sermon*

### *The Apostles’ Creed*

*Server* Let us together affirm the faith of our baptism:  
*All* **I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose from the dead;  
he ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father;  
from there he will come to judge  
the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

# Prayer and Penitence

## The Prayers of the People

*Presider* Let us pray for all people,  
and for the church throughout the world.

*After each petition:* **Hear our prayer.**

*The prayers conclude:*

*Presider* Almighty God, you have promised to hear our prayers.

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

## Confession and Absolution

*Server* Jesus Christ, risen and triumphant Lord,  
we come to you in sorrow for our sins,  
and confess to you our weakness and unbelief.

We have lived by our own strength,  
and not by the power of your resurrection.  
In your mercy, forgive us.

*All* **Lord, hear us and help us.**

We have lived by the light of our own eyes,  
as faithless and not believing.  
In your mercy, forgive us.

*All* **Lord, hear us and help us.**

We have lived for this world alone,  
and doubted our home in the new creation.  
In your mercy, forgive us.

*All* **Lord, hear us and help us.**

*Presider* May the God of love and power  
forgive you and free you from your sins,  
heal and strengthen you by his Spirit,  
and raise you to new life in Christ our Lord.

*All* **Amen.**

# Celebrating at the Lord's table

## The Greeting of Peace

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

The peace of the risen Lord be always with you.

**All** **And also with you.**

*We share the peace in a way you are comfortable with.  
This may include giving a sign from afar, shaking hands,  
or similar acknowledgement.*

## Hymn

TiS 393

*At the conclusion of the hymn our gifts are brought forward. These contributions to the ministry of the parish can be made:*

- *in the collection plate at the back of the church*
- *in the basket at the back of the church, for food items to be distributed through the Sunday Suppers program*
- *by online donation (please see page 23 for details)*

C G F G C / Am G C  
D G / C F C G7 C /  
C G Am / Em D G Am / Dm G7 C  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

1. Christ is alive, with joy we sing;  
we celebrate our risen Lord,  
praising the glory of his name.  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.
2. He is the grain of wheat that died,  
sown in distress and reaped in joy,  
yielding a harvest of new life.  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

3. He is the sun which brings the dawn:  
he is the light of all the world,  
setting us free from death and sin.  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.
4. He is the vine set in the earth,  
sharing our life, from birth to death,  
that we might share in God's own life.  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.
5. He is the bread that comes from God,  
broken to feed us in our need,  
given to bring eternal life.  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.
6. Christ is alive, with joy we sing;  
we celebrate our risen Lord,  
praising the glory of his name.  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

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### *Prayer over the gifts*

God of all goodness and grace, receive the gifts we offer;  
and grant that our whole life may give you glory and praise;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*All*      **Amen.**

### *The Great Thanksgiving*

*Presider*    The Lord be with you.

*All*            **And also with you.**

*Presider*    Lift up your hearts.

*All*            **We lift them to the Lord.**

*Presider*    Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*All*            **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

*The presider prays on behalf of all, praising God for God's mighty acts. All respond:*

Organ Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,  
God of pow'r and might, hea - ven and earth are  
full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.  
Organ Bless - ed is he who comes in the  
name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

*The Last Supper is recalled, including Jesus' command to continue sharing bread and wine: in memory of him, and proclaiming his death and resurrection. All respond:*

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

Organ i **ff** Christ has died, Christ is  
ii Bless - ing and hon - our and glo - ry and  
i ris - en, Christ will come a - gain.  
ii power are yours for ev - er and ev - er.  
A - - - - men.

*The prayer calls on God's blessing and looks to the fulfilling of all things within the goodness of God, and concludes:*

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

## *The Lord's Prayer*

*Presider* Rejoicing in God's new creation,  
as our Saviour Christ has taught us, so we pray:

*All* **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 and the Communion*

*The priest breaks the bread and says*

The disciples knew the Lord Jesus in the breaking of the bread.

*All* **Be known to us, Lord Jesus, in the breaking of the bread.**

The bread which we break, alleluia,  
is the communion of the body of Christ.

*All* **Be known to us, Lord Jesus, in the breaking of the bread.**

We are one body, alleluia,  
for though many, we share one bread.

*All* **Be known to us, Lord Jesus, in the breaking of the bread.**

Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us. Come, let us  
celebrate the feast. Draw near with faith, to feed on Christ on your  
hearts with thanksgiving.

*All* **Alleluia!**

*Everyone is welcome to come forward and share communion.*

*The wine is received either from a common cup (on the left side of the altar  
steps), or by the priest dipping the bread into the wine (on the right side).*

*Please tell the priest if you require a gluten free wafer,  
or if you would prefer to receive a blessing.*

**Communion music**

# Going into the world

## Post-communion prayer

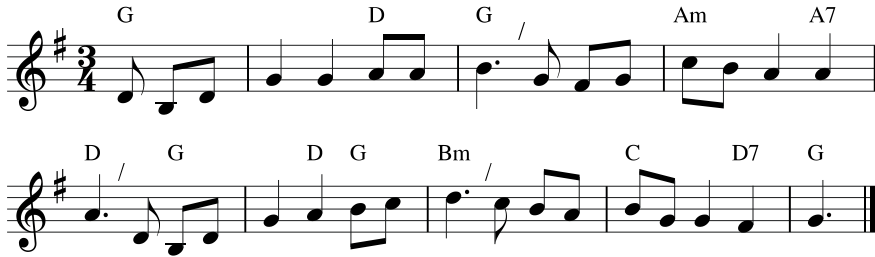
*Presider* Most glorious Lord of life, we thank you that you nourish us in these Easter mysteries. Fill us with the Spirit of love and unite us in faith, that we may witness to the resurrection and show your glory to all the world.

*All* **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

### Hymn

TiS 530



1. Now let us from this table rise  
renewed in body, mind and soul;  
with Christ we die and live again,  
his selfless love has made us whole.
2. With minds alert, upheld by grace,  
to spread the Word in speech and deed,  
we follow in the steps of Christ,  
at one with all in hope and need.
3. To fill each human house with love,  
it is the sacrament of care;  
the work that Christ began to do  
we humbly pledge ourselves to share.
4. Then give us grace, Companion\* God,  
to choose again the pilgrim way,  
and help us to accept with joy  
the challenge of tomorrow's day.

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## *Blessing and sending out*

*Presider* The God of peace,  
who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus,  
the great shepherd of the sheep,  
through the blood of the everlasting covenant,  
make you perfect in every good work to do his will,  
working in you what is pleasing in his sight;  
and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy  
Spirit, be upon you and remain with you always.

*All* **Amen.**

*Server* Go in the peace of Christ. Alleluia! Alleluia!  
*All* **Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**Postlude** Clerambault - From the organ suite on the first tone:  
*Bass et Dessus de trompette* (dialogue)  
and *Dialogues sur les Grand Jeux*

*Organist: Peter Hagen*

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# EASTER

The Great Fifty Days of Eastertide form a single festival period: seven weeks in which the Church celebrates the risen Christ with wonder, love and praise.

After the starker, penitential liturgies of Lent and Holy Week, Easter arrives with a burst of light and joy. We proclaim the resurrection in our liturgical greeting (“Christ is risen...”) and in the repeated *Alleluia* acclamation. The Easter (Paschal) Candle burns prominently in our midst throughout this season, and the liturgical colour is festive white.

Easter is closely associated with our baptism, our own passing over into life in Christ: “when you were buried with him in baptism, you were also raised with him through faith in the power of God, who raised him from the dead.” (Colossians 2.12) On Easter Day we gather at the baptism font as the foundational place of forgiveness, and of release into the freedom of the children of God: there we renew our baptismal promises. Throughout this season we say the Apostles’ Creed, the baptismal statement of faith.

So Easter recalls us to the identity in the risen Christ which is ours both individually and as the Church, the Body of Christ. We are the people who have proclaimed “I turn to Christ”; we are the people who have passed through the water and emerged into a place of new beginning and new life.

Since the late fourth century, the fortieth day of Easter has been a particular celebration of Christ’s ascension. Jesus commissions his disciples to continue his work, he promises the gift of the Holy Spirit, and then he is no longer among them in the flesh. The ascension is therefore closely connected with the theme of mission. The arrival of the promised gift of the Holy Spirit on the day of Pentecost (the fiftieth day) completes and crowns the Easter Festival.

The power of the Creator who brings life out of death,  
be in this place.

The risen Christ be your constant companion.

The healing embrace of the Holy Spirit encircle you  
so that you see resurrection ever about you.

*A blessing by Chris Polhill*

## *From your Vicar...*

Dear friends,

Having being away this week, I will share with you someone else's words which I have found deeply resonant this Easter. This is an extract from the Easter message of the Anglican Archbishop in Jerusalem, the Most Rev'd Hosam Naoum. You can read the full text at <https://j-diocese.org/2026/04/04/the-easter-message-2026/>

With Easter blessings, Chris

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This year, we celebrate the Resurrection from within a reality weighed down by the tomb: open wars, daily death, destruction that affects both people and stone, violence that shatters trust, and fear that threatens hope. In this very context, the proclamation of the Resurrection becomes more radical and more challenging. The Risen Christ does not visit the tomb from the outside; rather, he enters into it and transforms it from a place of ending into a place of new birth, from a sign of death into a mystery of life. The Resurrection is not a denial of death, but an invasion of it from within. Here lies the essence of the Christian faith: life in the midst of the tomb. ...

The message of the Resurrection to our land today is not a quick promise of the end of suffering, but a call to steadfast hope. The Resurrection teaches us that God often works in places we consider closed, and in times we deem lifeless. When trust collapses, the believer is called to bear witness to God's faithfulness. When violence prevails, we are called to be bearers of peace—not as a political strategy, but as the fruit of the Resurrection. And when death seems to dominate, the Church is called not merely to weep at the tomb, but to proclaim, through her life and ministry, that the tomb is not the final word.

For us, the sons and daughters of the Holy Land, to believe in the Resurrection means to reject the logic of inevitability, to resist the culture of death, and to hold fast to human dignity even in the harshest conditions. The Resurrection does not give us easy answers, but it grants us the courage to move forward. It does not lift us above history, but grounds us within it as bearers of eternal light.

Thus, this year we proclaim—not from outside the tomb, but from within the empty tomb at the heart of our Jerusalem: Christ is risen!

## *Parish lunch*

Next Sunday 26th April we will mark the feast day of St Anselm (one of our patron saints). After the service (12pm), all are welcome to lunch nearby at the Railway Hotel (280 Ferrars St, South Melbourne). Please add your name to the list if you would like to come, and then pay on the day (mains are about \$30).

## *Rosters*

The worship rosters for May to August are about to be compiled. Please let Marcia Fleet know (see contact details on back page) if you would like to join the roster, or if there are dates when you are unavailable.

## *Synod representatives*

Thank you to Marcia Fleet, Michael Urwin and Sharon Russell who have been nominated as Synod representatives. There being the same number of nominations as positions vacant, an election is not required today and they are declared elected: Marcia and Michael as representatives, and Sharon as alternate (reserve) representative.

## *Ascension Day*

All are welcome to a service of Vespers for Ascension Day: 7:30pm on Thursday 14th May at St John's Lutheran Church, Southbank (just behind Hamer Hall). The service includes the Ascension Day cantata *Wer da gläubet und getauft wird* (BWV 37) by JS Bach, with soloists, choir and orchestra. Details to follow of a get-together for dinner nearby before the service.

## *Safe ministry training*

Those on our worship rosters and in other roles should have received an email regarding safe ministry training. This will be offered on Saturday 2nd May at 10am in the Kath Hall Centre, or you can do the training online at home in your own time.

## *Book exchange*

Feel free to browse the books laid out on the bench behind the kitchen: you're welcome to take one, or two, to borrow, keep, or share with others. Different books are added regularly. If you have any spare books you may add these to the collection for others to enjoy.

## *Email updates*

Each week the parish sends an email update looking ahead to the next Sunday. If you are not already receiving these emails, you are welcome to sign up on our website at [www.parishoftheparks.com.au/subscribe](http://www.parishoftheparks.com.au/subscribe)

# *The Annual Lay Deanery Luncheon*

The Annual Lay Deanery Luncheon will be held at Holy Trinity Balaclava on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> June at 12:30 pm.

The luncheon will follow the format of previous years, with each Parish supplying a plate of food, savoury, or sweet, or both, to be shared. The host parish, Holy Trinity, will provide drinks. Please RSVP to Margaret:

[margprior28@gmail.com](mailto:margprior28@gmail.com) or Elisabeth: [elisabeth\\_mn@hotmail.com](mailto:elisabeth_mn@hotmail.com)

by Friday 29<sup>th</sup> May.

## *For our prayers*

### **The world and nation:**

For the people of Iran

### **The Church:**

*World Council of Churches:*

The Church in Belarus, Moldova, Russia, Ukraine

*Anglican Communion:*

The Church of the Province of Myanmar (Burma)

*Anglican Church in Australia:*

Diocese of Riverina (Bp Donald Kirk, clergy & people)

*Diocese of Melbourne:*

Abp Ric Thorpe, Bp Alison Taylor;  
Deanery of Port Phillip: St Luke's South Melbourne, Holy Trinity Port Melbourne, All Saints' East St Kilda, St James the Great East St Kilda, Christ Church St Kilda, St Silas & St Anselm Albert Park, Holy Trinity Balaclava and Elwood

### **Our parish and community:**

For students and staff returning to school this week

### **Those for whom prayers have been asked:**

Chris R, Angie, Joan, Tim R, Andrew, Hailey.

*Continuing prayers for:* Diane, Jenny

### **The communion of saints:**

*Year's mind:*

Virgil Tucker	11 April 1917
John Kingdom	19 April 2009
Paul Claude Williams	19 April 2018
Ronald James Wilson ( <i>Requiem</i> )	21 April 2009
Joan Cole ( <i>Requiem</i> )	22 April 2010
Lorna Louise Anderson	23 April 2016
Marion Alberta Jessie Wadsley	25 April 1988

*To add a name to the prayer list, for those needing prayers now (with their consent) or to be remembered on the anniversary of their death, please contact Rev'd Chris.*

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Yesterday I was crucified with Christ;  
today I am glorified with him.  
Yesterday I was dead with Christ;  
today I am sharing in his resurrection.  
Yesterday I was buried with him;  
today I am waking with him from the sleep of death.

Gregory of Nazianzus (389)

*Readings for next week (Fourth Sunday of Easter):*  
 Acts 2.42-47; Psalm 23; 1 Peter 2.1-10; John 10.1-10

## *Giving to the parish*

Financial giving, each of us as we are able, is part of our belonging to the church. Our members' regular giving supports the ministry of the parish and enables us to make our contribution to the diocese and wider church. There are several options for making your offering:

- Placing money in the offertory plate on Sundays
- Electronic Funds Transfer to the parish bank account  
     Account name: Anglican Parish of the Parks  
     BSB: 703 122              Account: 05009157
- Online at <https://www.parishoftheparks.com.au/donationsbequests.html>  
 (You can give to either General Offertory, Sunday Suppers or the Music Program. Donations over \$2 to Sunday Suppers and the Music Program are tax deductible, and you will be sent a receipt.)



Thank you – all our giving is part of sustaining the life of the parish.

<i>Rosters</i>	<b>19 April</b>	<b>26 April</b>
<b>Welcomers</b>	Frank	Michael
<b>Servers</b>	Geoff Sharon Caitlin	Catherine Gemma Geoff
<b>Readers</b>	Frank Anna	Jo D Catherine
<b>Intercessions</b>	Catherine	Peter
<b>Offertory</b>	Frank Anna	Anna Gemma
<b>Chalice</b>	Sharon Michael	Michael Jo D
<b>Morning tea</b>	Frank/Jo Sharon	Jo D Marcia
<b>Flowers</b>	Kate	Kate
<b>Video livestream</b>	Robert	Marcia
<b>Side person</b>	Frank	Michael
<b>Emerald Hill pick-up</b>	Marcia	Jo D
<b>Sunday Suppers</b>	TL Josh, Ann, Ed, Leslyanne, Richard	TL Cecilia, Toy, Sash, Sandy, Mon

## This week in our parish:

**Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> April**  
**Third Sunday of Easter**  
9:30am Sung Eucharist  
4:30pm Sunday Suppers

**Monday 20<sup>th</sup>**  
9am Morning Prayer

**Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup>**  
9am Morning Prayer

**Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup>**  
8:30am Morning Prayer  
11am Eucharist

**Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup>**  
9am Morning Prayer

**Saturday 25<sup>th</sup>**  
9am Morning Prayer

**Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> April**  
**Fourth Sunday of Easter**  
**Anselm of Canterbury**  
9:30am Sung Eucharist  
12 noon Parish Lunch @ Railway Hotel  
4:30pm Sunday Suppers

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