



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

**Third Sunday of Easter
Holy Communion including Baptism
Sunday 18 April 2021**



**We welcome into the church through baptism
Jasmine McRae**

Today's service will be recorded for sharing on the internet with those who are unable to be with us today: at <http://video.parishoftheparks.com.au>.

We acknowledge and pay our respects to the Boonwurrung people, the original owners 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.

From Rev. Sophie

Monty enjoyed having me home during my sick leave with a ready lap to warm. He was most attentive, willingly sacrificing his own needs to ensure I had company and comfort whilst in bed/on the couch. My tongue is marginally in my cheek, he is obviously an opportunist and it worked well for him to ‘help’ me, but by the same token, he has been magnificently sweet in keeping me company.

He and Esther watched on with concern this morning as I started getting back to my body weight exercise programme. Whenever I am on the floor in extremis trying to do a new thing or remind my body that it used to be able to do these moves, he comes over, nose in my face to check that I am ok.

Dogs are so aware of their surroundings, picking up changes in emotion and different energies in the room. They’re great judges of character.

As I listened to the news today, I confess to thinking we need more dogs in public office. The cartoon below resonates with me for this reason.



When I observe dogs meeting one another, there is a definite etiquette that they instinctively know and if a young dog hasn't worked it out yet, then the older dogs quickly make it clear what is acceptable behaviour and what is not. Dogs are good at maintaining order and ensuring those who step outside this behaviour are brought back into line. Dogs are great at avoiding conflict whilst ensuring issues are dealt with effectively. When a young dog steps out of line, they're corrected, they usually show remorse,

adjust their behaviour and return to the pack. If they're not able to do so then they are excluded from the pack until their behaviour is appropriate. Listening to the news really makes me wish for more dogs in public office!

Today we celebrate the baptism of Jasmine. We give thanks for her and pray for her journey through life, that she may know God's abundant blessings and be given all she needs to grow into the fullness of life. May she be blessed with a community who gather around her, be her safety net of love and support whilst always offering opportunities for challenge and growth.

Love and blessings

Sophie



A little bit about the service of Baptism

When someone is baptised, that person is brought to Jesus Christ, and made a member of Christ's Church.

It is a new start to life
in which the baptised person is accepted by God
and sealed with the Holy Spirit
to represent Christ in the world.

As a response to the baptism which God gives us,
we declare our faith and intention to serve Christ,
and ask for God's continuing grace to support us
in the task to which we are called.

When a baptism is of a baby or a child,
the baptised receives the love and shared faith of the family
to grow up into Christ.

Through prayer and fellowship
within the body of Christ,
God strengthens and nourishes us.

In today's service,
we will ask for you to support Jasmine by your
presence, your prayers and your love.

Gathering in God's name

Music before the service

Musette by Michel Corrette

Romance by Felix Mendelssohn

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

Hymn *In Fertile Plains and Desert Sand* (Tune: Jerusalem)

1. In fer—tile plains and de—sert
2. Baptise us all, O Lord a—

sand new birth is brought by au-tumn rain, re - plenish-
-bove, baptise with water pure and clear, baptise with

-ing the barren land renewed as Jesus ri—sen
hope and fervent love: that perfect love that casts out

reign glisten -ing with wa—ter flows and yet while
fear. To cele—brate our Easter faith our vows of

floods and droughts abound bap- tis- mal faith is in us
life renew a — gain, ‘til we have sung ‘al— le— lu—

sown, and in its growth our life is found.
-ia’ in faith, and hope and love, A — men.

Words: Desmond Benfield

Presider There is one Body and one Spirit;
All there is one hope in God's call to us.

Presider One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism,
All one God and Father of all.

Presider God is love, God gives us life.
We love because God first loves us.
In baptism God declares that love;
in Christ God calls us to respond.

Baptism is the gift of our Lord Jesus Christ.
It marks the beginning of a journey with God
which continues for the rest of our lives.

Baptism is the first step in response to God's
all-embracing love.

Jasmine's parents who have responded to that love come now
to bring their daughter for baptism.

Before this congregation Jasmine's parents must express their
own trust in and commitment to the promises of God.

Presider We welcome you, Jasmine with your family.
We give thanks for you, and pray that you may know God's
love and faithfulness for ever.

Confession and Absolution

Sr Server Let us affirm our trust in God's love, and confess that we need
forgiveness.

Silence

Sr Server Lord God, you created this world, and made us in your own
image. Forgive us when we turn away from you.

Lord, have mercy.

All Lord, have mercy.

Sr Server Lord God, through your Son you overcame evil and death.
Rescue us from slavery to sin.

Christ ,have mercy.

All **Christ, have mercy.**

Sr Server Lord God, by your Spirit, you restore us to fellowship with you and with one another. Breathe your love and freedom into our lives.

Lord, have mercy.

All **Christ, have mercy.**

Presider Almighty God have mercy on you,
forgive you your sins,
and keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

Hymn TIS 773

Glory to God, glory to God. Glo—ry in the high—est!

Glory to God, glory to God, al- le-lu-ia, al- le-lu-ia!

The Prayer of the Day

Presider O God,
whose greeting we miss
and whose departure we delay:

All **make our hearts burn with insight
on our ordinary road;
that, as we grasp you in the broken bread,
we may also let you go,
and return to speak your word of life
in the name of Christ. Amen.**

The Sacred Story

First Reading

1 John 2: 15-17

¹⁵Do not love the world or the things in the world. The love of the Father is not in those who love the world; ¹⁶for all that is in the world—the desire of the flesh, the desire of the eyes, the pride in riches—comes not from the Father but from the world. ¹⁷And the world and its desire are passing away, but those who do the will of God live for ever.

Reader For the word of the Lord,

All **thanks be to God.**

Hymn TIS 388 vv 1 & 6

1. Easter glo-ry fills the sky, al- le — lu — ia,
Christ now lives, no more to die al- le — lu — ia,
ri-sen glory he conceals, al- le — lu — ia,
ri-sen body he reveals, al- le — lu — ia.

6. Seek not life within the tomb, alleluia;
Christ stands in the upper room, alleluia:
risen glory he conceals, alleluia,
risen body he reveals, alleluia.

James Quinn 1919—

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Gospel acclamation

Presider Lord be with you.

All **And also with you.**

Presider The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Luke,
Chapter 24, beginning at the thirty sixth chapter.
(Luke 24: 36b-48)

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

³⁶ While they were talking about this, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, ‘Peace be with you.’ ³⁷ They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. ³⁸ He said to them, ‘Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? ³⁹ Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have.’ ⁴⁰ And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. ⁴¹ While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, ‘Have you anything here to eat?’ ⁴² They gave him a piece of broiled fish, ⁴³ and he took it and ate in their presence. ⁴⁴ Then he said to them, ‘These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.’ ⁴⁵ Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, ⁴⁶ and he said to them, ‘Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day,’ ⁴⁷ and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. ⁴⁸ You are witnesses of these things.

Presider For the gospel of our Lord,

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

Please be seated

The Sermon

The Presentation

Where “Sponsors” is written, this means the parents and Godparents.

Presider We welcome the one who comes to be baptised.
I invite her sponsors to present her now.

Sponsors We present Jasmine be baptised.

Presider Will you accept the responsibilities placed upon you in bringing her for baptism?

Sponsors We will.

Presider Today we are trusting God for Jasmine’s growth in faith. By your own prayers and example, will you encourage her in the life and faith of the Christian community?

Sponsors With the help of God, we will.

The Decision

Presider In baptism, God calls us out of darkness into his marvellous light.
Therefore I ask: Do you turn to Christ?

Sponsors I turn to Christ.

Presider Do you repent of the sins that separate us from God and neighbour?

Sponsors I repent of them.

Presider Do you reject selfish living, and all that is false and unjust?

Sponsors I reject them all.

Presider Do you trust in Christ’s love which brings forgiveness, freedom and life?

Sponsors In faith I turn to Christ my way, my truth, my life.

Presider You have heard these our brothers and sisters respond to Christ.
(to congregation)
Will you support them in this calling?

All **We will.**

Prayers

Processional Hymn TIS 494 Verse 1 only

1. In water we grow,
secure in the womb,
and speechlessly know
love's safety and room.
Baptizing and blessing
we publish for good
the freeing, caressing
safe keeping of God.

Brian Arthur Wren 1936–

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*During the singing of this hymn, the baptismal party
move to the font at the back of the church.
Water is poured into the font.*

The Baptism

Water is poured into the font

Presider We thank you God for your love in all creation,
especially for your gift of water
to sustain, refresh and cleanse all life.

All **Thanks be to God.**

- Presider We thank you for your covenant with your people Israel; through the Red Sea waters you led them to freedom in the promised land.
- All** **Thanks be to God.**
- Presider In the waters of the Jordan your Son was baptised by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit.
- All** **Thanks be to God.**
- Presider Through the deep waters of death Jesus fulfilled his baptism. He died to set us free and was raised to be exalted Lord of all. It is Christ who baptises with the Holy Spirit.
- All** **Thanks be to God.**
- Presider We thank you that through the waters of baptism you cleanse us, renew us by your Spirit and raise us to new life. And now we give you thanks that you have called Grace to new birth in your Church through the waters of baptism.
Pour out your Holy Spirit in blessing + and sanctify this water so that Grace who is baptised in it may be made one with Christ in his death and resurrection.

Affirmation of Faith

- Presider I now ask you all to affirm your faith.
What is your faith?
- All** **We believe in one God,
who made and loves all that is.**
- We believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who
was born, lived, died and rose again,
and is coming to call all to account.**
- We believe in the Holy Spirit,
who calls, equips and sends out God's people,
and brings all things to their true end.**

Presider This is our faith, the faith of the Church:
**All We believe in one God,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.**

The baptism candidate is brought to the font

Presider Jasmine, I baptise you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit,
All Amen.

Presider Jasmine, I sign you with the sign of the cross, to show that you are marked as Christ's own forever. Walk in the faith of Christ crucified and risen.

A candle is presented to the newly baptised with the following words

Jasmine, God has brought you out of darkness into his marvellous light.

All Shine as a light in the world to the glory of God

The presider takes the newly baptised into the middle of the congregation

Presider Jasmine, God has called you into his Church.
**All We therefore receive and welcome you
as a member with us of the body of Christ,
as a children of the one heavenly Father,
and as inheritors of the kingdom of God.**

The Greeting of Peace

All stand for the Greeting of Peace.

Presider We are the body of Christ.
All His Spirit is with us.

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

The Offertory

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or scan the Offertory QR code at right.*



Offertory hymn TIS 520

1. Lord, enthroned in heavenly splendour,
first-begotten from the dead,
you alone our strong defender,
lifting up your people's head:
alleluia, alleluia,
Jesus, true and living bread.
2. Here our humble homage pay we,
here in loving reverence bow;
here for faith's discernment pray we,
lest we fail to know you now:
alleluia, alleluia,
you are here, we ask not how.
3. Though the lowliest form now veils you
as of old in Bethlehem,
here as there your angels hail you,
branch and flower of Jesse's stem;
alleluia, alleluia,
we in worship join with them.
6. Life-imparting heavenly manna,
stricken rock with streaming side,
heaven and earth with loud hosanna
worship you, the Lamb who died,
alleluia, alleluia,
ris'n, ascended, glorified!

George Hugh Bourne 1840–1925 *alt.*
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The gifts of bread and wine are brought to the altar.

Presider 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.

All **Blessed be God for ever.**

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.
- Presider All glory and honour be yours always and
everywhere, mighty Creator, ever living God ...
... for ever praising you and saying:
**All 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.**
- Presider Gracious God, we thank you
... let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

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

The celebrant continues the prayer

- Presider Therefore we do as our Saviour has commanded:
...Father, in songs of never-ending praise:
- All sing Blessing and honour and glory and power
be yours for ever and ever. Amen.**
- Presider As our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are
confident to 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 Communion

Presider We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.
We who are many are one body,

All **For we all share in the one bread.**

Presider The gifts of God, for the people of God. Come.

Everyone is welcome at this altar.

*If you would prefer to receive a blessing instead of Holy Communion,
please keep your hands to your side, and the priest will give you a blessing.*

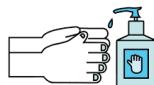
*If you have children with you, please bring them for a blessing, or
Communion if they are used to receiving Communion in their own church.*

Communion Protocol if you are wearing a mask

1. Please remove your mask.
2. Sanitise hands at the pew.



3. Receive Communion and then put mask back on.
4. Sanitise hands back at the pew.



The Consort will sing *Jesus, Joyaunce of my Heart*
Arr. Martin Akerman; Music: JR Ahle, Harmony JS Bach

Presider Gracious God,
 in baptism you make us one family
 in Christ your Son,
 one in the sharing of his body and his blood,
 one in the communion of his Spirit.
 Help us to grow in love for one another
 and come to the full maturity of the body of Christ.

All Most loving God,
 you send us into the world you love.
 Give us Jasmine to go thankfully and with courage
 in the power of your Spirit.

The Notices

Pilgrimage blessing for Ciprian, Raluca and Cookie

Hymn TIS 547 vv 1,2 & 4

1. Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart,
naught be all else to me, save that thou art
thou my best thought, by day or by night,
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.
2. Be thou my wisdom, be thou my true word;
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;
thou my great Father, thy child let me be;
thou in me dwelling, and I one with thee.
4. Riches I scorn and the world's empty praise,
thou my inheritance, now and always:
thou and thou only the first in my heart;
high King of heaven, my treasure thou art.

Gaelic c.8th cent. tr. Mary Elizabeth Byrne 1880–1931
versified by Eleanor Henrietta Hull 1860–1935 alt.

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Blessing

Dismissal

Presider Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All **In the name of Christ, Amen.**

Organ voluntary *Come ye sons of Art* by Henry Purcell

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***Prayers and final blessing**

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Parish Prayer List

Raylene, Wendy, Marcus, Yeshi, Harry, Tim, Marie, Holly, Rosemary, Jo, Dianne, Marilyn, Helen, Richard, Louisa, Chloe and her partner, Geoff, Sophie, Ian

We pray for the departed and those whose anniversaries occur at this time and especially:

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

May they rest in peace and rise in glory.

Readings for next week

Ephesians 4: 7-16 Mark 16: 1-15



Thank you Hume for filling in while Stuart was away!

Thank you letter from John & Lijun

☆Thank you ☆Thank you ☆Thank you ☆Thank you ☆Thank you

26 March 2021

Dear Reverend Sophie, Members of the Vestry and Parishioners,

Of course, I hope and trust you are well!

I would like to express my gratitude to St Silas Parish, leadership and members of the Parish for all the years I have worked there. It was always a pleasure and the friendships that were extended to me by everybody made it so much more enjoyable.

Thank you all very much for the farewell present, a voucher from Bunnings is always very welcome as was the bottle of wine and card signed by everyone. It was very moving, thank you for that.

I started cleaning St Silas on Saturdays in 1982 or 1983 – nearly 40 years!

The fee was welcome, it kept the wolf from the door. My wages were more than the volunteers got – the volunteers who put in so many hours of hard work, organising and undertaking often very boring jobs.

Reverend Sophie and Tara were run off their feet with a mountain of work and a lot of organisation.

The late Mr. Patrick Grutzner was a warden at the time I started (1980-1990ish) and he introduced me to St Silas. For that I will always be grateful, as I am for your friendships.

All the blessings

John and Lijun

☆Thank you ☆Thank you ☆Thank you ☆Thank you ☆Thank you

The Week Ahead

Third Sunday of Easter & Baptism

Sun 18 Apr	9:30am	Sung Eucharist
	2:30pm	James Morley performs Bach & Britten Tickets sold out!

Fri 23 Apr	Sophie's day off
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Fourth Sunday of Easter & Anzac Day

Sun 25 Apr	9:30am	Sung Eucharist
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Rosters:	18 April 2021	25 April 2021
Welcomers	Judy B	Margaret
Covid Officer	Marcia	Brian
Reader	Glenn	Michael
Servers	Catherine, Cristian Sharon	Marcia, Catherine
After Service Cleaning	Marcia, Terri	Margaret, Michael
Side Person	Margaret	Brian
Intercessions	Isabel	Catherine
Sunday Suppers	Rohan, Cecilia, John & Josh	Gina, Ed & Ann
Morning Tea	Jo D, Judy B & Gillian	Jo D Judy B Gillian
Flower Roster	Hume McGrath	Hume McGrath

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