



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

26 April 2026

# FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER ST ANSELM OF CANTERBURY

9:30am Sung Eucharist



## *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.

**We would love to keep in touch with you!** Each week the parish sends an email update looking ahead to the next Sunday. You are welcome to sign up on our website at [www.parishoftheparks.com.au/subscribe](http://www.parishoftheparks.com.au/subscribe)

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# Gathering in God's Name

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

## Hymn

TiS 145 (tune 523)

*Gr. Capo 1* Eb(D) Ab(G) Bb(A) Eb(D) Bb(A)

Cm(Bm) Eb(D) Ab(G) Eb(D) Ab(G) Eb(D)

Eb(D) Cm(Bm) Eb(D) Fm(Em) Eb(D) Bb(A)

Cm(Bm) Gm(F#m) Eb(D) Ab(G) Eb(D) Bb7(A7) Eb(D)

1. The king of love my shepherd is,  
whose goodness faileth never;  
I nothing lack if I am his  
and he is mine for ever.
2. Where streams of living water flow  
my ransomed soul he leadeth,  
and where the verdant pastures grow  
with food celestial feedeth.
3. Perverse and foolish oft I strayed,  
but yet in love he sought me,  
and on his shoulder gently laid,  
and home rejoicing brought me.
4. In death's dark vale I fear no ill  
with thee, dear Lord, beside me;  
thy rod and staff my comfort still,  
thy cross before to guide me.
5. Thou spread'st a table in my sight;  
thy unction grace bestoweth;  
and O what transport of delight  
from thy pure chalice floweth!
6. And so through all the length of days  
thy goodness faileth never:  
good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise  
within thy house for ever.

*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.

God of all power,  
 you called from death our Lord Jesus,  
 the great shepherd of the sheep:  
 send us as shepherds to rescue the lost,  
 to heal the injured,  
 and to feed one another with understanding;  
 through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord,  
 who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
 one God, now and for ever.

*All* **Amen.**

# Opening the Scriptures

## First Reading

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

<sup>42</sup> They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.

<sup>43</sup> Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. <sup>44</sup> All who believed were together and had all things in common; <sup>45</sup> they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. <sup>46</sup> Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, <sup>47</sup> praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

(2.42-47; NRSVA)

*Reader* Hear the word of the Lord.

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

## Psalm

23 (TiS 11)

(♩ = ♩ of psalm)

Response 2

His good-ness shall fol-low me al-ways, to the end of my days.

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

1. The Lord is my shepherd;  
there is nothing I shall want.  
Fresh and green are the pastures  
where he gives me repose.  
Near restful waters he leads me,  
to revive my drooping spirit. *Response*
2. He guides me along the right path;  
he is true to his name.  
If I should walk in the valley of darkness,  
no evil would I fear.  
You are there with your crook and your staff;  
with these you give me comfort. *Response*

3. You have prepared a banquet for me  
in the sight of my foes;  
my head you have anointed with oil;  
my cup is overflowing.

*Response*

4. Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me  
all the days of my life.  
In the Lord's own house shall I dwell  
for ever and ever.

*Response*

*tr:* The Grail (1966, 1986)  
Anthony Gregory Murray 1905-92  
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## *Second Reading*

A reading from the first letter of Peter.

Rid yourselves, therefore, of all malice, and all guile, insincerity, envy, and all slander. <sup>2</sup>Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation— <sup>3</sup>if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.

<sup>4</sup>Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight, and <sup>5</sup>like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. <sup>6</sup>For it stands in scripture:

‘See, I am laying in Zion a stone,  
a cornerstone chosen and precious;  
and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.’

<sup>7</sup>To you then who believe, he is precious; but for those who do not believe,  
‘The stone that the builders rejected  
has become the very head of the corner’,

<sup>8</sup>and

‘A stone that makes them stumble,  
and a rock that makes them fall.’

They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do.

<sup>9</sup>But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvellous light.

<sup>10</sup>Once you were not a people,  
but now you are God's people;  
once you had not received mercy,  
but now you have received mercy.

(2.1-10; NRSVA)

*Reader* Hear the word of the Lord.  
*All* **Thanks be to God.**

1. Make me a channel of your peace.  
 Where there is hatred let me bring your love;  
 where there is injury, your pardon, Lord;  
 and where there's doubt, true faith in you.  
*O Master, grant that I may never seek so  
 much to be consoled as to console,  
 to be understood as to understand,  
 to be loved, as to love with all my soul.*

2. Make me a channel of your peace.  
 Where there's despair in life, let me bring hope;  
 where there is darkness, let me bring your light;  
 and where there's sadness, ever joy.

*Refrain*

3. Make me a channel of your peace.  
 It is in pardoning that we are pardoned,  
 in giving of ourselves that we receive,  
 and in dying that we're born to eternal life.

*Please remain standing for:*

## *The Gospel*

*Cantor* Alleluia.

*All* **Alleluia.**

*Cantor* I am the good shepherd, says the Lord;  
I know my sheep, and mine know me.

*All* **Alleluia.**

The Lord be with you.

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

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

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

[Jesus said:] ‘Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. <sup>2</sup> The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. <sup>3</sup> The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. <sup>4</sup> When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. <sup>5</sup> They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers.’ <sup>6</sup> Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

<sup>7</sup> So again Jesus said to them, ‘Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. <sup>8</sup> All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. <sup>9</sup> I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. <sup>10</sup> The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.

(10.1-10; NRSVA)

For the Gospel of the Lord.

*All* **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.

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

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)

Dm Bb C F C F  
 Bb C F Dm Bb C F  
 Refrain Am Dm Gm C7 F  
 Dm Gm Csus C F C7 F  
 C7 F Bb C7 F

Yes, I'll sing the wondrous story of the  
 Christ who died for me, sing it with his saints in  
 glo - ry, ga - thered by the crys - tal sea.

1. I will sing the wondrous story  
 of the Christ who died for me,  
 how he left the realms of glory  
 for the cross on Calvary.  
*Yes, I'll sing the wondrous story  
 of the Christ who died for me,  
 sing it with his saints in glory,  
 gathered by the crystal sea.*

2. I was lost: but Jesus found me,  
found the sheep that went astray,  
raised me up and gently led me  
back into the narrow way.  
*Yes, I'll sing the wondrous story...*
3. Faint was I, and fears possessed me,  
bruised was I from many a fall,  
hope was gone, and shame distressed me:  
but his love has pardoned all.  
*Yes, I'll sing the wondrous story...*
3. Days of darkness still may meet me,  
sorrow's paths I oft may tread;  
but his presence still is with me,  
by his guiding hand I'm led.  
*Yes, I'll sing the wondrous story...*
4. He will keep me till the river  
rolls its waters at my feet:  
then he'll bear me safely over,  
where the loved ones I shall meet.  
*Yes, I'll sing the wondrous story...*

Francis Harold Rowley 1854–1952

### *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 *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** *Brother James' air (The Lord's my shepherd)*

## *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 473

Gr. *Capo 1* Fm(Em) C(B) Fm(Em) Eb(D) Ab(G) Eb(D)

Fm(Em) Eb(D) Fm(Em) Ab(G) Eb(D) Ab(G)

Ab(G) Eb(D) Fm(Em) C(B)

Fm(Em) Db(C) Ab(G) Bbm(Am) Fm(Em) C(B) Fm(Em)

1. Community of Christ,  
who make the Cross your own,  
live out your creed and risk your  
life  
for God alone:  
the God who wears your face,  
to whom all worlds belong,  
whose children are of every race  
and every song.
2. Community of Christ,  
look past the Church's door  
and see the refugee, the hungry,  
and the poor.  
Take hands with the oppressed,  
the jobless in your street,  
take towel and water, that you  
wash  
your neighbour's feet.

3. Community of Christ,  
through whom the word must sound –  
cry out for justice and for peace  
the whole world round:  
disarm the powers that war  
and all that can destroy,  
turn bombs to bread, and tears  
of anguish into joy.
4. When menace melts away,  
so shall God's will be done,  
the climate of the world be peace  
and Christ its Sun;  
our currency be love  
and kindness our law,  
our food and faith be shared as one  
for evermore.

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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** *Nimrod from Enigma Variations (Elgar)*

*During the postlude you are welcome to follow the procession outside  
as we lay an Anzac wreath, remember those who have died in war,  
and pray for peace in our world today.*

*Organist: Shauna Beesley*

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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,

It's just over six months since I joined you here, and in that time I have started to hear some of the many stories that are held in this parish: stories of people, of events, of buildings and grounds, and many other things. There is of course a particularly significant story surrounding the merger of St Anselm's Middle Park with St Silas' Albert Park, in 2001, and that story is told not just in words but also in some of the windows and furnishings which were brought from St Anselm's at that time.

Our patron saints bring a particular story to this parish which is distinct from, for example, our neighbouring parishes. As far as I can discover, we are one of only three Anglican parishes in Australia with a dedication to St Anselm. Born in Upper Burgundy (modern-day Italy) in about 1033, Anselm became a Benedictine monk, and was Abbot of the the great abbey at Bec in Normandy before being appointed Archbishop of Canterbury in 1093. He was one of the great theological intellectuals of the Middle Ages, and was later recognised as a Doctor of the Church as well as a saint.

How extraordinary that this particular life, nearly 1000 years ago, has become part of the shared life and identity of our community here in Melbourne! I haven't found any record explaining why the new parish at Middle Park was named for St Anselm in 1891: if that story is still alive then we definitely need to hear it. In any case, here we are today, with the invitation in front of us to see how Anselm's life and faith might be a gift that helps to shape our own life and faith. Perhaps his words printed on our prayer page (p.22) this week could be part of your prayers this week?

With gratitude for all the stories that bind us together,  
Chris



## *Parish lunch*

After today's service (12pm), all are welcome to lunch nearby at the Railway Hotel (280 Ferrars St, South Melbourne). Please let Rev'd Chris know if you would like to come and haven't already signed up.

## *Concert broadcast*

Tonight on 3MBS FM radio, you can hear Shauna Beesley's song cycle *Lest We Forget*, recorded live in concert last year. Tune in at 6pm, at 103.5 FM or online at [www.3mbs.org.au](http://www.3mbs.org.au)

## *Safe ministry training*

Those on our worship rosters and in other roles should have received an email regarding safe ministry training. This will be run on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> May at 10am in the Kath Hall Centre, or you can do the training online at home in your own time. Please contact Rev'd Chris if neither of these options work for you.

## *Book Club*

The next meeting of the Book Club is on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> May at 7:30pm (meeting online on Zoom). We will be discussing Mick Herron's book *Slow Horses*. All welcome – for further details please talk to Jo Roach.

## *Ascension Day*

All are welcome to a service of Vespers for Ascension Day: 7:30pm on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> 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.

## *Lay Deanery*

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.

The next Lay Deanery Meeting will be on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> May, 7pm.

## *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)

# For our prayers

## **The world and nation:**

For the people of Iran; for members of the armed forces, emergency services personnel, and all who risk their safety to protect others.

## **The Church:**

*World Council of Churches:*

The Church in Armenia, Azerbaijan, Georgia

*Anglican Communion:*

The Church of Nigeria

*Anglican Church in Australia:*

Diocese of Willochra (Bp Bishop Jeremy James, clergy & people)

*Diocese of Melbourne:*

Abp Ric Thorpe, Bp Alison Taylor; Deanery of Yarra/Plenty: Anglican Parish of Banyule, St Peter's Bundoora, St Margaret's Eltham, All Saints' Greensborough, St Matthew's Panton Hill with St Andrew's St Andrews, Christ Church Whittlesea with St Peter's Kinglake, St Matthias'

Mernda, St John's Diamond Creek with St Katherine's St Helena and St Michael's Yarrambat

## **Our parish and community:**

For those who rest in our church grounds, by day and by night.

## **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:*

Jennifer Mary Mitchell

28 April 2018

Shirley Mignonne Wijeyaratne

1 May 2011

*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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## **O Lord my God,**

Teach my heart where and how to seek you,  
where and how to find you.

Lord, you are my Lord and my God,  
and I have never seen you.

You have created and re-created me,  
all the good I have comes from you,  
and still I do not know you.

I have not yet accomplished that for  
which I was made.

Teach me to seek you,  
and as I seek you, show yourself to me,  
for I cannot seek you unless you  
show me how.

Let me seek you by desiring you,  
and desire you by seeking you;  
Let me find you by loving you,  
and love you in finding you.

Anselm of Canterbury (1033/4-1107)

*Readings for next week (Fifth Sunday of Easter):*  
Acts 7.55-60; Psalm 31.1-5, 17-18; 1 Peter 2.11-25; John 14.1-14

# 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.parihoftheparks.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>26 April</b>	<b>3 May</b>
<b>Welcomers</b>	Michael	Frank
<b>Servers</b>	Catherine Gemma Geoff	Scott Gemma Sharon
<b>Readers</b>	Jo D Catherine	Geoff Jo D
<b>Intercessions</b>	Peter	Catherine
<b>Offertory</b>	Anna Gemma	Frank Jo R
<b>Chalice</b>	Michael Jo D	Sharon Catherine
<b>Morning tea</b>	Jo D Marcia	Jo D Geoff
<b>Flowers</b>	Kate	Hume
<b>Video livestream</b>	Marcia	Michael
<b>Side person</b>	Michael	Frank
<b>Emerald Hill pick-up</b>	Jo D	Jo D
<b>Sunday Suppers</b>	TL Cecilia, Toy, Sash, Sandy, Mon	TL TBC, Yvonne, Jude, Jobe, Tegan  Parcels: TL Karina, Ann, Ed, Arie

## This week in our parish:

**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

**Monday 27<sup>th</sup>**

9am Morning Prayer

**Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup>**

9am Morning Prayer

**Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup>**

8:30am Morning Prayer

11am Eucharist

**Thursday 30<sup>th</sup>**

9am Morning Prayer

**Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> May**

9am Morning Prayer

10am Safe Ministry training

**Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> May**

**Fifth Sunday of Easter**

9:30am Sung Eucharist

4:30pm Sunday Suppers & Food Parcels

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