

Anglican Parish of the Parks

St Silas & St Anselm, Albert Park

Fifth Sunday of Easter 28th April 2024 9.30am Holy Communion



Today's service will be recorded for sharing on the internet with those unable to be with us 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.

From the Vicar

If you have been missing the Apostles' Creed and the Agnus Dei in the liturgy, you may be pleased to know that they will be back from this Sunday. I have removed the more modern expressions and the song "In the singing."

I recognise that many have missed these traditional aspects of the liturgy. I can see that especially in challenging times, this parish desires those traditional expressions of faith and so I offer them back into the liturgy.

Grace & Peace



Hugh is away today, supporting his daughter.
Our visiting organist is Oscar Herrick,
organ scholar at All Saints St Kilda.

Organ Prelude

Gathering in God's name

A bell is rung as a signal for all to stand



1. Yours be the glory, risen, conquering Son, endless is the victory over death you've won; angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away, kept the folded grave-clothes, where your body lay.

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- 2 See, Jesus meets us, risen from the tomb; lovingly he greets us, scatters fear and gloom; let the church with gladness hymns of triumph sing, for the Lord is living, death has lost its sting. *Refrain*
- 3. No more we doubt you, glorious Prince of life; life is naught without you: aid us in our strife; make us more than conquerors through your deathless love; bring us safe through Jordan to your home above. the World Stu Words: addition Refrain

Edmond Louis Budry
1854–1932
tr. Richard Birch Hoyle
1875–1939 alt.
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Presider Christ is risen, alleluia!

All He is risen indeed, alleluia!

Presider The Lord be with you.

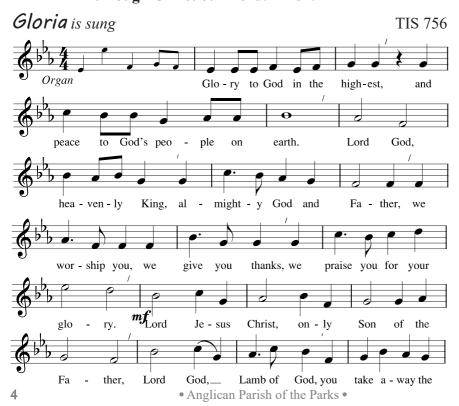
All And also with you.

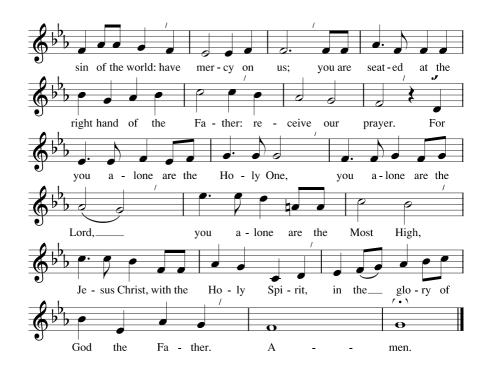
Acknowledgement of Country

(we will say this each week until and including National Sorry Day, 26 May)

Let us pray

All 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.





Prayer of the Day

Presider O God,

form the minds of your faithful people, that we may love what you command and desire what you promise, so that, amid the many changes of this world,

our hearts may there be fixed where true joys are to be found;

All through Jesus Christ our Lord,

who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Please sit

The Sacred Story First Reading

Acts 8.26-40

²⁶ Now an angel of the Lord said to Philip, 'Go south to the road – the desert road – that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza.' 27 So he started out, and on his way he met an Ethiopian eunuch, an important official in charge of all the treasury of the Kandake (which means 'queen of the Ethiopians'). This man had gone to Jerusalem to worship, ²⁸ and on his way home was sitting in his chariot reading the Book of Isaiah the prophet. ²⁹ The Spirit told Philip, 'Go to that chariot and stay near it.' 30 Then Philip ran up to the chariot and heard the man reading Isaiah the prophet. 'Do you understand what you are reading?' Philip asked. 31 'How can I,' he said, 'unless someone explains it to me?' So he invited Philip to come up and sit with him. ³² This is the passage of Scripture the eunuch was reading: 'He was led like a sheep to the slaughter, and as a lamb before its shearer is silent, so he did not open his mouth. ³³ In his humiliation he was deprived of justice. Who can speak of his descendants? For his life was taken from the earth.' 34 The eunuch asked Philip, 'Tell me, please, who is the prophet talking about, himself or someone else?' 35 Then Philip began with that very passage of Scripture and told him the good news about Jesus. ³⁶ As they travelled along the road, they came to some water and the eunuch said, 'Look, here is water. What can stand in the way of my being baptised?' [37] 38 And he gave orders to stop the chariot. Then both Philip and the eunuch went down into the water and Philip baptised him. ³⁹ When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord suddenly took Philip away, and the eunuch did not see him again, but went on his way rejoicing. 40 Philip, however, appeared at Azotus and travelled about, preaching the gospel in all the towns until he reached Caesarea.

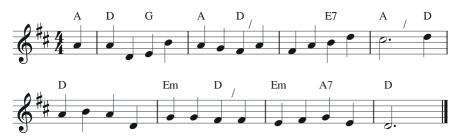
Reader All

For the word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Psalm 98

Hymn O sing a new song to the Lord

TIS 56



Verses

- 1. O sing a new song to the Lord for marvels he has done; his right hand and his holy arm the victory have won.
- 2 His justice and his righteousness the Lord has made them known, his constant love for Israel all ends of the earth have seen.
- 3. Let all the earth now to the Lord send forth a joyful noise; lift up your voice aloud to him, sing praises and rejoice.
- 4. With harp, with harp and voice of psalms unto Jehovah sing; let trumpets and the echoing horn acclaim the Lord our King!
- 5. Let seas with all their creatures roar, the world and dwellers there, and let the rivers clap their hands, the hills their joy declare
- 6. before the Lord: because he comes, to judge the earth comes he; he'll judge the world with righteousness, his folk with equity.

Scottish Psalter 1650 alt. Reproduced with permission

Second Reading 1 John 4.7-9, 11-16, 18-21

⁷ Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God. ⁸ Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love. ⁹ This is how God showed his love among us: he sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him.

¹¹ Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. ¹² No one has ever seen God; but if we love one another, God lives in us and his love is made complete in us. ¹³ This is how we know that we live in him and he in us: he has given us of his Spirit. ¹⁴ And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent his Son to be the Saviour of the world. ¹⁵ If anyone acknowledges that Jesus is the Son of God, God lives in them and they in God.

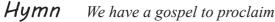
¹⁶ And so we know and rely on the love God has for us. God is love. Whoever lives in love lives in God, and God in them.

¹⁸ There is no fear in love. But perfect love drives out fear, because fear has to do with punishment. The one who fears is not made perfect in love. ¹⁹ We love because he first loved us. ²⁰ Whoever claims to love God yet hates a brother or sister is a liar. For whoever does not love their brother and sister, whom they have seen, cannot love God, whom they have not seen. ²¹ And he has given us this command: anyone who loves God must also love their brother and sister.

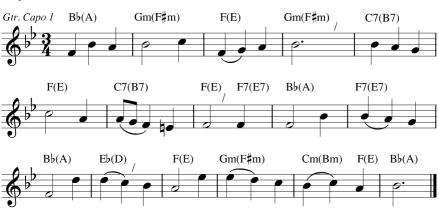
Reader For the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Please stand







- 1. We have a gospel to proclaim, good news for all throughout the earth; the gospel of a Saviour's name: we sing his glory, tell his worth.
- 2 Tell of his birth at Bethlehem not in a royal house or hall but in a stable dark and dim, the Word made flesh, a light for all.
- 3. Tell of his death at Calvary, hated by those he came to save, in lonely suffering on the cross, for all he loved his life he gave.
- 4. Tell of that glorious Easter morn; empty the tomb, for he was free: he broke the power of death and hell that we might share his victory.
- Tell of his reign at God's right hand, by all creation glorified.
 He sends his Spirit on his church to live for him, the Lamb who died.
- 6. Now we rejoice to name him King: Jesus is Lord of all the earth.

 This gospel-message we proclaim: we sing his glory, tell his worth.

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The Gospel John 15.1-2, 4-8

Presider The Lord be with you.

All And also with you.

Presider The Gospel of our Lord, according to John.

All Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

¹ 'I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener. ² He cuts off every branch in me that bears no fruit, while every branch that does bear fruit he prunes so that it will be even more fruitful. ⁴ Remain in me, as I also remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me. ⁵ 'I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing. ⁶ If you do not remain in me, you are like a branch that is thrown away and withers; such branches are picked up, thrown into the fire and burned. ⁶ If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. ⁶ This is to my Father's glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples.

Presider For the Gospel of our Lord,

All praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

Please be seated

The Sermon

Affirmation of Faith

Presider Let us affirm as ours the faith of the Church (APBA p. 37) All 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.

• Care • Inspire • Give •

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the

We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

forgiveness of sins.

The Prayers of the People

Please sit or kneel

Presider Let us pray for the world and for the Church.

After each petition: Hear our prayer.

Parish Prayer list

Wendy, Marcus, Holly, Rosemary, Helen, Ian, Margaret, Rhonda, Marie, Lee, Ana and her daughter Louise, Megan, Kate, Valerie, Guy

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

Jennifer Mary Mitchell		28 April 2018
Shirley Mignonne Wijeyaratne		1 May 2011
Raylene Anderson		4 May 2021
Margot Brook		4 May 2015
Thomas Keir Leitch	(Requiem)	5 May 2010

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

Sen Server Christ the Son God has been revealed as a light to the nations,

Silence.

Sen Server Let us bring our darkness to his light, confessing our sins in

penitence and faith.

All 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.

Presider 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 Greeting of Peace

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

Presider The peace of the 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.

The Offertory

Please make your offering via online giving http://offertory.parishoftheparks.com.au or scan the Offertory QR code.



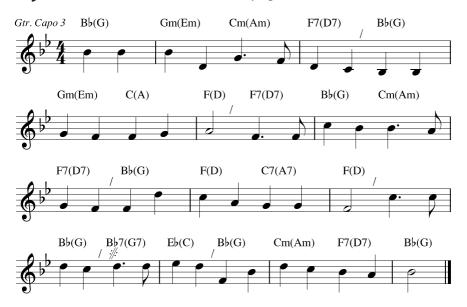
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Hymn Lord, enthroned in heavenly splendour

TIS 520 verses 1-3, 6



- 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. Reproduced with permission 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.

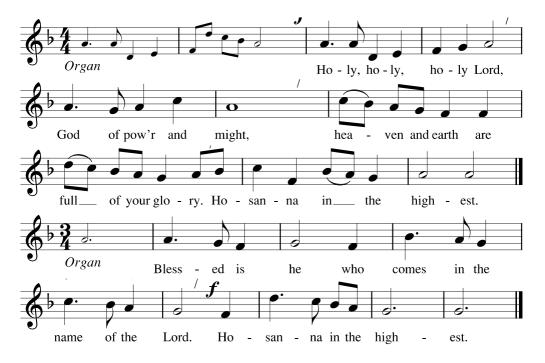
All We lift them to the Lord.

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All It is right to give our thanks and praise.

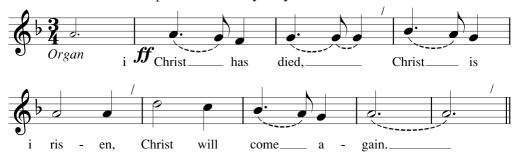
The Presider continues the prayer

... for ever praising you and singing:



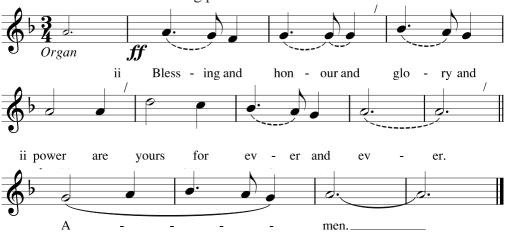
The Presider continues the prayer

... Let us proclaim the mystery of faith.



The Presider continues the prayer

...in never-ending praise:



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.

Hymn Jesus, Lamb of God

TIS 756



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.

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Everyone is welcome at this altar.



If you wish to receive the wine from the common cup, after you have received the bread, simply go to your left.

Please do not dip the bread into the wine. This will be performed by the Priest upon request.

If you are not ready to receive the wine, receiving the bread is sufficient.

In the interests of caring for one another:

• If you are unwell, please stay home

Communion anthem

The Presider leads the post Communion prayer, concluding with:

Presider Most loving God,

All you send us into the world you love.

Give us grace to go thankfully and with courage

in the power of your Spirit.

Notices



- 1. Now thank we all our God with hearts and hands and voices. who wondrous things has done, in whom the world rejoices; who from our mothers' arms has blessed us on our way with countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.
- 2 O may this bounteous God through all our life be near us, with ever joyful hearts and blessèd peace to cheer us. Lord, keep us in your grace, and guide us when perplexed, and free us from all harm in this world and the next.
- All praise and thanks to God who reigns in highest heaven, to Father and to Son and Spirit now be given: the one eternal God, whom heaven and earth adore, who ever was, is now, and shall be ever more.

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Blessing

Presider May Christ, who out of defeat brings new

hope and a new future, fill you with his new

life: and the blessing + of God most gracious,

All Amen.

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

All In the name of Christ, Alleluia.

Organ Postlude

Upcoming Events

ANAM concert (bring a friend!) 5 May Pentecost (what gift of yours will you share?) 19 May Extraordinary Synod (pray for your Synod reps) 1 June Jazz Swing Dance (dust off your dancing shoes) 30 June Patronal Festival St Silas & St Anselm (how shall we celebrate?) 14 July



Margaret Cross Sammy Rolfe

29 April 29 April

The week ahead

Sunday, April 28

Fifth Sunday of Easter

- 9.30am Sung Eucharist
- 4.30pm 5.30pm Sunday Suppers

Tuesday, April 30

7.30am - 12pm Alex in the office

Wednesday, May 1

8.30am - 12pm Alex in the office

11am Eucharist

Thursday, May 2

7.30am - 3pm Alex in the office

Friday, May 3

Rev'd Sophie's day off

Sunday, May 5

Sixth Sunday of Easter

- 9.30am Sung Eucharist
- 4.30pm 5.30pm Sunday Suppers

Rosters	28 April 2024
Welcomers	
Reader	Ava
Servers	Catherine, Cristian, Sharon
Flowers	
Morning Tea	Jo D, Sharon
Video Livestream	Frank
Side person	Sharon
Intercessions	Catherine
Chalice	Jo D, Catherine
Emerald Hill pick-up	Jo/Glenn
Sunday Suppers	Gina, Josh, Yvonne & TBA

<u>Readings</u> for next week

Acts 10·44-48
Psalm 98
1 John 5·1-12
John 15·9-17

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