



St George's Anglican Church, Malvern

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

April 11, 2021



Thomas said, 'My Lord and my God'

8:00 a.m.

GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

The people stand as a bell is rung

President: Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

All: **Blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever.**

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Christ is risen. Alleluia, alleluia!

He is risen indeed. Alleluia, alleluia!

The President welcomes the congregation in suitable words, then a sentence of Scripture is read

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.**

We say together:

Lord, have mercy, Lord have mercy, Lord have mercy.

Christ have mercy, Christ have mercy, Christ have mercy.

Lord have mercy, Lord have mercy, Lord have mercy.

**Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to God's people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.**

**For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

Let us pray.

The people pray silently, and then the President 'collects' the silent prayer:

Risen Christ,
whose absence leaves us in despair
but whose presence is overwhelming:
breathe on us with your abundant life,
that where we cannot see
we may have courage to believe
that we may be raised with you.

Amen.

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

First reading

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles:

Now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common.

With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all.

There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold.

They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

There was a Levite, a native of Cyprus, Joseph, to whom the apostles gave the name Barnabas (which means 'son of encouragement').

He sold a field that belonged to him, then brought the money, and laid it at the apostles' feet.

Acts 4: 32–37

For the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 133

Response: It is good and pleasant to dwell together in unity.

1. Behold how good and lovely it is:
when families live together in unity.
2. It is fragrant as oil upon the head,
that runs down over the beard:
fragrant as oil upon the beard of Aaron,
that ran down over the collar of his robe. **R.**
3. It is like a dew of Hermon:
like the dew that falls upon the hill of Zion.
4. For there the Lord has commanded his blessing:
which is life for evermore. **R.**

Second reading

A reading from the first letter of John:

We declare to you what was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands, concerning the word of life— this life was revealed, and we have seen it and testify to it, and declare to you the eternal life that was with the Father and was revealed to us— we declare to you what we have seen and heard so that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ.

We are writing these things so that our joy may be complete. This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in him there is no darkness at all. If we say that we have fellowship with him while we are walking in darkness, we lie and do not do what is true; but if we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin.

If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves,
and the truth is not in us.

If we confess our sins,
he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins
and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar,
and his word is not in us.

My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not
sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father,
Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the atoning sacrifice for our sins,
and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

1 John 1:1–2:2

For the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

You believe in me Thomas because you have seen me:
blessed are those who have not seen me, yet believe.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Deacon: The Lord be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

Deacon: Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

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

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week,
and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked
for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said,
'Peace be with you.'

After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side.

Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord.

Jesus said to them again,

'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.'

When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them,
'Receive the Holy Spirit.

If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them;
if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.'

But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve,
was not with them when Jesus came.

So the other disciples told him, 'We have seen the Lord.'

But he said to them, 'Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands,
and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side,
I will not believe.'

A week later his disciples were again in the house,
and Thomas was with them.

Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them
and said, 'Peace be with you.'

Then he said to Thomas, 'Put your finger here and see my hands.
Reach out your hand and put it in my side.

Do not doubt but believe.'

Thomas answered him, 'My Lord and my God!'

Jesus said to him, 'Have you believed because you have seen me?
Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.'

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples,
which are not written in this book.

But these are written so that you may come to believe
that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God,
and that through believing you may have life in his name.

John 20: 19–31

For the gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

The Sermon

Silence is kept

The Nicene Creed

Let us together affirm the faith of the Church:

All stand

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one being with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and became truly human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge
the living and the dead
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father [and the Son],
who with the Father and the Son
is worshipped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy Catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Let us pray for the world and for the Church.

Prayers are offered for the world, the Church, for our local community, those sick or “in any other adversity”, and we remember the faithful departed.

For the Anglican Church

We pray for The Church of the Province of the Indian Ocean; The Diocese of Melbourne (Abp Philip Freier Clergy & People); Evangelism in the Diocese; St David's Moorabbin; All Saints St Kilda; St Luke's Vermont; Casey Anglican Dinka Congregation.

Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For all in need

May all who are in trouble, in need or sickness find peace and refreshment in you. We pray for Jenny, Sam, Milroy, Coral, David, Tony, Paul, Christine, Lei and her family, Keith, Peter, Ann, Leon, Erica, Josh, Eric, and members of the Parish in hospital facing surgery or recovering from an illness.

Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For the Faithful Departed

We pray for Faye Nicholson, who died recently; and Lawrence Krome, Lucy Beaumont Slobom, Sue Angliss, Maxwell Robinson (HAA), Arthur Carter, Lilla White, Marjorie Powell, Corrie Mark, Donald Eric Bowman, Guy Sexton, Franz Schnelle, Dorothy Margaret Austin, Margaret Oldfield, Owen Fyfe, Charles Pittman, Valda Woinarski, Beverly Jocelyn Summons *whose anniversary of death we remember this week.*

President: Almighty God, you have promised to hear our prayers.

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

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Deacon: Christ our Passover Lamb has been offered for us,
therefore we come to celebrate the festival.

Silence is kept.

Let us confess our sins in penitence and faith,
with a sincere and a true heart.

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 lie;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

The President pronounces Absolution, and the people respond

Amen.

THE GREETING OF PEACE

Jesus stood among the disciples and said,
'My peace I give to you; my peace I leave with you.' Alleluia!

Then were the disciples glad when they saw the Lord.
Alleluia!

The peace of the Lord, crucified and risen, be always with you. Alleluia!
And also with you. Alleluia!

*Members of the congregation greet one another in an appropriate way.
[Throughout the Easter season, it is customary to use the greeting:
'Christ is Risen. Alleluia!', to which the response is 'He is risen indeed.
Alleluia!']*

The people's gifts are now brought forward, and the altar prepared.

THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

The President offers prayers over the gifts, to which the people respond:

Blessed be God for ever.

The President then begins the Great Thanksgiving Prayer

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The President continues with a prayer appropriate to the season, concluding with:

Therefore with angels and archangels,
and with all the company of heaven,
we proclaim your great and glorious name,
for ever praising you and saying:

**Holy, holy. Holy Lord, God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

The President continues the prayer until the deacon says:

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died,

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The President continues the prayer, which concludes:

...we worship you, Father, in songs of never-ending praise:

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

A brief silence is kept.

As our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are confident to pray:

**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

As the President breaks the bread, the following is said:

Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!

The gifts of God for the people of God.

Come, let us take this holy sacrament of the Body and Blood of Christ
in remembrance that he died for us,
and feed on him in our hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

We say together:

**Lamb of God, have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, grant us your peace.**

Communion is distributed.

After Communion, silence is kept.

All stand

THE SENDING OUT OF GOD'S PEOPLE

President: 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 glories to all the world.

Father,
**we offer ourselves to you as a living sacrifice,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Send us out in the power of your Spirit
to live and work to your praise and glory.**

THE BLESSING

The President pronounces a blessing, to which all respond

Amen.

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

THE WEEK AHEAD

Monday 12 April	9:00am 5:00pm	Morning Prayer Evening Prayer
Tuesday 13 April	9:00am 9:15am 5:00pm	Morning Prayer Morning Prayer (Zoom) ID:835 1043 8224, Password: SGM3144 or connect https://us02web.zoom.us/j/835 1043 8224 Evening Prayer
Wednesday 14 April	9:00am 5:00pm 2.00pm	Morning Prayer Evening Prayer Funeral – Faye Nicholson
Thursday 15 April	9:00am 10:15am 5:00pm	Morning Prayer Holy Eucharist Evening Prayer
Friday 16 April	9:00am 5:00pm	Morning Prayer Evening Prayer
Saturday 17 April	9:00am 5:00pm	Morning Prayer Evening Prayer
Next Sunday 3rd Sunday of Easter 18 April, 2021	8:00am 10:00am 5:00pm	Holy Eucharist Holy Eucharist with Hymns Eucharist with Meditation

BIBLE READINGS: 3rd Sunday of Easter	18 April 2021
Acts 3:12–20 Psalm 4	1 John 2:15–17, 3:1–6 Luke 24:36b–48

***Please note: Morning and Evening Prayer have now reverted to being held in St Martin’s Chapel.
Please join us, if you are able, and hear the continuing unfolding of salvation history.***

FROM THE VICAR

“Easter glory fills the sky” is the opening line of a hymn by the Scottish Jesuit priest, James Quinn. Not only Easter glory in the sky, but Easter joy fills in our hearts; certainly, after the splendid celebrations we shared here last Sunday, that kept me going for all of this week. It can (and probably should!), take some time before we leave the joy of Easter behind. The Church continues to keep the ‘Easter season’ (the ‘Queen of seasons’, as St John of Damascus called it in the seventh century, and Christians have echoed ever since) for ‘The Great Fifty Days’. The Paschal Candle will be lit each day in the church, and we will continue to say ‘Alleluia’ at every service until Pentecost.

Yet, this morning’s gospel takes us back to that first Easter day, when the disciples are still gathered in fear, behind locked doors, and not all together (Thomas is famously absent). Into that state of fear and bewilderment (as they struggle to know what to make of the news shared by Mary Magdalene, Peter, and the disciple Jesus loves), Jesus comes. He stands amongst them, and greets them with a traditional Jewish ‘Shalom’ – Peace be with you – that, in that context, takes on even more depth: he offers a true peace, which Paul will call a ‘peace that passes all understanding’. Then Jesus imparts to them their mission to the world: just as the Father sent Jesus, so he sends them, and us.

But there are interesting things to note in this gospel: notwithstanding that remarkable first Easter day, with its assurance of the resurrection, the fulfilment of all Jesus told them, his gift of peace... a week later, the disciples are still meeting in a locked room. For us, too, the joy of Easter can sometimes be overwhelmed by the realities of life. During this week, one long-standing parishioner has died, and others are nearing the end of their earthly lives. And Jesus shows the disciples, especially Thomas, his wounded hands, feet and side.

Resurrection does not ‘magic away’, as it were, the wounds we have and continue to experience in life: Jesus’ wounds are still present. What Easter promises, however, is that these wounds we have, whatever shape or form they may take, are not the end. Like Thomas, as we see those wounds, we see them transformed (‘transfigured’, we might say) into signs of glory. This is the transfiguration our Easter faith promises. Alleluia!

NOTICES

Covid 19 Normal Regulations

The restrictions and rules for services often change in these times of Covid19 pandemic.

Please observe all the current guidelines:

- **If you feel unwell, you must not attend church.**
- **It is mandatory to wear a mask, covering your mouth and nose, at all times indoors, including in church. Only the person leading or speaking in a service can be unmasked, unless you have a medical exemption.**
- **Sanitising of hands is mandatory as you enter **AND** as you leave the church.**
- The density quotient of **2** sq m per person, can only be used if **everyone registers electronically** prior to the start of the service. This allows **102** to attend the service, making a total of **120** including choir, clergy, servers etc. The 2 sq m spatial distancing rule means ensuring a minimum of an elbow's distance at all times.
- When people do not register electronically, prior to the start of a service, we are required to use the density quotient of **4** sq m per person. This allows only **51** people to attend and they must sit in alternate pews, maintaining a distance of 1.5m.
- You are reminded that shaking hands, hugging, kissing or any other kind of physical contact is not permitted **at any time**, with anyone not in your immediate family/household.
- There will be no passing around of the collection bowl to avoid multiple handling the bowl. The collection bowl/s are placed at the door as you arrive for your offering.
- Communion will remain in one kind only, that is no sharing of a common cup, for the foreseeable future.
- All Pew Sheets are single use only. Please do not leave them in the church or on site after the service, rather take them home for re-use or disposal.
- Please note that whilst we have multiple services some days and the premises are again being hired out again, the church, parish centre and offices are cleaned and sanitised following WorkSafe pandemic guidelines, so you can be assured of the cleanliness of the buildings and furnishings.

Thank you

A huge thank you to all those who contributed generously in time and talent to our Holy Week and Easter liturgies. To all readers, servers, flower gatherers and arrangers, brass polishers, sidespeople and to the choir who led our worship so well. Special thanks to ea, Brian Corless and Brenda who were so helpful in the planning as well as all the many things undertaken in the liturgies themselves. And to George Wuchatsch for ensuring everything was always in place, and Nisha for a splendid effort in printing so many Orders of Service and readings.

Trinity College Theological School - 2021 Continuing Education Program

1. Taking Care of Business: reclaiming community among local businesses

Saturday 22 May | 10.00am – 3.40pm

Trinity College, 100 Royal Parade Parkville

Led by the Reverend Dr Richard Wilson, currently working on an initiative to create a public conversation between business and the church on common community concerns.

\$50 | \$35 concession

To book: www.trybooking.com/BPVFN

2. Proclaiming the Year of the Lord's Favour: Studies on Readings for Year C

Saturday 6 November | 10.00am – 3.30pm

Trinity College, 100 Royal Parade Parkville

A day for clergy and lay people to be enriched by the readings from Luke and elsewhere in the Bible for the forthcoming Church Year C. Led by the Reverend Canon Dr Bob Derrenbacker, Dean, and Dr Rachele Gilmour, Senior Lecturer, at the Trinity College Theological School.

\$50 | \$35 concession

To book: www.trybooking.com/BPVXW

Anglican Historical Society

The next meeting will be on 21 April at 6.30 pm at Holy Trinity Church, corner Hotham and Clarendon Streets, East Melbourne, to be addressed by the Reverend Walter McEntee:

“The Pastorate of Revd Ernest Hughes at St Peter’s Eastern Hill”.

Knitting Group

The Knitting Group will be meeting on Tuesday, 13 April – 10.30am-12.00 pm in the North Room. All new knitters are welcome.

Book Group

The Book Group will be meeting on Monday, 12 April – 2.00-3.30 pm in the North Room.



Elizabeth-Anne Nixon *organ*
Joel Brennan *trumpet*

Works including Petr Eben's Okna
and Jehan Alain's Trois Pièces

All Saints East St Kilda

April 11 at 3pm

Tickets: \$25/\$20 (students free)

The program is:

Jehan Alain, *Trois Pièces*

Three contemporary American settings of *Mit Freuden Zart*

Petr Eben, *Okna* for trumpet & organ, with Joel Brennan

Harry Sdraulig, *Ballade*

Tickets available at the door: \$25 (full), \$20 (concession), students free with valid student card.

REMEMBER TO SAVE THE DATE:

SUNDAY, APRIL 25

**ST GEORGE'S
PATRONAL FESTIVAL**



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