
ANGLICAN CHURCH *of the* ASCENSION

7th JUNE 2020
TRINITY SUNDAY

EAST BURWOOD



“Seeking God, Serving with love, Sharing hope”

Welcome to Church

Sentence for Today

Proclaim the Name: ‘The Lord, the Lord, a God who is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness.’

Exodus 34.6



For those who have children with them, there is a children’s corner in the church for the little ones. During school term, children who are pre-school age and above can attend ‘Godzone’ - Special Children’s Activities - shortly after we begin the 9.30am service.

ORDER OF SERVICE

Entrance hymn: TiS 132 "Holy, Holy, Holy!"

**Holy, holy, holy! Lord God almighty,
early in the morning to you our praise shall be;
holy, holy, holy! merciful and mighty
God in three persons, blessed Trinity.**

**Holy, holy, holy! all the saints adore you,
casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
cherubim and seraphim falling down before you,
God everlasting through eternity.**

**Holy, holy, holy! though the darkness hide you,
though the sinful human eye your glory may not see,
you alone are holy, there is none beside you
perfect in power, in love and purity.**

**Holy, holy, holy! Lord God almighty,
all your works shall praise your name in earth and sky and sea;
holy, holy, holy! merciful and mighty
God in three persons, blessed Trinity.**

Reginald Heber 1783-1826 alt.

Acclamation

Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

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

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

Welcome

Prayer of Preparation:

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.**

Kyries: Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy, Lord have mercy.

The Gloria:

**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.

The Prayer of the Day:

Almighty and everlasting God,
you have given to us your servants grace
by the confession of a true faith
to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity,
and in the power of the divine majesty
to worship the Unity:
keep us steadfast in this faith,
and evermore defend us from all adversities,
for you live and reign, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

We join together in the following prayer in time of pandemic disease:

Lord Jesus Christ, healer and friend,
come and care for all of us
through the danger and uncertainty
of the coronavirus pandemic.
To people who are sick, bring healing.
To people who are displaced, isolated,
or cut off from family, friends or work,
bring comfort and companionship.
Work with medical staff as they care for the sick,
and protect them from harm.
Give skill and fruitful research to scientists
as they search for treatments, prevention and a cure.
To public health authorities, give wisdom
to decide the best ways to manage
both this crisis and our anxieties.
When communities are fearful, give a calm spirit,
and kindness to neighbours and strangers.
Through this testing time,
and through all the risks we face together,
teach us once again how we can love one
another as you have loved us.
Through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen

Godzone talk and Blessing

The ministry of the Word:

The first reading: Exodus 34.1-8

The Lord said to Moses, 'Cut two tablets of stone like the former ones, and I will write on the tablets the words that were on the former tablets, which you broke.

Be ready in the morning, and come up in the morning to Mount Sinai and present yourself there to me, on the top of the mountain.

No one shall come up with you, and do not let anyone be seen throughout all the mountain; and do not let flocks or herds graze in front of that mountain.'

So Moses cut two tablets of stone like the former ones; and he rose early in the morning and went up on Mount Sinai, as the Lord had commanded him, and took in his hand the two tablets of stone.

The Lord descended in the cloud and stood with him there, and proclaimed the name, 'The Lord.'

The Lord passed before him, and proclaimed,
'The Lord, the Lord,
a God merciful and gracious,
slow to anger,
and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness,
keeping steadfast love for the thousandth generation,
forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin,
yet by no means clearing the guilty,
but visiting the iniquity of the parents
upon the children
and the children's children,
to the third and the fourth generation.'

And Moses quickly bowed his head towards the earth, and worshipped.

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

Psalm: 'The Song of the Three'

**Blessed are you, the God of our forebears:
worthy to be praised and exalted for ever.**

**Blessed is your holy and glorious name:
worthy to be praised and exalted for ever.**

**Blessed are you, glorious in your holy temple:
worthy to be praised and exalted for ever.**

**Blessed are you who behold the depths:
worthy to be praised and exalted for ever.**

**Blessed are you on the throne of your kingdom:
worthy to be praised and exalted for ever.**

**Blessed are you in the heights of heaven:
worthy to be praised and exalted for ever.**

The second reading: 2 Corinthians 13.11-13

Finally, brothers and sisters, farewell. Put things in order, listen to my appeal, agree with one another, live in peace; and the God of love and peace will be with you. Greet one another with a holy kiss. All the saints greet you. The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with all of you.

For the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gradual hymn: TiS 131 "Father of heaven, whose love profound"

**Father of heaven, whose love profound
a ransom for our souls has found,
before your throne we sinners bend;
to us your pardoning love extend.**

**Almighty Son, incarnate Word,
our prophet, priest, redeemer, Lord,
before your throne we sinners bend;
to us your saving grace extend.**

**Eternal Spirit, by whose breath
the soul is saved from sin and death,
before your throne we sinners bend;
to us your quickening power extend.**

**Thrice holy — Father, Spirit, Son,
mysterious Godhead, Three in One,
before your throne we sinners bend;
grace, pardon, life to us extend.**

Edward Cooper 1770-1833

The Gospel reading:

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

The gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ,
according to Matthew, chapter 28, beginning at verse 16

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. When they saw him, they worshipped him; but some doubted. And Jesus came and said to them, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.'

For the gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

The Sermon

The Creed:

Let us stand together and affirm the faith of the church:

**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 for the world to come. Amen.**

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

At the conclusion

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.**

Preparation

Jesus said: A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another, even as I have loved you. John 13.34

Prayer of Approach:

We do not presume
to come to your table, merciful Lord,
trusting in our own righteousness,
but in your manifold and great mercies.
We are not worthy
so much as to gather up the crumbs under your table.
But you are the same Lord,
whose nature is always to have mercy.
Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord,
so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ,
and to drink his blood,
that we may evermore dwell in him,
and he in us. Amen.

Invitation to Confession:

Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God, the Lord is one; you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength.' Jesus said: 'This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it: you shall love your neighbour as yourself.'

Let us therefore bring our sins before the one true God, in penitence and faith.

Confession:

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.

Absolution:

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.
His spirit is with us.
The peace of the Lord be always with you.
And also with you.

Offertory hymn: TiS 179 *“Praise with joy the world’s Creator”*

Praise with joy the world's Creator,
God of justice, love, and peace,
source and end of human knowledge,
Force of greatness without cease.
Celebrate the Maker's glory,
power to rescue and release.

Praise to Christ who feeds the hungry,
frees the captive, finds the lost,
heals the sick, up-sets religion,
fearless both of fate and cost.
Celebrate Christ's constant presence:
friend and stranger, guest and host.

Praise the Spirit sent among us,
liberating truth from pride,
forging bonds where race or gender,
age or nation dare divide.
Celebrate the Spirit's treasure:
foolishness none dare deride.

Praise the Maker, Christ, and Spirit,
one God in community,
calling Christians to embody
oneness and diversity.
Thus the world shall yet believe, when
Shown Christ’s vibrant unity.

John L. Bell & Graham Maule

Prayer over the gifts:

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.
Blessed be God for ever.

The Great Thanksgiving:

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.

All glory and honour be yours always and everywhere,
mighty Creator, everliving God.

We give you thanks and praise for your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ,

who by the power of your Spirit was born of Mary
and lived as one of us.

By his death on the cross,
he offered the one true sacrifice for sin,
and obtained an eternal deliverance for his people.

Through him,
you have revealed to us your glory in the community of your love,
three persons,
one God,
ever to be worshipped and adored.

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.**

Merciful God, we thank you
for these gifts of your creation,
this bread and wine,
and we pray that by your Word and Holy Spirit,
we who eat and drink them
may be partakers of Christ's body and blood.

On the night he was betrayed Jesus took bread;
and when he had given you thanks
he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying,
'Take, eat. This is my body given for you.

Do this in remembrance of me.'

After supper, he took the cup,
and again giving you thanks
he gave it to his disciples, saying,
'Drink from this, all of you.
This is my blood of the new covenant
shed for you and for many
for the forgiveness of sins.

Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.'

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith.

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Therefore we do as our Saviour has commanded:
proclaiming his offering of himself
made once for all upon the cross,

his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension,
and looking for his coming again,
we celebrate, with this bread and this cup,
his one perfect and sufficient sacrifice
for the sins of the whole world.

Renew us by your Holy Spirit,
unite us in the body of your Son
and bring us with all your people
into the joy of your eternal kingdom;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
with whom, and in whom,
in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,
we worship you, Father,
in songs of never-ending praise:

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

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:

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

Agnus Dei:

**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.**

Invitation to communion:

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.

The Communion

Post communion hymn: TiS 466 "Peace with the Father,"

**Peace with the Father, peace with Christ his Son,
peace with the Spirit, keep us ever one.**

**Love of the Father, love of Christ his Son,
love of the Spirit, make all Christians one.**

**Sin has divided those whom Christ made one;
Father, forgive us through your loving Son.**

**Send forth your Spirit, Father, from above
on us, your children, one with Christ in love.**

**Christians, forgive each other from your heart;
Christ be among us, nevermore to part.**

James Quinn (1919-2010)

Prayer after Communion:

Almighty and eternal God,
may we who have received this
sacrament of your Son's body and blood worship you in all we do,
proclaim your word to all the world,
and live in the power of your Spirit.

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

The Blessing:

God the Holy Trinity make you strong in faith and love, defend you on every side, and guide you in all truth and peace; and the blessing of God Almighty the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Final Hymn: TiS 416 "Great God, your spirit like the wind"

**Great God, your Spirit, like the wind -
unseen but shaking things we see -
will never leave us undisturbed,
fulfil our dreams, or set us free,
until we turn from faithless fear
and prove the promise of your grace,
in justice, peace and daily bread,
with joy for all the human race.**

**Lord, shake us with the force of love,
to rouse us from our dreadful sleep;
remove our hearts of stone, and give
new hearts of flesh, to break and weep
for all your children in distress
and dying for the wealth we keep.
Help us prevent, while we have time,
the blighted harvest greed must reap.**

And then in your compassion, give
your Spirit like the gentle rain,
creating fertile ground from which
your peace and justice spring like grain;
until your love is satisfied,
with all creation freed from pain,
and all your children live to praise
your will fulfilled, your presence plain.

Alan Grant 1935-

Dismissal

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

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NOTICES

COVID-19:

- We continue to **BE** the church by praying for one another, seeking God, serving with love, and sharing hope.
- We look forward to that day when we can **ALL** gather once more as the body of Christ here at the Church of the Ascension.
- **The church space is now available for private prayer.** Please contact Fr Anthony or a Warden first before doing so. (Fr Anthony 0409 012543, Ron McKenzie 0418 320301, Sue Tregear 0418 357458, or Christine Youings 0418 143451).
As well as keeping a register of all who enter the church space we may need to ask you the following questions:
 1. *Have you recently returned from overseas travel in the last 14 days?*
 - *(If yes - you'll need to self-isolate for 14 days from date of arrival into Australia)*
 2. *Have you been in contact with a person confirmed sick with COVID-19?*
 - *(If yes - you'll need to self-isolate for 14 days)*
 3. *Do you have any of the following symptoms: Fever, cough, runny nose, shortness of breath, and other symptoms?*
 - *(If yes - you'll need to call a GP to arrange appointment and discuss symptoms)*
 4. *If you answer YES to any of the above you will not be able to enter the church space for 14 days or until you are well.*

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<http://tma.melbourneanglican.org.au/newsstand>

In this week's edition:

- New Diocesan Chancellor outlines priorities;
- US Presiding Bishop proposes the way of the Good Samaritan to heal a tortured US;
- a tribute to former Ridley College Principal, the Revd Maurice Betteridge;
- why a mining company's destruction of Indigenous artefacts matters;
- differing views on reopening churches as coronavirus persists;
- and much more...

SAINTS AND HOLY MEN AND WOMEN FOR THIS WEEK

Tuesday Columba of Iona, abbot and missionary (d. 597)
Thursday BARNABAS, APOSTLE AND MARTYR
Saturday Antony of Padua, missionary and preacher (d. 1231)

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Wednesday:

1 Kings 18.20-39
Psalm 16.1-6
Matthew 5.17-19

Next Sunday: Second Sunday after Pentecost

Genesis 18.1-15
Psalm 116.1-2, 1-18
Romans 5.1-11
Matthew 9.35 – 10.8

**WE THANK GOD FOR HIS MANY BLESSINGS, LET US PRAY EACH DAY FOR -
THE CHURCH**

Sun 7 Anglican Church of Mexico (Abp Francisco Moreno); Diocese of Willochra (Bp John Stead, Clergy & People); Parish of St Thomas, Winchelsea w. Holy Trinity, Barrabool and St Paul's, Deans Marsh (Wendy Gravalin);

Mon 8 Anglicare Australia (Bp Chris Jones, Chair; Kasy Chambers, Executive Director); Archdeaconry of Stonnington (Howard Langmead); Yarraville Parish;

Tue 9 Theological Colleges, Church Schools and Church Kindergartens; Camberwell Grammar School (Paul Hicks, Principal; Charles Butler, Chaplain); St Andrew's Aberfeldie (Michael Danaher, Lynda Crossley);

Wed 10 Mission Agencies of the Anglican Church of Australia; Melbourne Anglican Foundation; St Silas' and St Anselm's Albert Park (Sophie Watkins);

Thu 11 Religious Orders serving within the Anglican Church of Australia; Ministries to Youth; Parish of St Eanswythe's Altona w. St Clement's Laverton (Chris Lancaster);

Fri 12 Locums and all retired clergy; Chaplain to Anglican Centre staff (Clemence Taplin); All Saints' Ascot Vale (Andrew Esnouf);

Sat 13 The Anglican Church of Australia (Primate Abp Geoffrey Smith, General Secretary Anne Hywood, the General Synod & the Standing Committee); Caulfield Grammar School (Ashleigh Martin, Principal; Ryan Holt, Amanda Lyons and Kate Jacob, Chaplains); St Matthew's Ashburton (Kurian Peter);

Church congregations as they stay connected without regular services of public worship during the coronavirus pandemic.

AUSTRALIA & NEW ZEALAND

Those still recovering from the floods and fires. All who have lost their livelihood due to the Coronavirus. Families, healthcare workers, emergency workers in these uncertain times.

THE WORLD

Containment of the coronavirus pandemic, those suffering and the medical staff

A peaceful solution to the tensions in the Gulf Region and in particular Syria

The Asylum Seekers on Manus Island

THE ASCENSION COMMUNITY

Each other and God's presence in the events of the week

Those in special need of prayer: *Muriel Paterson, Yolanda Chan, Helen Daniels, Peggy Horman, Estelle Carman, Jean (& Alan) Close, Carole, Joanne, Nelson, Pauline Le Riche, Paul Maharaj, Graeme Floage (& Lisa), Glenys and Brian Howell, Ethel Lloyd, Elaine Cairns, Elizabeth O'Shannessy, Barbara Stark, Rosemary Roach, Graeme Munday, Cath Ortlieb, others known to us*

Those working in healthcare and aged care:

Lyndall Slaney - Disabilities Carer

Lois Ritchie - Aged Care Worker

Angeline Thiagarajah - Doctor, Monash Hospital

Janet Hemphill - Aged Care Nurse

Sandy Blease - Aged Care Nurse

Kym Le Riche - Personal Aged Care Assistant

Christine Youings - Medical Scientist Pathology

Darren Mansfield - Intensive Care Respiratory Specialist, Monash Health

Chloe Bedlow - National Manager, Seniors Living at Mercy Health

Cathryn Youings - Intern at St Vincents Hospital

Frances Harrison - Aged Care Nurse

Those at the Peter James Centre and Burwood Lodge

Ourselves - as we stay connected through the power of the Holy Spirit in love and prayer

One of the values in becoming familiar with the Psalms is that they gradually become our own prayers.

When we meditate on the psalms with some regularity, we find they express our own feelings.

(From "Taste and See" by William O Paulsell)



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*We acknowledge the traditional custodians of this land, the Wurundjeri people of the Kulin nation.
We pay our respects to their elders, past, present, and emerging.*

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Pew sheet: Please send all items for inclusion in next week's pewsheets to Ron McKenzie by 5:00p.m. Thursday evening (r.mckenzie@novatechsolutions.com.au.)

Baptism, Marriage & funerals by arrangement

Weekly services & activities

Due to our current circumstances we conduct our weekly services in our own homes.

Monday - Sunday

9:30am Morning Prayer

5:00pm Evening Prayer

Commitment to Child Safety: At the Church of the Ascension we follow Christ in being a caring Church welcoming of all, extending his love and invitation of new life.

In ministry to children, young people and vulnerable adults we are committed to providing an environment that is physically, emotionally and spiritually safe and supportive. This includes a culture of child-safety and of inclusivity for people of cultural and/or linguistically diverse backgrounds, people of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander background, people with disability or any other specific group.