
ANGLICAN CHURCH *of the* ASCENSION

2nd AUGUST 2020

NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

EAST BURWOOD



“Seeking God, Serving with love, Sharing hope”

Welcome to Church

Sentence for Today

The Lord is near to all who call on him in truth. He fulfils the desire of all that fear him, hears their cry, and saves them. Psalm 145.18-19



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 111 "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation;
O my soul, praise him, for he is your health and salvation.
Come all who hear,
brothers and sisters draw near,
praise him in glad adoration.

Praise to the Lord who in all things is wondrously reigning
and, as on wings of an eagle, uplifting, sustaining:
have you not seen
all that is needed has been
sent by his gracious ordaining?

Praise to the Lord, who will prosper our work and defend us;
surely his goodness and mercy shall daily attend us:
ponder anew
what the Almighty can do
as with his love he befriends us.

Praise to the Lord, who when darkness of sin is abounding,
who, when the godless do triumph, our best hopes confounding,
sheds forth his light,
scatters the horrors of night,
saints with his mercy surrounding.

Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him!
All that has life and breath, come now with praises before him.
Let the Amen
sound from his people again:
gladly for ever adore him.

Joachim Neander 1650-80 tr. Catherine Winkworth 1827-78 and others.

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.

The Two Great Commandments:

'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.'

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:

O God,
with whom we wrestle until the break of day:
make us long to seek your face beyond the limits of our strength,
that in our wounds we may remember you,
and in your blessing we may find ourselves;
through Jesus Christ. **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: Genesis 32.22-31

The same night he got up and took his two wives, his two maids, and his eleven children, and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. He took them and sent them across the stream, and likewise everything that he had. Jacob was left alone; and a man wrestled with him until daybreak. When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he struck him on the hip socket; and Jacob's hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him. Then he said, 'Let me go, for the day is breaking.' But Jacob said, 'I will not let you go, unless you bless me.' So he said to him, 'What is your name?' And he said, 'Jacob.' Then the man said, 'You shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with humans, and have prevailed.' Then Jacob asked him, 'Please tell me your name.' But he said, 'Why is it that you ask my name?' And there he blessed him. So Jacob called the place Peniel, saying, 'For I have seen God face to face, and yet my life is preserved.' The sun rose upon him as he passed Peniel, limping because of his hip.

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

Psalm 17.1-7, 16

Hear my just cause, O Lord, give heed to my cry:
listen to my prayer, that comes from no lying lips.
Let judgement for me come forth from your presence:
and let your eyes discern the right.
Though you search my heart,
and visit me in the night-time:
though you try me by fire,
you will find no wickedness in me.
My mouth does not transgress, like the mouth of others:
for I have kept the word of your lips.
My steps have held firm in the way of your commands:
and my feet have not stumbled from your paths.
I call upon you, O God, for you will surely answer:
incline your ear to me, and hear my words.
Show me the wonders of your steadfast love,
O saviour of those who come to you for refuge:

**who by your right hand deliver them
from those that rise up against them.
And I also shall see your face, because my cause is just:
when I awake and see you as you are, I shall be satisfied.**

The second reading: Romans 9.1-8

I am speaking the truth in Christ—I am not lying; my conscience confirms it by the Holy Spirit—I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. For I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my own people, my kindred according to the flesh. They are Israelites, and to them belong the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises; to them belong the patriarchs, and from them, according to the flesh, comes the Messiah, who is over all, God blessed for ever. Amen. It is not as though the word of God had failed. For not all Israelites truly belong to Israel, and not all of Abraham's children are his true descendants; but 'It is through Isaac that descendants shall be named after you.' This means that it is not the children of the flesh who are the children of God, but the children of the promise are counted as descendants.

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

Gradual hymn: TiS 429 "Break now the bread of life"

**Break now the bread of life,
dear Lord, to me,
as once you broke the loaves
beside the sea;
beyond the sacred page
I seek you, Lord,
my spirit longs for you,
O living Word.**

**Bless your own truth, dear Lord,
to me, to me
as when you blessed the bread
by Galilee;
then shall all bondage cease,
all shackles fall,
and I shall find my peace,
my all in all.**

Mary Artemisia Lathbury 1841-1913 alt.

The Gospel reading:

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

The gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ,
according to Matthew, chapter 14 beginning at verse 13

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Now when Jesus heard this, he withdrew from there in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them and cured their sick. When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, 'This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves.' Jesus said to them, 'They need not go away; you give them something to eat.' They replied, 'We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish.' And he said, 'Bring them here to me.' Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. And all ate and were filled; and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

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.**

The Prayers of the People:

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:

God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy, welcoming sinners and inviting them to the Lord's table.

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

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 560 "All my hope on God is founded"

1. All my hope on God is founded
who does still my trust renew;
through all change and chance God
guides me,
only good and only true.
Love unknown, God's alone,
calls my heart to be God's own.

2. Human pride and earthly glory,
sword and crown, betray all trust;
what our care and toil establish,
tower and temple, fall to dust,
but God's power, hour by hour,
is my temple and my tower.

3. God's great goodness reigns
eternal,
deep in wisdom, passing thought;
light and life are all God's splendour

bringing beauty out of naught.
Evermore from God's store
newborn worlds rise and adore.

4. Daily does Almighty Giver
bounteous gifts on us bestow,
God's desire our soul delighting,
pleasure leading where we go.
Love will stand at God's hand;
joy will wait on God's command.

5. Still from earth to God eternal
sacrifice of praise be done,
high above all praises praising
for the gift of Christ, the Son.
Hear Christ call one and all:
you that follow shall not fall.

Robert S. Bridges (1844–1930).

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 602 "O Love that wilt not let me go"

O Love that wilt not let me go,
I rest my weary soul in thee:
I give thee back the life I owe,
that in thine ocean depths its flow
may richer, fuller be.

O Light that followest all my way,
I yield my flickering torch to thee:
my heart restores its borrowed ray,
that in thy sunshine's blaze its day
may brighter, fairer be.

O Joy that seekest me through pain,
I cannot close my heart to thee:
I trace the rainbow through the rain,
and feel the promise is not vain,
that morn shall tearless be.

O Cross that liftest up my head,
I dare not ask to fly from thee:
I lay in dust life's glory dead,
and from the ground there blossoms red
life that shall endless be.

George Matheson 1842-1906

Prayer after Communion:

Father of all
we give you thanks and praise
that when we were still far off
you met us in your Son and brought us home.
Dying and living, he declared your love,
gave us grace, and opened the gate of glory.
May we who share Christ's body live his risen life;
we who drink his cup bring life to others;
we whom the Spirit lights give light to the world.

Keep us in this hope that we have grasped:
so we and all your people will be free,
and the whole earth live to praise your name.

Notices

The Blessing:

The peace of God which passes all understanding keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord; 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 138 “Eternal Father, strong to save”

**Eternal Father, strong to save,
whose arm hast bound the restless wave,
who bidst the mighty ocean deep
its own appointed limits keep:
O hear us when we cry to thee
for those in peril on the sea.**

**O Christ, whose voice the waters heard
and hushed their raging at thy word,
who walkedst on the foaming deep,
and calm amid the storm didst keep:
O hear us when we cry to thee
for those in peril on the sea.**

**O Holy Spirit, who didst brood
upon the waters dark and rude,
and bid their angry tumult cease,
and give for wild confusion, peace:
O hear us when we cry to thee
for those in peril on the sea.**

**O Trinity of love and power,
our people shield in danger's hour
from rock and tempest, fire and foe,
guard them wherever they may go:
thus evermore shall rise to thee
glad hymns of praise from land and sea.**

William Whiting 1825-78 alt.

Dismissal

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

*Service ©1995 by the Anglican Church of Australia Trust Corporation. Used by permission.
This text may be reproduced for use in worship in the Anglican Church of Australia.
Hymns reproduced with permission under license A-613501 “Onelicense”*

NOTICES

COVID-19:

Due to current health safety restrictions, we are unable to gather in our church space for the time being. 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 gather once more as the body of Christ here at the Church of the Ascension.

News and views on faith from Australia and around the world brought to you by *The Melbourne Anglican*

This week's NewsStand is now live on *TMA's* website, using the link

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

In this week's edition:

- Anglicare planning recruitment drive to help people through COVID-19
- Archbishop of Canterbury's handling of abuse case under investigation
- Chaplains increasingly on the front lines of America's protest movements
- Livestream concert this weekend aims to raise money for bushfire victims
- Thinking about senior ministry
- and much more...

SAINTS AND HOLY MEN AND WOMEN FOR THIS WEEK

Monday	STEPHEN, DEACON AND MARTYR
Tuesday	John Baptist Vianney, parish priest (Ars, France; d.1895)
Wednesday	Oswald, king and martyr (d. 642)
Saturday	Dominic, priest and friar (d. 1221)

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Wednesday:

Jeremiah 31.1-7
Psalm 72.15-21
Matthew 15.21-28

Next Sunday: Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

Genesis 37.1-4, 37.12-28
Psalm 105.1-6, 105.16-22
Romans 10.4-15
Matthew 14.22-36

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

Sun 2 Pray for the new Province of Alexandria; Diocese of Perth (Abp Kay Goldsworthy, Asst Bps Jeremy James, Kate Wilmot, Clergy and People); Mentone Grammar School (Mal Cater, Principal; Andrew Stewart, Michael Prabakaran, Chaplains); St Philip's Collingwood (John Raike); Anglican Parish of Upwey/Belgrave – Pastoral Visit (Bp Paul Barker);

Mon 3 Diocese of Riverina (Bp Donald Kirk, Clergy & People); Anglican Media (Emma Halgren, Interim Manager); St Andrew's Corio – Norlane (David Milford);

Tue 4 Diocese of Rockhampton (Bp-elect Peter Grice, Clergy & People); Anglican Men's Society; Redemption Church Craigieburn (Akhil Gardner); Meeting with Archdeaconry of Williamstown (Abp Philip Freier);

Wed 5 Diocese of Sydney (Abp Glenn Davies, Regional Bps Chris Edwards, Michael Stead, Peter Hayward, Peter Lin, Malcolm Richards, Gary Koo, Clergy & People); Parish of St John's, Cranbourne w. Christ Church, Tooradin (Samuel Bleby);

Thu 6 Diocese of Tasmania (Bp Richard Condie, Missioner Bp Chris Jones, Clergy & People); Overnewton Anglican Community College (James Laussen, Principal; Helen Dwyer, Robert Koren, Chaplains); St John the Divine Croydon (John Webster);
Fri 7 Diocese of The Murray (Bp Keith Dalby, Clergy & People); Defence Force Chaplains; Church of the New Guinea Martyrs Croydon South (Bruce Bickerdike, James Raistrick);
Sat 8 Diocese of The Northern Territory (Bp Greg Anderson, Clergy & People); Archdeaconry of Maroondah (Gail Pinchbeck); Parish of Croydon Hills & Wonga Park (Leroy Coote);
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 Hong Kong, 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, 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, Elizabeth O'Shannessy, Barbara Stark, Rosemary Roach, Graeme Munday, Brittany Lee, Cath Ortlieb, Liang, Lyle (& Jan) Mansfield, Dave (& Joy) Richie, Ray, Liz & Ishani (friends of Ruth), 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

The residents and staff at Peter James Centre and Burwood Lodge

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

**When you get whacked with a problem,
open yourself to a deeper relationship to the Lord.**

**Don't focus on the problem
but on the Lord's presence and power.
(From "Let God Love You" by Lloyd Ogilvie)**



378 Blackburn Road, Burwood East, 3151

*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.*

PRIEST in CHARGE: Fr. Anthony Frost **Phone:** 0409 012 543

PARISH WEB ADDRESS: www.ascensionchurch.org.au

FACEBOOK Please visit and  www.facebook.com/AscensionBurwoodEast

Email: office@ascensionchurch.org.au

Pastoral Care contact: Fr Anthony

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.