

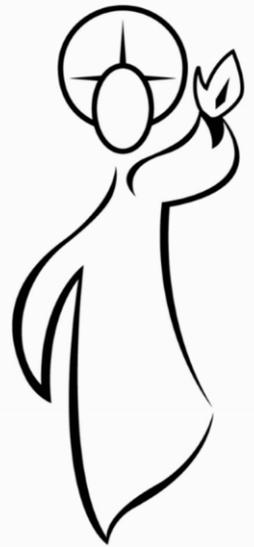
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4<sup>th</sup> April 2021  
Easter Vigil

EAST BURWOOD



***NEW FIRE,  
VIGIL AND THE  
FIRST EUCHARIST OF  
EASTER***

*Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us;  
therefore let us keep the feast.*

*The Lord is risen indeed, alleluia! 1 Corinthians 5.7–8*

## **The Great Vigil consists of four parts:**

### **A Service of Light**

*The service begins in the darkness of night. We kindle a new fire to drive away the darkness and from the fire we light a large candle, called the Paschal Candle. The Paschal Candle signifies the pillar of fire in the Old Testament which led the procession of the Old Israel through the wilderness, but which is now fulfilled in Christ, who is himself our guide and Light of the World. Through the use of fire, candles, words, movement, and music, the worshiping community becomes the pilgrim people of God following the “pillar of fire” given to us in Jesus Christ, the light shining in the darkness. The paschal candle is used throughout the service as a symbol for Jesus Christ.*

*As the Paschal Candle is carried into the church the deacon sings, ‘The light of Christ,’ and we respond, ‘Thanks be to God.’ From that candle the church is filled with light. Then a cantor sings the ancient hymn known as the Exsultet, which praises God for this night in which the people of Israel were delivered from Egypt, in which Christ rose from the dead, and in which we are baptised into his death and resurrection.*

### **Ministry of the Word**

*The second part of the vigil consists of a series of readings from the Old and New Testaments. These lessons provide a panoramic view of what God has done for humanity. We are reminded of our delivery from bondage in the exodus, of God’s calling us to faithfulness through the cry of the prophets, of God dwelling among us in Jesus Christ, and of Christ’s rising in victory from the tomb. The readings thus retell our “holy history” as God’s children, summarising the faith into which we are baptised, and reaffirming our identity as the People of God, the Body of Christ.*

### **Renewal of Baptism Promises**

*This part of the liturgy is celebrated at the font. In the earliest years of the Christian church, baptisms commonly took place at the vigil. So this vigil includes baptism and/or the renewal of the baptismal covenant. As with the natural symbol of light, water plays a critical role in the vigil. The image of water giving life, nurturing crops, sustaining life, and cleansing our bodies—cannot be missed in this part of the vigil. Nor is the ability of water to inflict death in drowning overlooked. Water brings both life and death. So also there is death and life in Baptism, for in Baptism we die to sin and are raised to life. Baptism unites believers to Christ’s death and resurrection.*

### **Celebration of the Easter Eucharist**

*The vigil climaxes in a joyous celebration of the feast of the people of God. The risen Lord invites all to participate in the new life he brings by sharing the feast which he has prepared. We thus look forward to the great Messianic feast of the kingdom of God when the redeemed from every time and place “will come from east and west, and from north and south, and sit at table in the kingdom of God” (Luke 13:29). This is the Eucharist of the year, the one of which all our other Eucharists are repetitions. In sign and sacrament, holy story and song, the dying and rising of Jesus in the midst of the people is once again enacted. Sharing in the holy Gifts of the altar we find ourselves made one with Christ and rejoice in this foretaste of the glory of God’s kingdom, celebrating what God has done, is doing, and will do.*

## **THE GREAT VIGIL OF EASTER**

*In the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.*

### **THE SERVICE OF LIGHT**

*In darkness, fire is kindled.*

Dear friends in Christ, on this most holy night, when our Lord Jesus Christ passed from death to life, the Church invites believers throughout the world to come together in vigil and prayer.

This is the Passover of the Lamb, Jesus Christ.

We remember his death and celebrate His resurrection confident that we shall share his victory and live with him for ever in God.

### **THE BLESSING OF THE NEW FIRE**

Lord of all creation,  
we thank you for the gift of fire  
in which you revealed your name to Moses,  
answered the prayer of Elijah,  
and came upon your church at Pentecost:

Bless this new fire to be for us a sign of your presence,  
that, set aflame with the fire of your love,  
we may come to the feast of everlasting  
light, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*Taking the Paschal candle, Fr. Anthony traces a cross on it and marks the Greek letters Alpha and Omega and the four numbers of the current year, symbolising Christ's Lordship of all the ages, saying:*

Christ yesterday and today, the Beginning and the End, Alpha and Omega;  
all time belongs to him and all the ages.

To him be glory and power through every age and for ever. **Amen.**

*Placing five nails at the extremities and centre of the cross, representing the "five wounds" of Christ, Fr. Anthony says:*

By his holy and glorious wounds, may Christ the Lord guard us and keep us.  
**Amen.**

*The Paschal candle is lit from the new fire and Fr. Anthony says*

May the light of Christ, rising in glory,  
dispel the darkness of our hearts and minds.

*The Paschal candle is lifted high*

The light of Christ.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Everyone's candles are lit. The Paschal candle is carried into the church building, and we follow. Each time the procession pauses, the minister sings:*

The light of Christ.

**Thanks be to God.**

***The Exsultet** – This congregational version of the long and glorious ancient proclamation, uses every image and symbol imaginable to speak of the reality of the redemption, freedom, light, deliverance and joy.*

*We sing together:*

**Sing choirs of heaven! Let saints and angels sing!  
Around God's throne exult in harmony!  
Now Jesus Christ is risen from the grave!  
Salute your king in glorious symphony!**

**Sing choirs of earth! Behold your light has come!  
The glory of the Lord shines radiantly!  
Lift up your hearts, for Christ has conquered death!  
The night is past; the day of light is here!**

**Sing Church of God! Exalt with joy outpoured!  
The gospel trumpets tell of victory won!  
Your Saviour lives: he's with you evermore!  
Let all God's people shout the loud Amen!**

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.**

For this is the Passover feast when Christ the true Lamb of God is slain,  
whose blood consecrates the homes of all the faithful.  
**Glory to you for ever.**

This is the night when you first saved our ancestors,  
freeing Israel from her slavery, and leading her safely through the sea.  
**Glory to you for ever.**

This is the night when Jesus Christ vanquished hell,  
broke the chains of death and rose triumphant from the grave.  
**Glory to you for ever.**

This is the night when all who believe in him are freed from sin,  
restored to grace and holiness, and share the victory of Christ.  
**Glory to you for ever.**

This is the night that gave us back what we had lost;  
beyond our deepest dreams you made even our sin a happy fault.  
**Glory to you for ever.**

Most blessed of all nights,  
Evil and hatred are put to flight and sin is washed away,  
Lost innocence regained, and mourning turned to joy.  
**Glory to you for ever.**

Night truly blessed when hatred is cast out,  
peace and justice find a home, and heaven is joined to earth,  
and all creation reconciled to you.  
**Glory to you for ever.**

Therefore, heavenly Father, in this our Easter joy,  
accept our sacrifice of praise, your Church's solemn offering  
Grant that this Easter candle may make our darkness light.

**Glory to you for ever.**

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*The congregation sings:*

**Sing choirs of heaven! Let saints and angels sing!  
Now Jesus Christ is risen from the grave!  
Christ's light of peace is over all the world!  
He lives and reigns for all eternity.**

Charles Wesley ,1707-88 *alt*

***The ministry of the Word:***

Dear friends in Christ, let us now listen attentively to the word of God,  
recalling how God saved humanity throughout history and,  
in the fullness of me, sent Jesus Christ to be our redeemer.

***Lesson 1: Genesis 1: 1 - 2: 4a***

*Psalm Prayer Response:*

**God of creation,  
you created all things  
in wonderful beauty and order.  
Help us now to perceive  
how still more wonderful is the new creation,  
by which in the fullness of time  
you redeemed your people  
through the sacrifice of Jesus Christ, our Paschal Lamb,  
who lives and reigns for ever and ever. Amen.**

***Lesson 2: Genesis 7.1 - 5, 11 - 18; 8. 6 - 18; 9. 8 - 13***

*Psalm Prayer Response:*

**God of all faithfulness,  
you have placed the rainbow in the skies  
as the sign of your covenant with all living things.  
May we who are saved through water and the Spirit,  
worthily offer to you our sacrifice of thanksgiving;  
through Jesus Christ, our Paschal Lamb,  
who lives and reigns for ever and ever. Amen.**

***Lesson 3: Exodus 14. 10 - 31; 15. 20 - 21***

*Psalm Prayer Response:*

**God of freedom,  
by the power of your mighty arm  
you once delivered your chosen people  
through the waters of the Red Sea,  
and gave us a sign of our salvation  
through the waters of baptism.  
Grant that all the peoples of the earth  
may rejoice with Miriam and Moses in your saving work;  
through Jesus Christ, our Paschal Lamb,  
who lives and reigns for ever and ever. Amen.**

**Lesson 4: Ezekiel 36. 24 - 28**

*Psalm Prayer Response:*

**God of transformation,  
in the paschal mystery you established  
the new covenant of reconciliation.  
Give us a new heart and a new spirit,  
that we may show forth in our lives  
what we profess by our faith;  
through Jesus Christ, our Paschal Lamb,  
who lives and reigns for ever and ever. Amen.**

**Lesson 5: Zephaniah 3: 14 - 20**

*Psalm Prayer Response:*

**O God of unchangeable power and eternal light,  
look favourably on your whole Church,  
that wonderful and sacred ministry.  
By the effectual working of your providence,  
carry out in tranquillity the plan of salvation,  
Let the whole world see and know  
that things which were cast down are being raised up,  
and that things which had grown old are being made new,  
and that all things are being brought to their perfection;  
through Jesus Christ, our Paschal Lamb,  
who lives and reigns for ever and ever. Amen.**

Let the whole of creation sing God's praises!

*Candles are extinguished, the organ sounds, bells are rung joyfully,  
and the building is fully illuminated. We stand and sing...*

**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:***

Let us pray that we may live Christ's risen life:

Glorious Lord of life,  
by the mighty resurrection of your Son  
you overcame the old order of sin and death  
to make all things new in him:  
grant that we,  
who celebrate with joy Christ's rising from the dead  
may be raised from the death of sin  
to the life of righteousness;  
through him who lives and reigns with you  
and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

### ***The ministry of the Word:***

#### ***The reading: Romans 6. 3-11***

Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life. For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, and we might no longer be enslaved to sin. For whoever has died is freed from sin. But if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. The death he died, he died to sin, once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

For the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

#### ***Gradual hymn: TiS 370 "Christ the Lord is risen today"***

**Christ the Lord is risen today:**

***Hallelujah!***

**Let the whole creation say:**

***Hallelujah!***

**Raise your joys and triumphs high:**

***Hallelujah!***

**Sing now, heaven, and earth reply:**

***Hallelujah!***

**Love's redeeming work is done;  
fought the fight, the battle won;  
vain the stone, the watch, the seal:  
Christ has burst the gates of hell.**

**Lives again our glorious king;  
where, O death, is now your sting?  
Once he died our souls to save;  
where your victory, O grave?**

### ***The Gospel reading:***

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

The gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
according to Luke, chapter 24, beginning at verse 1.

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

But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, they came to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared. They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they went in, they did not find the body. While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them. The women were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, 'Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen. Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, that the Son of Man must be handed over to sinners, and be crucified, and on the third day rise again.' Then they remembered his words, and returning from the tomb, they told all this to the eleven and to all the rest. Now it was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them who told this to the apostles. But these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. But Peter got up and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; then he went home, amazed at what had happened.

For the gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

**Soar we now where Christ has led,  
following our exalted Head;  
made like him, like him we rise:  
ours the cross, the grave, the skies.**

Charles Wesley 1707-88 *alt.*

### ***The Sermon***

***Renewal of Baptismal Vows: Please stand.***

*Water is poured into the font*

**The Lord be with you.**

And also with you.

We give you thanks, God our Creator, that, at the beginning of time, your Holy Spirit moved upon the waters to bring forth light and life. With water you cleanse and replenish the earth; you nourish and sustain all living things.

**Thanks be to God.**

We give you thanks that through the waters of the Red Sea you led your people out of slavery into freedom, and brought them through the River Jordan to new life in the land of promise.

**Thanks be to God.**

We give you thanks for your Son Jesus Christ: for his baptism by John, for his anointing with the Holy Spirit.

**Thanks be to God.**

We give you thanks that through the deep waters of death, Jesus delivered us from our sins and was raised to new life in triumph.

**Thanks be to God.**

We give you thanks for the grace of the Holy Spirit who forms us in the likeness of Christ and leads us to proclaim your kingdom.

**Thanks be to God.**

And now we give you thanks that we are made one with Christ in his death and resurrection.

Pour out your blessing + upon this water that it may be a sign of our dying and rising to new life with you, Christ our Lord.

May we live in your power, faithful to our calling, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. **Amen.**

Dear friends, through the paschal mystery we have been buried with Christ in his baptism, so that we may rise with him to new life.

Now that our Lenten observance is ended,  
Let us each affirm the promises we made in baptism.

Do you turn to Christ?

**We turn to Christ.**

Do you repent of your sins?

**We repent of my sins.**

Do you reject selfish living, and all that is false and unjust?

**We reject them all.**

Do you renounce Satan and that is evil?

**We renounce all that is evil.**

I ask you now to make the profession of Christian faith into which you were baptised and in which you live and grow.

Do you believe in God the Father?

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth**

Do you believe in God the Son?

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our  
Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose from the dead;  
he ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the  
Father; from there he will come to judge  
the living and the dead.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,**

**the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

This is the faith of the Church.

**This is our faith.  
We believe in one God:  
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.**

God our creator, Rock of our salvation, has given us new birth by water and the Spirit, and forgiven our sins through Jesus Christ our Lord. May God keep us faithful to our calling now and for ever. **Amen.**

*Fr. Anthony sprinkles baptismal water over the congregation, reminding them of their own baptisms.*

***The Greeting of Peace:***

Christ is risen. Alleluia!  
**He is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

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

***Offertory hymn: TiS 367 "The strife is past, the battle done"***

**The strife is past, the battle done;  
now is the victor's triumph won;  
now let the song of praise be sung:  
*Alleluia!***

**Death's mightiest powers have done their worst,  
and Jesus has his foes dispersed;  
let shouts of praise and joy outburst:  
*Alleluia!***

**On the third day he rose again  
glorious in majesty to reign;  
let us take up the great refrain:  
*Alleluia!***

**He closed the frowning gates of hell;  
the bars from heaven's high portals fell;  
let hymns of praise his triumph tell:  
*Alleluia!***

**Now by your stripes, our wounded King,  
your servants free from death's dread sting,  
that we may live in you, and sing  
*Alleluia!***

Anon., Latin, in *Symphonia Sirenum Selectarum*, Cologne, 1695 tr. Francis Pott 1832-1909 *alt.*

***Prayer over the gifts:***

Creator God,  
give us a heart for simple things,  
created through your goodness:  
love and laughter, bread and wine, tales and dreams.

Fill our lives with green and growing hope,  
ready to share your gifts.  
Make us a people of justice,  
whose song is Allelujah and whose name  
breathes love. **Amen.**

***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.

And now we give you thanks that you raised him to life triumphant,  
and exalted him in glory.

By his victory over death,  
the reign of sin is ended,  
a new day has dawned,  
a broken world is restored  
and we are made whole once more.

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.**

The Risen Christ is in our midst, so with Christ we say:

**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:***

Alleluia!  
Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.  
Come, let us celebrate the feast.  
Away with sin and sorrow.  
Draw near with faith, to feed on Christ in your hearts with thanksgiving.  
**Alleluia!**

***The Communion***

*We welcome all who are baptised in the Christian Church  
to take communion with us.*

***Post communion hymn: "Alleluia, Alleluia, give thanks to the Risen Lord"***

***Refrain: Alleluia, Alleluia, give thanks to the risen Lord.  
Alleluia, alleluia, give praise to His name.***

**Jesus is Lord of all the earth;  
he is the King of creation. Refrain**

**Spread the good news o'er all the earth:  
Jesus has died and has risen. Refrain**

**God has proclaimed his gracious gift:  
New life for all. Alleluia! Refrain**

*TIS 390 Donald e. Fisher 1950-*

***Prayer after Communion:***

Living God,  
make us apostles of the risen Christ.  
Give us joyful hearts, words of hope,  
and grace to recognize the Lord Jesus when he meets us,  
wherever we are on the road.  
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.**

***Blessing of the Easter Eggs***

***Blessing***

The blessing of the Living God, who brings light out of darkness,  
be upon you now and for ever. **Amen.**

The blessing of the risen Christ, who sends you as apostles into all the  
world, be upon you now and for ever. **Amen.**

The blessing of the Holy Spirit, who fills the church with joy and praise, be upon you now and for ever. **Amen.**

The blessing of our God, the holy and glorious Trinity, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you now, and for ever. **Amen.**

**Final Hymn:**

**Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son,  
endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won;  
angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away,  
kept the folded grave-clothes, where thy body lay.**

*Refrain: Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son,  
endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won.*

**Lo, 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 her Lord is living, death has lost its sting. Refrain**

**No more we doubt thee, glorious Prince of life;  
life is nought without thee: aid us in our strife;  
make us more than conquerors, through thy deathless love:  
bring us safe through Jordan to thy home above. Refrain.**

Tis 380 Edmond Loise Bubry 1854-1932 tr. Richard Birch Hoyle 1875-1939

**Dismissal**

Go in the peace of Christ. Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

***A BLESSED, HOLY AND SAFE EASTER***

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**WELCOME TO CHURCH.** . . We are delighted that you are worshipping with us today, please take Communion, whatever your denomination and come and worship with us again. If you are visiting, please make yourself known to Fr. Anthony or to one of our welcomers following the service and do stay for a cuppa and chat!

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## SCRIPTURE READINGS

### Wednesday:

Acts 3.1-10  
Psalm 105.1-7  
Luke 24.13-35

### Next Sunday: Second Sunday of Easter

Acts 4.32-37  
Psalm 133  
1 John 1.1-2.2  
John 20.19-31

## WE THANK GOD FOR HIS MANY BLESSINGS, LET US PRAY EACH DAY FOR

### THE CHURCH

*Easter Day 4:* Pray for the peace of Jerusalem; The Diocese of Bunbury (Bp Ian Coutts, Clergy & People); Ecumenical Affairs Committee; Christ Church Melton (Neil Taylor, Ruth Li); St Paul's Cathedral – Easter Sunday Service (Abp Philip Freier); St Matthews Wheelers Hill – Easter Sunday Service (Bp Paul Barker); St Mary's Camberwell South – Easter Sunday Service (Bp Genieve Blackwell); Anglican Parish of St George, Queenscliff and St James Point Cook – Easter Sunday Service (Bp Kate Prowd).

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### THE CHURCH

#### AUSTRALIA & NEW ZEALAND

All who have lost their livelihood due to the Coronavirus and those affected by rain and recent floods. Families, healthcare workers, emergency workers in these uncertain times.

#### THE WORLD

Containment of the coronavirus pandemic, those suffering and the medical staff.  
A compassionate outcome for Asylum Seekers on Manus & Christmas Islands, and Nauru.  
Peace, justice, and healing for the people of Myanmar and the Philippines.

#### THE ASCENSION COMMUNITY

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

Those in special need of prayer: *Helen Daniels, Peggy Horman, Estelle Carman (and daughter Sue), Jean (& Alan) Close, Carole, Pauline Le Riche (Kym's sister), Glenys and Brian Howell, Ethel Lloyd, Barbara Stark, Cath Ortlieb, Lyle Mansfield, Julie Munday, Rose Joseph, Marie Cleaver (Judithe's friend), Gerry Wheeler (and Jan), Geoffrey (Josh's father), and others known to us.*

Those at the Peter James Centre and Burwood Lodge

Those working in Health and Aged Care settings

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

**Adoration sets the tone for the entire prayer.**

**It reminds us Whom we are addressing,**

**Whose presence we have entered,**

**Whose attention we have gained.**

*from "To busy not to pray" by Bill Hybels*

### ROSTERS:

**Welcomers**

**Reader**

**Servers**

**Morning Tea**

**Music**

**Flowers**

Ros Smith

Christine Youings

Sue Tregear, Natalie Ortlieb, Christine Youings & Ron McKenzie

Robin & Michael Jellis

Peter Bedlow

Cheryl Hall



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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](mailto:r.mckenzie@novatechsolutions.com.au).)

*Baptism, Marriage & funerals by arrangement*

**Weekly services**

<b>Sunday</b>	8:00am Eucharist 9:30am Eucharist 'Godzone' children's program during 9.30 am service (during school term)
<b>Tuesday</b>	<i>Fr Anthony's day of rest!</i>
<b>Wednesday</b>	10:00am Eucharist
<b>Friday</b>	10:00am – Noon. Drop-in for coffee and chat.

**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.

We have a zero tolerance approach to Child abuse or abuse of vulnerable people.

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.

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