
ANGLICAN CHURCH *of the* ASCENSION

23rd AUGUST 2020

TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

EAST BURWOOD



“Seeking God, Serving with love, Sharing hope”

Welcome to Church

Sentence for Today

Jesus said to them, ‘Who do you say that I am?’ Simon Peter answered, ‘You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.’ Matthew 16.15–16



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 674 *"Inspired by love and anger"*

Inspired by love and anger, disturbed by need and pain,
Informed of God's own bias we ask him once again:
"How long must some folk suffer? How long can few folk mind?
How long dare vain self interest turn prayer and pity blind?"

From those forever victims of heartless human greed,
Their cruel plight composes a litany of need:
"Where are the fruits of justice? Where are the signs of peace?
When is the day when prisoners and dreams find their release?"

From those forever shackled to what their wealth can buy,
The fear of lost advantage provokes the bitter cry,
"Don't query our position! Don't criticise our wealth!
Don't mention those exploited by politics and stealth!"

To God, who through the prophets proclaimed a different age,
We offer earth's indifference, its agony and rage:
"When will the wronged be righted? When will the kingdom come?
When will the world be generous to all instead of some?"

God asks, "Who will go for me? Who will extend my reach?
And who, when few will listen, will prophesy and preach?
And who, when few bid welcome, will offer all they know?
And who, when few dare follow, will walk the road I show?"

John L. Bell. 1949- and Graham Maule 1958-

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, fount of all wisdom,
in the humble witness of the apostle Peter
you have shown the foundation of our faith:
give us the light of your Spirit,
that, recognising in Jesus of Nazareth the Son of the living God,
we may be living stones for the building up of your holy Church;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
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 1.8-2.10

Now a new king arose over Egypt, who did not know Joseph. He said to his people, 'Look, the Israelite people are more numerous and more powerful than we. Come, let us deal shrewdly with them, or they will increase and, in the event of war, join our enemies and fight against us and escape from the land.' Therefore they set taskmasters over them to oppress them with forced labour. They built supply cities, Pithom and Rameses, for Pharaoh. But the more they were oppressed, the more they multiplied and spread, so that the Egyptians came to dread the Israelites. The Egyptians became ruthless in imposing tasks on the Israelites, and made their lives bitter with hard service in mortar and brick and in every kind of field labour. They were ruthless in all the tasks that they imposed on them. The king of Egypt said to the Hebrew midwives, one of whom was named Shiphrah and the other Puah, 'When you act as midwives to the Hebrew women, and see them on the birthstool, if it is a boy, kill him; but if it is a girl, she shall live.' But the midwives feared God; they did not do as the king of Egypt commanded them, but they let the boys live. So the king of Egypt summoned the midwives and said to them, 'Why have you done this, and allowed the boys to live?' The midwives said to Pharaoh, 'Because the Hebrew women are not like the Egyptian women; for they are vigorous and give birth before the midwife comes to them.' So God dealt well with the midwives; and the people multiplied and became very strong. And because the midwives feared God, he gave them families. Then Pharaoh commanded all his people, 'Every boy that is born to the Hebrews you shall throw into the Nile, but you shall let every girl live.' Now a man from the house of Levi went and married a Levite woman. The woman conceived and bore a son; and when she saw that he was a fine baby, she hid him for three months. When she could hide him no longer she got a papyrus basket for him, and plastered it with bitumen and pitch; she put the child in it and placed it among the reeds on the bank of the river. His sister stood at a distance, to see what would happen to him. The daughter of Pharaoh came down to bathe at the river, while her attendants walked beside the river. She saw the basket among the reeds and sent her maid to bring it. When she opened it, she saw the child. He was crying, and she took pity on him. 'This must be one of the Hebrews'

children,’ she said. Then his sister said to Pharaoh’s daughter, ‘Shall I go and get you a nurse from the Hebrew women to nurse the child for you?’ Pharaoh’s daughter said to her, ‘Yes.’ So the girl went and called the child’s mother. Pharaoh’s daughter said to her, ‘Take this child and nurse it for me, and I will give you your wages.’ So the woman took the child and nursed it. When the child grew up, she brought him to Pharaoh’s daughter, and she took him as her son. She named him Moses, ‘because’, she said, ‘I drew him out of the water.’

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

Psalm 124

**If the Lord had not been on our side,
now may Israel say:
if the Lord had not been on our side,
when our enemies rose against us,
Then they would have swallowed us alive:
when their anger was kindled against us.
Then the waters would have overwhelmed us,
and the torrent gone over us:
the raging waters would have gone clean over us.
But praised be the Lord:
who has not given us as a prey to their teeth.
We have escaped like a bird from the snare of the fowler:
the snare is broken, and we have gone free.
Our help is in the name of the Lord:
who has made heaven and earth.**

The second reading: Romans 12.1-8

I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect. For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think, but to think with sober judgement, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

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

Gradual hymn: TiS 449 “Stand up and bless the Lord”

**Stand up and bless the Lord,
you people of his choice;
stand up and bless the Lord your God
with heart, and soul, and voice.**

Though high above all praise,
above all blessing high,
who would not fear his holy name,
and praise and magnify?

O for the living flame
from his own altar brought,
to touch our lips, our minds inspire,
and wing to heaven our thought!

God is our strength and song,
and his salvation ours;
then be his love in Christ proclaimed
with all our ransomed powers.

Stand up and bless the Lord,
the Lord your God adore;
stand up and bless his glorious name,
henceforth for evermore.

James Montgomery 1771-1854 alt.

The Gospel reading:

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

The gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ,
according to Matthew, chapter 16 beginning at verse 13

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, 'Who do people say that the Son of Man is?' And they said, 'Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.' He said to them, 'But who do you say that I am?' Simon Peter answered, 'You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.' And Jesus answered him, 'Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.' Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

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 154 "Great is Thy faithfulness"

"Great is Thy faithfulness, " O God my Father,
There is no shadow of turning with Thee;
Thou changest not, Thy compassions, they fail not
As Thou hast been Thou forever wilt be.
"Great is Thy faithfulness!" "Great is Thy faithfulness!"
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided—
"Great is Thy faithfulness, " Lord, unto me!

Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest,
Sun, moon and stars in their courses above,
Join with all nature in manifold witness
To Thy great faithfulness, mercy and love.

*"Great is Thy faithfulness!" "Great is Thy faithfulness!"
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided—
"Great is Thy faithfulness, " Lord, unto me!*

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!

*"Great is Thy faithfulness!" "Great is Thy faithfulness!"
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided—
"Great is Thy faithfulness, " Lord, unto me!*

Thomas Obadiah Chisholm 1866-1960 alt.

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: “Be still for the presence of the Lord”

**Be still for the presence of the Lord
The Holy One is here
Come bow before Him now
With reverence and fear
In Him no sin is found
We stand on holy ground
Be still for the presence of the Lord
The Holy One is here**

Be still for the glory of the Lord
Is shining all around
He burns with holy fire
With splendour He is crowned
How awesome is the sight
Our radiant King of Light
Be still for the glory of the Lord
Is shining all around

Be still for the power of the Lord
Is moving in this place
He comes to cleanse and heal
To minister His grace
No work too hard for Him
In faith receive from Him
Be still for the power of the Lord
Is moving in this place

David J Evans 1957 -

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 446 "Glorious things of you are spoken"

Glorious things of you are spoken,
Zion, city of our God:
he whose word cannot be broken
formed you for his own abode.
On the Rock of Ages founded,
what can shake your sure repose?
With salvation's walls surrounded,
you may smile at all your foes.

See, the streams of living waters,
springing from eternal love,
well supply your sons and daughters
and all fear of want remove:
who can faint while such a river
ever flows their thirst to assuage-
grace which like the Lord, the giver
never fails from age to age.

Blessed inhabitants of Zion,
washed in the Redeemer's blood:
Jesus, whom your souls rely on,
makes them priests and kings to God.
For his love his people raises
over self to reign as kings,
and as priest, his solemn praises
each for a thank-offering brings.

Saviour since of Zion city
I, through grace a member am,
let the world condemn or pity,
I will glory in your Name:
fading is the worldlings' pleasures,
all their boasted pomp and show;
solid joys and lasting treasure
none but Zion's children know

John Newton 1725-1807 alt.

Dismissal

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

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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:

- Winner of the Christian Book of the Year announced
- Marking Earth Overshoot Day
- One the ground in Beirut with World Vision
- Why workplaces need religious freedom too
- Five facts about Joe Biden's Vice President Nominee Kamala Harris
- and much more...

SAINTS AND HOLY MEN AND WOMEN FOR THIS WEEK

Thursday	Monica, mother of Augustine (d. 387)
Friday	Augustine of Hippo, bishop and teacher (d. 430)
Saturday	Beheading of John the Baptist

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Wednesday:

2 Thessalonians 3.1-18
Psalm 128
Matthew 23.27-32

Next Sunday: Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Exodus 3.1-15
Psalm 105.1-6, 23-26
Romans 12.9-21
Matthew 16.21-28

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

Sun 23 Pray for the Church of the Province of South East Asia (Abp Melter Tais); Diocese of Bunbury (Bp Ian Coutts, Clergy & People); Tintern Grammar (Brad Fry, Principal; Alison Andrew, Chaplain); St Thomas' Ferntree Gully Upper (Anne Kennedy); St Mark's Forest Hill – Pastoral Visit (Bp Paul Barker); St Luke's Sydeham – Pastoral Visit (Bp Kate Prowd);

Mon 24 Diocese of Canberra & Goulburn (Bp Mark Short, Asst Bps Stephen Pickard, Carol Wagner, Clergy & People); Melbourne Anglican Diocesan Corporation (Ken Spackman, CEO); St Mark's Fitzroy (Stuart Soley);

Tue 25 Ministry to the Defence Force (Bishop Grant Dibden, Chaplains & Members of the Defence Forces); Calling Melbourne 2 Prayer Group (Jill Firth, Rachel McDougall, Jamie Miller, Philip Trowse); Parish of St John's, Flinders w. St Mark's Balnarring (Jennifer Furphy);

Wed 26 Diocese of Gippsland (Bp Richard Treloar, Clergy & People); Footscray Parish (Chaplain Soma, Gabriel Mayen);

Thu 27 Diocese of Grafton (Bp Murray Harvey, Clergy & People); Trinity College & Theological School (Robert Derrenbacker, Dean); St Mark's Forest Hill (Philip Knight);

Fri 28 Ministry with the Aboriginal people of Australia (Bp Chris McLeod, National Aboriginal Bishop, Aboriginal Clergy & People); Children's & Families' Ministry (Dorothy Hughes, Facilitator); St Luke's Frankston East (Glen Macrae, Rene Pfitzner, Louisa Pfitzner);

Sat 29 Ministry with the Torres Strait Islander people of Australia (Torres Strait Islander Clergy & People); Archdeacons of The Yarra (Dave Fuller); Parish of St John's, Frankston North w. St Luke's, Carrum Downs (David Sullivan, Cheryl Sullivan);

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

AUSTRALIA & NEW ZEALAND

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

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.

A compassionate outcome for Asylum Seekers on Manus Island, Christmas Island, and Nauru.

Comfort and peace for the people of Beirut following the tragic explosion there.

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 (and daughter Sue), 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, and others known to us*

We give thanks for Fr Trevor's successful surgery and pray for his continued healing.

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

**To be "silent unto God" does not mean
drifting into mere feeling or sinking into reverse,
but deliberately getting into the centre of things
and focusing on God.**

(From "The Place of Help" by Oswald Chambers)



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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.