

Fifth Sunday of Easter 28 April 2024 | 9am

WELCOME to St Peter's Church today. I am delighted that you can join us in worship.

If you are a newcomer or visiting, I especially look forward to meeting you and hope that you feel welcome. If you have any questions, do not hesitate to ask one of the greeters at the door, or someone in the pew next to you.

I hope you can stay and enjoy morning tea after the service. Rev Mark Wormell, Acting Rector.

TODAY'S SERVICE

SUNG EUCHARIST

CELEBRANT & PREACHER REV. MARK WORMELL

ORGANIST & CANTOR GLENN AMER

SETTING DUDMAN

A Hearing Loop is available in the pews on the left-hand side of the church. Toilets are available in the Lower Hall and a mobility access toilet in the David Armstrong Room.



GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

Please stand

- Good Christian men, rejoice and sing!
 Now is the triumph of our King:
 To all the world glad news we bring:
 Alleluya!
- The Lord of Life is risen for ay: Bring flowers of song to strew his way; Let all mankind rejoice and say: Alleluya!
- 3 Praise we in songs of victory
 That Love, that Life, which cannot die,
 And sing with hearts uplifted high:
 Alleluya!
- Thy name we bless, O risen Lord, And sing today with one accord The life laid down, the life restored: Alleluya!

Cyril Alington, 1872 - 1955

Tune: Vulpius

The Celebrant greets the people with a welcome

Christ is risen, Alleluia.

He is risen indeed, Alleluia.

SENTENCE

Celebrant

In this is love, not that we loved God but that God loved us. Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. 1 John 4.10–11

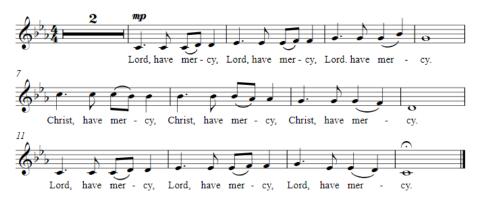
Let us pray.

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.

KYRIE ELEISON



THE CONFESSION

Senior Server

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

Silence

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

Merciful God,

our maker and our judge,

we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, and in what we have failed to do:

we have not loved you with our whole heart;

we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves;

we repent, and are sorry for all our sins.

Father, forgive us. Strengthen us to love and obey you in newness of life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE ABSOLUTION

Celebrant

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.

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS



COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant

O God,

form the minds of your faithful people, that we may love what you command and desire what you promise, so that, amid the many changes of this world, our hearts may there be fixed where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**.

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

Please sit.

FIRST READING

A reading from the Book of the Acts of the Apostles 8:26 - 40

²⁶ Now an angel of the Lord said to Philip, 'Go south to the road – the desert road – that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza.' 27 So he started out, and on his way he met an Ethiopian eunuch, an important official in charge of all the treasury of the Kandake (which means 'queen of the Ethiopians'). This man had gone to Jerusalem to worship, ²⁸ and on his way home was sitting in his chariot reading the Book of Isaiah the prophet. ²⁹ The Spirit told Philip, 'Go to that chariot and stay near it.' ³⁰ Then Philip ran up to the chariot and heard the man reading Isaiah the prophet. 'Do you understand what you are reading?' Philip asked. 31 'How can I,' he said, 'unless someone explains it to me?' So he invited Philip to come up and sit with him. 32 This is the passage of Scripture the eunuch was reading: 'He was led like a sheep to the slaughter, and as a lamb before its shearer is silent, so he did not open his mouth. 33 In his humiliation he was deprived of justice. Who can speak of his descendants? For his life was taken from the earth.' 34 The eunuch asked Philip, 'Tell me, please, who is the prophet talking about, himself or someone else?' 35 Then Philip began with that very passage of Scripture and told him the good news about Jesus. ³⁶ As they travelled along the road, they came to some water and the eunuch said, 'Look, here is water. What can stand in the way of my being baptised?' [37] 38 And he gave orders to stop the chariot. Then both Philip and the eunuch went down into the water and Philip baptised him. ³⁹ When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord suddenly took Philip away, and the eunuch did not see him again, but went on his way rejoicing. 40 Philip, however, appeared at Azotus and travelled about, preaching the gospel in all the towns until he reached Caesarea.

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

Psalm 22: 26 - 32



- From you springs my praise in the | great congre|gation: I will pay my vows in the | sight of | all that | fear you;
- The meek shall eat of the sacrifice | and be | satisfied: and those who seek the Lord shall praise him may their | hearts re|joice for|ever!
- Let all the ends of the earth remember and | turn to the | Lord: and let all the families of the | nations | worship be|fore him.
- 29 For the kingdom | is the | Lord's: and he shall be | ruler | over the | nations.
- How can those who sleep in the earth | do him | homage: or those that descend to the | dust bow | down be|fore him?
- 31 But he has saved my | life for him•self: and |my pos|terity shall | serve him.
- †32 This shall be told of my Lord to a future | generation: and his righteousness declared to a people yet un|born that | he has | done it.

SECOND READING

A reading from the first book of John 4:7 - 21

Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God. ⁸ Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love. ⁹ This is how God showed his love among us: he sent his one and only Son into the world that we might

live through him. 10 This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins. 11 Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. 12 No one has ever seen God; but if we love one another, God lives in us and his love is made complete in us. 13 This is how we know that we live in him and he in us: he has given us of his Spirit. 14 And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent his Son to be the Saviour of the world. 15 If anyone acknowledges that Jesus is the Son of God, God lives in them and they in God. ¹⁶ And so we know and rely on the love God has for us. God is love. Whoever lives in love lives in God, and God in them. ¹⁷ This is how love is made complete among us so that we will have confidence on the day of judgment: in this world we are like Jesus. ¹⁸ There is no fear in love. But perfect love drives out fear, because fear has to do with punishment. The one who fears is not made perfect in love. 19 We love because he first loved us. 20 Whoever claims to love God yet hates a brother or sister is a liar. For whoever does not love their brother and sister, whom they have seen, cannot love God, whom they have not seen. ²¹ And he has given us this command; anyone who loves God must also love their brother and sister.

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Cantor

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Live in me, and let me live in you, says the Lord. My branches bear much fruit.

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

A reading from the holy gospel according to John 15: 1-8



'I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener. ² He cuts off every branch in me that bears no fruit, while every branch that does bear fruit he prunes so that it will be even more fruitful. ³ You are already clean because of the word I have spoken to you. ⁴ Remain in me, as I also remain in you.

No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me. ⁵ 'I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing. ⁶ If you do not remain in me, you are like a branch that is thrown away and withers; such branches are picked up, thrown into the fire and burned. ⁷ If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. ⁸ This is to my Father's glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples.

This is the gospel of the Lord.



SERMON

Please sit

HYMN Tune: Stracathro

- Please stand
- O God of Bethel, by whose hand Thy people still are fed, Who through this weary pilgrimage Hast all our fathers led:
- Our vows, our prayers, we now present
 Before thy throne of grace;
 God of our fathers, be the God
 Of their succeeding race.
- 3 Through each perplexing path of life Our wandering footsteps guide; Give us each day our daily bread, And raiment fit provide.
- O spread thy covering wings around,
 Till all our wanderings cease,
 And at our Father's loved abode
 Our souls arrive in peace.

Philip Doddridge, 1702 - 51

THE NICENE CREED

Senior Server

Let us together affirm the faith of the Church:

All stand

We believe in one God, the Father,

the almighty, maker of heaven and earth,

of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,

the only Son of God,

eternally begotten of the Father,

God from God, Light from Light,

true God from true God,

begotten, not made,

of one being with the Father;

through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation

he came down from heaven,

was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;

he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures:

he ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living

and the dead and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord,

the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead, ★ and the life of the world to come. Amen.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Senior Server
Let us pray for the world and for the Church.

Please sit/kneel

Each petition ends with this response: Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

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

PREPARATION FOR HOLY COMMUNION

All stand

Celebrant

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

John 20:31

- 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.

THE GREETING OF PEACE

Celebrant

We are the body of Christ.

His Spirit is with us.

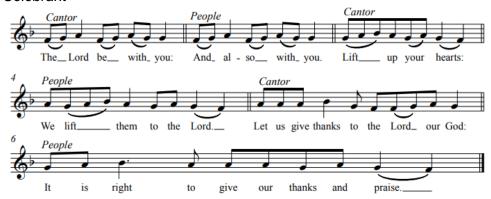
The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

All may exchange a sign of peace with a handshake and greeting, "Peace be with you".

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Celebrant



Celebrant

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

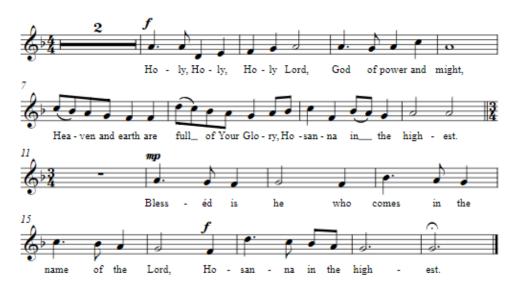
We give you thanks and praise for your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ, who by the power of your Spirit was born of Mary and lived as one of us.

He is the true Paschal Lamb who was offered for us and has taken away the sin of the world.

And now we give you thanks that you raised him in triumph from the dead.

By his death, He has destroyed death and by his rising to life again has restored us to eternal life.

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



Celebrant

And now, gracious God, we thank you for these gifts of bread and wine, and pray that we who receive them, in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, according to our Saviour's word, in remembrance of his suffering and death, may share his body and blood.

On the night before he died, 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.'

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.

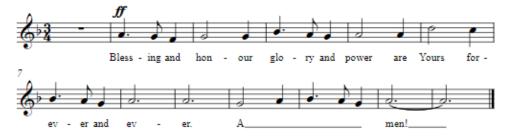
Cantor

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith,



Celebrant

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:



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



INVITATION

Celebrant

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.

As the sacrament is received the communicant responds. Amen.

All baptised Christians who love and serve the Lord Jesus are welcome to join in the sharing of Holy Communion. If you are not yet ready to receive Communion, we encourage you to come forward for a prayer of blessing. Please indicate your desire for a blessing by holding your hands behind your back.

The congregation sits or kneels.

Silence for prayerful reflection may be kept.

SENTENCE

Celebrant

'When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord suddenly took Philip away, and the eunuch did not see him again, but went on his way rejoicing.'

Acts 8:39

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

All stand

Let us pray.

Eternal God, giver of life, in the breaking of the bread we know the risen Lord. May we who celebrate this holy feast walk in his risen light and bring new life to all creation.

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

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Celebrant

Gracious God, all things come from you, and you teach us to be generous with what we have. We pray that our gifts may be wisely used for the ministry of the gospel and the relief of those in need, for the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

NOTICES

Please sit

GOD'S BLESSING

Celebrant

Almighty God, who redeemed us through the resurrection of Christ, who raised us to newness of life through the waters of baptism, and has brought us out of slavery into everlasting freedom, give you joy and peace in faith and bring you into your eternal inheritance; and the blessing of God almighty, ** the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit be among you and remain with you always. ** Amen.

DISMISSAL

Senior Server

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord:

In the name of Christ, Amen.

RECESSIONAL HYMN

Please stand

- The Lord is risen indeed!
 Now is his work performed;
 Now is the mighty Captive freed,
 And death's strong castle stormed.
- The Lord is risen indeed!
 Then hell has lost his prey;
 With him is risen the ransomed seed
 To reign in endless day.
- The Lord is risen indeed!
 He lives, to die no more;
 He lives, the sinner's cause to plead,
 Whose curse and shame he bore.

Thomas Kelly, 1769 - 1854

Tune: Narenza

ORGAN POSTLUDE

As a courtesy to those who remain in the church to listen to the organ postlude in its entirety, you are encouraged to enjoy conversation and fellowship outside the building.

PARISH BULLETIN WEEKLY PRAYER POINTS

FOR GOD'S KINGDOM

Lord our God, giver of all grace, have mercy on your Church throughout the world. Renew its life; restore its unity; sanctify its worship; empower its witness; and make it a fit instrument for the furtherance of Christ's kingdom among all people, to the glory of his great name. Amen.

THE ANGLICAN COMMUNION

We pray for the Anglican Communion, for Justin of Canterbury, Geoffrey, Primate of Australia, Kanishka our Archbishop and Bishop Chris and The Church of Bangladesh.

PRAYERS FOR THE PARISH AND LOCAL CHURCHES

For our Locum Rev'd Mark Wormell and our Honorary Associate Minister Peter Watson. We pray for Mosman Uniting Church.

PRAY FOR MINISTRY AND COMMUNITY PARTNERS

Redlands: Sean Corcoran (Principal), Kirsten Philips and Fiona McKenzie (Chaplains), Sue Tymoszuk (Head of Christian Studies)

PRAYERS FOR THE COMMUNITY

Schools and places of learning, teachers and educators, administrators, students. That they may be refreshed over the school holidays.

PRAYERS FOR THE WORLD

Persecuted Christians, especially those in the most dangerous countries for Christians: North Korea, Somalia, Yemen, Eritrea, Libya, Nigeria, Pakistan, Iran, Afghanistan, Sudan, and India

OUR PARISHIONERS

Helen Fordham, Margaret Fung, Bruce and Barbara Gordon, John Halford and Neil and Pamela Hardie

THOSE WHO HAVE ASK FOR ONGOING PRAYER

Sofia Awad, Anne Blake, Marty McCallum, Gill Stemp, Janne, Pamela, Susan Upton, Margie & Rein, Russ McLean, Danny Smith, Christine West, Caroline Bowyer and Giuseppe and Maria.

THOSE IN RESIDENTIAL CARE - Fr Robert Alexander, Judy Chapman, Kathy Moss, Patricia Reuben, Stan Thomas, and those who attend our monthly services at Bougainvillea, Neutral Bay and BUPA Mosman.

THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

We praise God for his faithful servants in every age. We pray that we, with all who have died in the faith of Christ, may be brought to a joyful resurrection and the fulfilment of God's eternal kingdom. We remember the recently deceased and those whose anniversary occurs at this time.

SEARCH FOR A NEW RECTOR

Please keep the nominating process in your prayers as we meet together to search for the person God will send us. With thanks. Helen, Bronwyn, John, Bruce and Edwina



April/May 2024

Tues 30 April	10am	Eucharist & morning tea	
Thurs 2 May	11am – 2pm	St Peter's Patchers	
Sat 4 May	1:30pm	Quilts for Comfort (please note later start time)	

AN UPDATE FROM PARISH COUNCIL

YEAR TO DATE OFFERING AS AT 31 March 2024

Budget YTD	Actual YTD	Variation YTD
\$34,509.00	\$32,295.00	\$2,214.00

We are thankful for this increase in giving, which greatly encourages Parish Council.

The Patronal Festival will be held on Sunday 30 June 2024 at 10am.

ASCENSION DAY

There will be a celebration of the Eucharist at 7:00pm on Thursday 9 May.

WOULD YOU LIKE A PARISH BADGE?

If you would like to order a parish badge please add your name to the list at the back of the church.

- cost is \$10 each
- select your choice of fastener: magnet or pin
- payment in advance can be made in the envelope provided
- or, on receipt of your badge.

The order will be placed next week so please put your name down if you would like a badge. Thank you.

Edwina Waddy

MINI CAKE AND PRODUCE STALL - NEXT SUNDAY 4 MAY



Parish Council has approved the re-introduction of this fundraiser for our Mission outreach.

- We usually held it on the first Sunday each month after the 9am service in the DA Room. Then Covid intervened and we were not able to start again until now.
- We hope to offer for sale such items as a cake cut into 4 quarters and sold separately - as not many people need a whole cake.
- Home made biscuits and slices are also popular.
- Lemon Butter will be available, and a small supply of marmalade.



- In addition, there will be rashers of bacon which have been in our freezer since the last BBQ. They will be defrosted and packed into small plastic bags and sold for \$4 for 5 rashers.
- Cash sales only
- Proceeds to Anglicare



SEMINAR BY REV MARK WORMELL – 25 MAY KNOWING GOD IN DEMENTIA

Knowing God in Dementia (Christian care for people living with or worried about dementia).

On Saturday 25 May at 2pm in the DA Room,

Mark will hold a seminar on this subject.

There will be time for questions and it will be followed by afternoon tea.

Please invite your friends and family who may be interested.

Mark wrote the book, Coming To Christ in Dementia, and has spoken on this subject at various churches and conferences.

SUNDAY ROSTERS

	This week 28 April 2024 Fifth Sunday Easter	Next Week 5 May 2024 Sixth Sunday Easter
First Reading	Acts 8: 26 - 40	Acts 10:44 - 48
Psalm	Psalm 22: 26 - 32	Psalm 98
Second Reading	1 John 4: 7 - 21	1 John 5: 1 - 12
Gospel	John 15: 1 - 8	John 15: 9 - 17
Preacher	Rev Mark Wormell	Rev Mark Wormell
Celebrant	Rev Mark Wormell	Rev Mark Wormell
Senior Server	Gordon Heathcote	John Halford
Crucifer	Laura Mock	Roy Bartlett
Thurifer		
Acolyte		
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Welcomer	Graham St Quintin	Phillip Wood
Sideperson	Lizzie St Quintin	Anna Reed- Stephenson
Readers	Gill Stemp	David Cohen
	Graham St Quintin	Kah – Lin Wormell
Intercessor	Bronwyn Lihou	Ruth Cohen
Chalice	Stefan Trofimovs	TBC
Livestream	Prahbu Boddu	Tayor Mock
Morning tea	Barbara Gordon	Mary Laton
_	Margaret MacNabb	Russ Layton
Sacristy Linen	Kerrie Trofimovs	Helen Matheson