



CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL GRAFTON

open doors ... open hearts ... open minds ...



Fresco from Decani Monastery of Christ appearing to the Apostles after the Resurrection

Third Sunday of Easter
18 April 2021

GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

Mass setting: *Parish Eucharist* (Michael Dudman)

Processional Hymn

Now is eternal life [TIS 385]

**Now is eternal life
if risen with Christ we stand,
in him to life reborn,
held firm within his hand;
no more we fear death's ancient dread,
in Christ arisen from the dead.**

**For God, the living God,
stooped down to share our state;
by death destroying death
Christ opened wide life's gate.
He lives, who died; he reigns on high;
who live in him shall never die.**

**Unfathomed love divine,
come reign within my heart;
from you no depth or height,
not life nor death can part;
my life with you in God shall be,
now and through all eternity.**

George Wallace Briggs, 1875–1959 alt.

Welcome & Acknowledgement of Country

Easter Greeting

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Christ is risen. Alleluia.
He is risen indeed. Alleluia.

Prayer of Approach

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 (Lord, have mercy)

Lord, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

Confession

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

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

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

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.**

Collect of the Day.

Lord of life,
by submitting to death, you conquered the grave;
by being lifted upon the cross, you draw all peoples to you;
by being raised from the dead,
you restore to humanity all that was lost through sin:
be with us in your risen power,
that in word and deed we may proclaim
the marvellous mystery of death and resurrection.
For all praise is yours, now and throughout eternity. **Amen.**

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

First Reading

Acts 3:12–20

When Peter saw it, he addressed the people, “You Israelites, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we had made him walk? The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our ancestors has glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and rejected in the presence of Pilate, though he had decided to release him. But you rejected the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer given to you, and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. And by faith in his name, his name itself has made this man strong, whom you see and know; and the faith that is through Jesus has given him this perfect health in the presence of all of you. “And now, friends, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. In this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, that his Messiah would suffer. Repent therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out, so that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord, and that he may send the Messiah appointed for you, that is, Jesus.

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

Psalm 4

**1 Answer me when I call, O God of my righteousness:
when I was hard-pressed you set me free;
be gracious to me now and hear my prayer.**

**2 Children of earth,
how long will you turn my glory to my shame:
how long will you love what is worthless and seek after lies?**

**3 Know that the Lord has shown me his wonderful kindness:
when I call to the Lord he will hear me.**

**4 Tremble, and do no sin:
commune with your own heart upon your bed and be still.**

**5 Offer the sacrifices that are right:
and put your trust in the Lord.**

**6 There are many who say 'Who will show us any good?:
the light of your countenance, O Lord,
has gone from us.'**

**7 Yet you have given my heart more gladness:
than they have when their corn, wine and oil increase.**

**8 In peace I will lie down and sleep:
for you alone, Lord, make me dwell in safety.**

Second Reading

1 John 2:15-17; 3:1-6

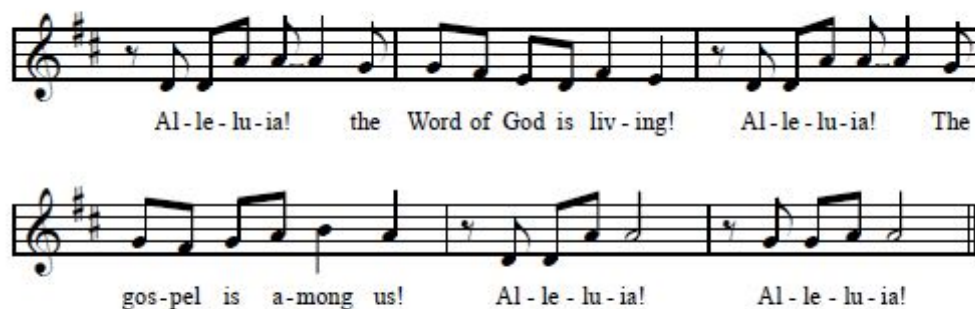
Do not love the world or the things in the world. The love of the Father is not in those who love the world; for all that is in the world – the desire of the flesh, the desire of the eyes, the pride in riches – comes not from the Father but from the world. And the world and its desire are passing away, but those who do the will of God live forever. See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure. Everyone who commits sin is guilty of lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. You know that he was revealed to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. No one who abides in him sins; no one who sins has either seen him or known him.

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

The Gospel

Luke 24:36b-48

Alleluia!



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The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St Luke.

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.

Jesus said to them, "Peace be with you." They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. He said to them, "Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have." And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, "Have you anything here to eat?" They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate in their presence.

Then he said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you – that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled." Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things.

This is the Gospel of the Lord,

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

The Sermon

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The celebrant says:

We say together in faith

**Holy, holy, holy
is the Lord God almighty,
who was, and is, and is to come.**

We believe in God the Father,
who created all things:

**for by his will they were created
and have their being.**

We believe in God the Son,
who was slain:

**for with his blood,
he purchased us for God,
from every tribe and language,
from every people and nation.**

We believe in God the Holy Spirit:

**the Spirit and the Bride say, 'Come!'
Even so come, Lord Jesus!
Amen.**

THE PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

In holiness and reverence, let us pray to the Lord of the Church and of all creation, saying Risen Christ, **hear our prayer.**

Keep your Church secure from the dangers of worldliness and greed. We pray for Murray our Bishop, Tiffany our Diocesan Archdeacon, Greg our Dean, and all who minister in our Diocese. Give grace to your ministers, to preach the Gospel of Christ and to fulfil your commandments both in their words and in their lives. Risen Christ, **hear our prayer.**

Give true wisdom to all in authority in a world where ignorance and prejudice often rule. We pray for equality in the distribution of COVID safe vaccines and for food and water security world-wide. Give freedom from the consuming desire for material gain and a spirit of generosity to those who have more than they need. Pardon and cleanse those whose goodness has been corrupted by love of gain. Risen Christ, **hear our prayer.**

Loving God, as we pray for our families, we pray for children in preparation for receipt of Holy Communion in the “Going to the Supper of the Lord” program. Strengthen those who have responsibility for teaching and training, that they may give leadership in the way you have commanded. Risen Christ, **hear our prayer.**

Compassionate God, we pray for your healing grace for all in need and those who have asked for prayer: Cheryl Cook, Gail Gilmore, Joan Marr, and Val Rogers. Risen Christ, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for the departed of all the ages, that they may be raised in Christ; remembering Dorothy Eileen Hopkins who died this week and in years’ mind Zelda Ebeling, John Oxenford, Cecil Kroenhert, and Emily Tranter. Bring all to the joy of your heavenly Temple, where worship is perfect and eternal. Risen Christ, **hear our prayer.**

We conclude these petitions with the Cathedral Prayer:

Living and eternal Christ bless the ministry of this Cathedral as a place of pilgrimage and prayer. May our doors always be open to pilgrims, may our hearts always be open to one another, and may our minds always be open to new truth. Draw us deeply into the mystery of your life, your death and your resurrection, now and always. Amen.

THE GREETING OF PEACE

The Greeting of Peace is introduced with these or other suitable words.

The risen Christ came and stood among his disciples and said,
‘Peace be with you.’

Alleluia. The peace of the risen Christ be always with you.
And also with you. Alleluia.

THE OFFERTORY

Offertory Hymn

Alleluia, alleluia, give thanks to the risen Lord [TIS 390]

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.**

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

**We have been crucified with Christ;
now we shall live for ever.**

**God has proclaimed his gracious gift:
new life for all! Alleluia!**

**Come, let us praise the living God,
Joyfully sing to our Saviour.**

Donald E. Fishel, 1950–

The gifts of the people are brought to the Lord's Table.

Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation.
Through your goodness we have this bread to offer,
which earth has given and human hands have made.
It will become for us the bread of life

Blessed be God for ever.

Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation.
Through your goodness we have this wine to offer.
Fruit of the vine and work of human hands,
it will become our spiritual drink

Blessed be God for ever.

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.

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 singing:

**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.'

A minister may say

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 Lord's 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.**

The celebrant breaks the bread.

As this broken bread was once many grains,
which have been gathered together and made one bread:
**so may your Church be gathered
from the ends of the earth into your kingdom.**

Agnus dei (Lamb of God)

**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.**

The gifts of God for the people of God.
**Jesus Christ is holy.
Jesus Christ is Lord,
To the glory of God the Father.**

Holy Communion

All the children of God have a place at God's Table.

Anyone who would normally receive Holy Communion in their own Christian tradition is welcome to receive the Sacrament with us here today.

Those who prefer to receive a personal blessing from the priest rather than Holy Communion are invited to come to the Altar and simply cross their arms in front of them so the clergy know their desire.

Gluten-free wafers are available on request.

Community Notices

THE SENDING OUT OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Mission Hymn

Now the green blade rises [TIS 382]

**Now the green blade rises from the buried grain,
Wheat that in dark earth many days has lain:
love lives again, that with the dead has been:
Love has come again, like wheat that springs up green.**

**In the grave they laid him, Love whom hate had slain,
thinking that he never would awake again,
laid in the earth, like grain that sleeps unseen.
Love has come again, like wheat that springs up green.**

**Up he sprang at Easter, like the risen grain,
he who for three days in the grave had lain,
raised from the dead my living Lord is seen:
Love has come again, like wheat that springs up green.**

**When our hearts are wintry, grieving, or in pain,
Then your touch can call us back to life again –
fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been:
Love has come again like wheat that springs up green.**

John M C Crum, 1872–1958, *alt.*

The celebrant says

Eternal God,
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.

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 and Dismissal

The celebrant blesses the congregation.

The God of peace
who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus,
the great shepherd of the sheep,
through the blood of the everlasting covenant,
make you perfect in every good work to do God's will,
working in you what is pleasing in God's sight;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

A minister may say

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

Organ Postlude

Noel Nouvelet – Malcolm Archer

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**ST MARK, Apostle & Evangelist & ANZAC Day
9.00am – Cathedral Live Online:**

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Tammy Uren

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Remembering those who have died

Recently departed: Dorothy Hoskins

Year's Mind: Zelda Ebeling, John Oxenford, Cecil Kroenhert and Emily Tranter