



CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL GRAFTON

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

A celebration of the
Vigil Eucharist
on Easter Eve



Easter Eve 2018

THE SERVICE OF LIGHT

The priest greets the gathered congregation on the steps of the Cathedral and explains the significance of this vigil service.

Lighting of the New Fire

A new fire is kindled and the flame is blessed by the priest.

We hear a set of readings from the Old Testament that proclaim God's loving power in creation, redemption and salvation.

Genesis 1:1–2:4a

Exodus 14:10–31 & 15:20–21

Ezekiel 36:24–28

After each reading this Taizé chant will be sung:

The Lord is my light [TIS 747]

**The Lord is my light,
My light and salvation:
In God I trust, in God I trust**

[Jacques Berthier, 1923–1994]

Blessing of the Paschal Candle

The Paschal Candle is blessed by the priest.

Jesus Christ
The same yesterday
Today
And for ever.

By your holy and glorious wounds
You have redeemed the world.

Once the Paschal Candle is lit others may light their candles from the same flame.

The Deacon carries the Paschal candle into the Cathedral, pausing three times to sing:

The light of Christ.
Thanks be to God.

Easter Proclamation

Once the Paschal Candle has been placed in its stand, the Deacon will sing the Exultet, the Easter Proclamation.

After the conclusion of the Exultet, the lights in the cathedral are activated and the Gloria in excelsis is sung.

Glory to God, Glory to God, Glory to God in the Highest.

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.

Glory to God, Glory to God, Glory to God in the Highest.

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.

Glory to God, Glory to God, Glory to God in the Highest.

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.

Glory to God, Glory to God, Glory to God in the Highest.

Easter Greeting

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

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

Collect of Easter Day.

Eternal giver of life and light,
this holy night shines with the radiance of the risen Christ:
renew your Church with the Spirit given to us in Baptism,
that we may worship you in sincerity and truth,
and shine as a light in the world;
through Jesus Christ our risen Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
One God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

Second 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.

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

Psalm 114

When Israel went out from Egypt,
the house of Jacob from a people of strange language,
Judah became God's sanctuary,
Israel his dominion.

The sea looked and fled;
Jordan turned back.
The mountains skipped like rams,
the hills like lambs.

Why is it, O sea, that you flee?
O Jordan, that you turn back?
O mountains, that you skip like rams?
O hills, like lambs?

Tremble, O earth, at the presence of the LORD,
at the presence of the God of Jacob,
who turns the rock into a pool of water,
the flint into a spring of water.

The Gospel

Matthew 28:1–10

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St Matthew.
Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.

After the sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. And suddenly there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. But the angel said to the women, “Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples, ‘He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him.’ This is my message for you.” So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. Suddenly Jesus met them and said, “Greetings!” And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshiped him. Then Jesus said to them, “Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me.”

This is the Gospel of the Lord,
Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

The Sermon

RENEWAL OF THE BAPTISM COVENANT

The congregation gathers near the font, and the priest says:

Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Servant Christ,
help us to follow you deep into the waters of Baptism;
to link our lives with all who grieve
about the unjust way of our human life;
to break free from the chains of past wrongs;
to become fit to face your coming new age;
to be renewed by your Spirit, anointed to preach.

Servant Christ,

Help us to follow you deep into the waters of Baptism.

Do you believe in God the Father?

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

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

He descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again.

**He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

He will come again 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.

Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread and in the prayers?

I will, with God's help.

Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

I will, with God's help.

Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

I will with God's help.

Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbour as yourself?

I will, with God's help.

Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human person?

I will, with God's help.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray

Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who lives and reigns now and for ever. **Amen.**

Hymn

The Summons [A&M 510]

Will you come and follow me, if I but call your name?

Will you go where you don't know, and never be the same?

Will you let my love be shown, will you let my name be known?

Will you let my life be grown in you, and you in me?

Will you leave your self behind, if I but call your name?

Will you care for cruel and kind, and never be the same?

Will you risk the hostile stare, should your life attract or scare?

Will you let me answer prayer in you, and you in me?

**Will you let the blinded see, if I but call your name?
Will you set the prisoners free, and never be the same?
Will you kiss the leper clean, and do such as this unseen?
And admit to what I mean in you, and you in me?**

**Will you love the 'you' you hide, if I but call your name?
Will you quell the fear inside, and never be the same?
Will you use the faith you've found to reshape the world around?
Through my sight and touch and sound in you, and you in me?**

**Lord, your summons echoes true, when you but call my name.
Let me turn and follow you, and never be the same.
In your company I'll go, where your love and footsteps show.
Thus I'll move and live and grow in you, and you in me.**

[John L. Bell, b. 1949]

THE GREETING OF PEACE

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

In baptism, God has made us one in 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.

THE OFFERTORY

Offertory Hymn

Through the Red Sea brought at last, alleluia [TIS 384]

**Through the Red Sea brought at last, alleluia,
Egypt's chains behind we cast, alleluia,
deep and wide
close the tide
sev'ring us from bondage past, alleluia.**

**Like the cloud that overhead, alleluia,
through the billows Israel led, alleluia,
by his tomb
Christ makes room,
souls restoring from the dead, alleluia.**

**In that cloud and in that sea, alleluia,
buried and baptised were we, alleluia,
earthly night
brought us light
shall be ours eternally, alleluia.**

**Then, deceitful world adieu, alleluia,
Egypt's land in distant view, alleluia
Christ our love
draws above,
dead with him, and risen a new, alleluia!**

[Ronald Arbuthnott Knox, 1888 – 1957]

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.

The priest will continue with the words of the Great Thanksgiving.

... 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.

A minister may say

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith.

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The Great Thanksgiving concludes with these words

... 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 BREAKING OF THE BREAD AND COMMUNION

The priest 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.**

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

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 simply to cross their arms in front of them so the priest knows their desire.

Gluten-free wafers are available on request.

Communion anthem

Choir

The Strife is O'er – Henry Ley

THE SENDING OUT OF GOD'S PEOPLE

The priest 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.

Mission Hymn

The Easter Hymn [TIS 370]

Christ, the Lord, is risen today, Alleluia!
Let the whole creation say, Alleluia!
Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia!
Sing now heavens, and earth, reply, Alleluia!

Love's redeeming work is done, Alleluia!
Fought the fight, the battle won, Alleluia!
Vain the stone, the watch, the seal, Alleluia!
Christ hath burst the gates of hell, Alleluia!

Lives again our glorious King, Alleluia!
Where, O death, is now your sting? Alleluia!
Once he died our souls to save, Alleluia!
Where your victory, O grave? Alleluia!

Soar we now where Christ has led, Alleluia!
Following our exalted Head, Alleluia!
Made like him, like him we rise, Alleluia!
Ours the cross, the grave, the skies, Alleluia!

[Charles Wesley 1707–88 *alt.*]

The priest 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!

The order of service is according to A Prayer Book for Australia, copyright 1995, the Anglican Church of Australia Trust Corporation; published under the imprint of Broughton Books, and reproduced with permission. Hymns are from Together in Song, and are reproduced with permission under CCLI Licence No. 1966.

Changes to Sunday Service Times

Please note the following important information about arrangements for Sunday worship at the Cathedral as well as at Copmanhurst and Lawrence.

At its meeting on Wednesday, 21 March, the Parish Council decided to implement a trial of new service times across the Parish on Sundays.

Christ Church Cathedral

9.00am every Sunday

Church of the Holy Apostles, Copmanhurst

11.00am on first and third Sunday of the month

All Saints Church, Lawrence

11.00am on second and fourth Sunday of the month

This trial will extend through April and May.

At its meeting on May 16, Parish Council will determine whether to make this a permanent change.

On the fifth Sunday of the month, there will be a service at 9.00am at the Cathedral, followed by a Parish seminar or workshop on some topic of significance to the mission and ministry of the church, followed by a fellowship lunch.

PS: Do we have your email address yet?

To make sure we can keep you informed with the latest news and information from the Cathedral, please send an email to **graftoncathedral@tpg.com.au** so that we can add your email address to our records. Thank you!

WELCOME TO CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL

Welcome to the Cathedral Church of Christ the King, commonly referred to as *Christ Church Cathedral*.

Since its dedication on the Feast of St James (25 July) in 1884, the Cathedral has exercised a special role in the City of Grafton and also in the life of the Anglican Diocese of Grafton, whose parishes, schools and other agencies serve communities throughout the Northern Rivers of New South Wales.

The Cathedral stands on the traditional lands of the Bundjalung nation. We acknowledge and pay our respect to their elders past and present, as well as to indigenous people with us tonight.

You are sharing in worship from *A Prayer Book for Australia*, which stands in the long Anglican tradition of ‘common prayer’ in which people, choir and clergy offer God and each other the best of ourselves (‘our souls and our bodies’) for the common good. We seek the peace and well-being of our nation, and especially our local community.

We are delighted that you are with us for this service: please come and worship with us again.

Whether you are Anglican, from another Christian Church or from another faith tradition, you are warmly welcome to take part in the service. If you want to find out more about the Christian faith, please make yourself known to a member of the clergy after the service.

The service today is a Eucharist during which there will be an opportunity for people to receive Holy Communion. Communicant members of other Christian churches are invited to receive the Sacrament here today, as their own conscience allows. Everyone is welcome to come for a blessing, even if not receiving the consecrated Elements.

The Cathedral is open every day. You are always welcome to use the Cathedral and its grounds for prayer and reflection, and we encourage you to make this House of Prayer a place of pilgrimage and prayer for our City.



Visit the Cathedral web site for the latest news & information