



CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL GRAFTON

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

A celebration of the
Holy Eucharist
on **Easter Day**



Easter Day 2018

GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

Introit

Choir

With a voice of singing – Herbert Sumsion

Processional Hymn

Light's reddening dawn [TIS 360]

**Light's reddening dawn gleams through the sky;
heaven thunders forth its victory;
*alleluia, alleluia!***

**The glad earth shouts her triumph high
and groaning hell makes wild reply:
*alleluia, alleluia, alleluia,
alleluia, alleluia!***

**While our Lord Christ, the mighty king,
despoiling death of all its sting
and trampling down the powers of night
brings forth his ransomed souls to light.**

**His tomb of late the threefold guard
of watch and stone and steel had barred;
but now in power and triumph high
he comes from death to victory.**

**The pains of hell are loosed at last;
the days of mourning now are past;
an angel robed in light has said,
'The Lord is risen from the dead!'**

**From every weapon death can wield
your own redeemed for ever shield:
O Lord of all, with us abide
in this our joyful Eastertide.**

[Anon. Latin, c. 7th cent. *tr.* John Mason Neale, 1818–66. *alt.*]

Easter Greeting

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

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

Scripture Sentence

The Lord is risen indeed, alleluia!

Luke 24:34

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 and 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.**

The Hymn of Praise, *Gloria in excelsis*.

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.

Collect of Easter Day.

Brightness of God's glory,
whom death could not conquer nor the tomb imprison:
as you have shared our frailty in human flesh,
help us to share your immortality in the Spirit;
let no shadow of the grave terrify us,
and no fear of darkness turn our hearts from you.
Reveal yourself to us this day and all our days,
As the First and Last,
Alpha and Omega,
the Living One,
our immortal Saviour and Lord. **Amen.**

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

First Reading

Acts 10:34–43

Then Peter began to speak to them: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

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

Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us:
so let us celebrate the feast,
not with the old leaven of corruption and wickedness:
but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.
Christ once raised from the dead dies no more:
death has no more dominion over him.
In dying he died to sin once for all:
in living, he lives to God.
See yourselves, therefore, as dead to sin:
and alive to God in Jesus Christ our Lord.
Christ has been raised from the dead:
the first fruits of those who sleep.
For since by one man came death:
by another has come also the resurrection of the dead,
For as in Adam all die:
even so in Christ shall all be made alive.

[APBA, 423]

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 15:1–11

Now I would remind you, brothers and sisters, of the good news that I proclaimed to you, which you in turn received, in which also you stand, through which also you are being saved, if you hold firmly to the message that I proclaimed to you—unless you have come to believe in vain.
For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me has not been in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them—though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. Whether then it was I or they, so we proclaim and so you have come to believe.

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

Gradual Hymn

Come, God's people, sing for joy [TIS 391]

**Come, God's people, sing for joy,
shout your songs of gladness,
for the hope of Easter Day
overcomes our sadness.
Come with all God's people here,
who with true affection
join again to celebrate
Jesus resurrection.**

**Years before, as Moses led
Israel sons and daughters
from their bonds to Exodus
through the Red Sea waters:
so the living Lord of life
speaks through our baptism
of the new life which we share
with him who is risen.**

**That first Easter he arose,
his disciples greeting;
Christians now in every place
still their Lord are meeting.
Christ, who died for all the world,
in his death brings healing;
and his rising from the grave
is God's power revealing.**

[Keith David Pearson, 1925 – based on John of Damascus, d. c.754]

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

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

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.

When the sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. They had been saying to one another, “Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?” When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man, dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. But he said to them, “Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him. But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you.” So they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid

This is the Gospel of the Lord,

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

RENEWAL OF THE BAPTISM COVENANT

When the congregation has gathered near the font, or turned towards the font, 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

Easter glory fills the sky, alleluia [TIS 388]

**Easter glory fills the sky, alleluia,
Christ now lives, no more to die, alleluia;
darkness has been put to flight, alleluia,
by the living Lord of light, alleluia.**

**See, the stone is rolled away, alleluia,
from the tomb where once he lay, alleluia;
he has risen as he said, alleluia,
glorious firstborn from the dead, alleluia.**

**Mary, Mother, greet your Son, alleluia,
radiant from his triumph won, alleluia;
by his cross you shared his pain, alleluia,
so for ever share his reign, alleluia.**

**Magd'len, wipe away your tears, alleluia:
he has come who calms your fears, alleluia:
hear the Master speak your name, alleluia;
turn to him with heart aflame, alleluia.**

**Shepherd, seek the sheep that strayed, alleluia,
come to contrite Peter's aid, alleluia;
strengthen him to be the rock, alleluia;
make him Shepherd of your flock, alleluia.**

**Seek not life within the tomb, alleluia;
Christ stands in the upper room, alleluia:
risen glory he conceals, alleluia,
risen body he reveals, alleluia.**

**Though we see his face no more alleluia,
he is with us as before, alleluia:
glory veiled, he is our priest, alleluia,
his true flesh and blood our feast, alleluia.**

**Christ, the victor over death, alleluia,
breathes on us the Spirit's breath, alleluia.
Paradise is our reward, alleluia,
endless Easter with our Lord, alleluia!**

[James Quinn 1919 –]

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.

Notices

Mission Hymn

At the dawning of salvation [TIS 392]

**At the dawning of salvation;
in the morning of the world,
Christ is raised, a living banner
by the love of God unfurled.
Through the daylight, through the darkness,
Christ leads on his great array:
all the saints and all the sinners
he has gathered on his way.**

**He is risen in the morning,
he is risen from the dead;
he is laughter after sadness,
he is light when night has fled.
He has suffered, he has triumphed,
life is his alone to give:
as he gave it once he gives it
evermore, that we may live.**

**For the glory of salvation
in the dawn of Easter day
we will praise you, loving Father;
we rejoice to sing and pray
with the Son and with the Spirit.
Lead us on, your great array,
saints and sinners celebrating
your triumphant love today.**

[Jock Curle, 1919 –]

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!

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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?

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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 this special morning.

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.



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