



CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL GRAFTON

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3 May 2020

Fourth Sunday of Easter

A generous faith community—centred on Jesus, seeking wisdom for life and acting with compassion—in the heart of Grafton since 1842.

Welcome to our online service for the Fourth Sunday during the Great Fifty Days of Easter.

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GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

Introit

Cantors

The Call (Stuart Beer)

First Hymn

Lord Christ, at your first eucharist you prayed [TIS 520]

Lord Christ, at your first eucharist you prayed
that all your church might be for ever one;
may at each eucharist this prayer be made
with longing heart and soul, 'Your will be done.'
O may we all one bread, one body be,
through this blest sacrament of unity.

For all your church, O Lord, we intercede;
make all our sad divisions soon to cease;
draw us the nearer each to each, we plead,
by drawing all to you, O Prince of Peace:
thus may we all one bread, one body be,
through this blest sacrament of unity.

We also pray for wanderers from your fold;
O bring them back, Good Shepherd of the sheep,
back to the faith which saints believed of old,
back to your church which still that faith must keep:
soon may we all one bread, one body be,
through this blest sacrament of unity.

So, Lord, at length when sacraments shall cease
may we be one with all your church above,
one with your saints in one unbroken peace,
one with your saints in one unbounded love;
more blessed still, in peace and love to be
one with the Trinity in Unity.

William Henry Turton, 1856–1938, alt.

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 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.*

Cantor: Glory to God, glory to God,
Glory to the Father.
**Glory to God, glory to God,
Glory to the Father.**

Cantor: To God be glory for ever!
To God be glory for ever!

Cantor: Alleluia, amen.
**Alleluia, amen.
Alleluia, amen.
Alleluia, amen.**

Cantor: Glory to God, glory to God,
Son of the Father.
**Glory to God, glory to God,
Son of the Father.**

To God be glory for ever ...

Cantor: Glory to God, glory to God,
Glory to the Spirit.
**Glory to God, glory to God,
Glory to the Spirit.**

To God be glory for ever ...

Peruvian Liturgical text, collected by John Ballantine (b. 1945)
Hymns Ancient & Modern: Hymns and Songs for Refreshing Worship, #416

Collect of the Day.

God of all power,
you called from death our Lord Jesus,
the great shepherd of the sheep:
send us as shepherds to rescue the lost,
to heal the injured,
and to feed one another with understanding;
through your Son, 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

First Reading

Acts 2:42-47

They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

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

Psalm 23

Cantors

The Lord is my shepherd:
therefore can I lack nothing.
He will make me lie down in green pastures:
and lead me beside still waters.
He will refresh my soul:
and guide me in right pathways for his name's sake.
Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I will fear no evil:
for you are with me, your rod and your staff comfort me.

You spread a table before me
in the face of those who trouble me:
 you have anointed my head with oil,
 and my cup shall be full.
Surely your goodness and loving-kindness
will follow me all the days of my life:
 and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

The Gospel

John 10:1-10

Alleluia, alleluia.
I am the good shepherd, says the Lord,
I know my sheep and my own know me.
Alleluia.

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St John.
Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.

“Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers.” Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them. So again Jesus said to them, “Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.

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

The Sermon

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The president says:

We say together in faith

All 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:

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

We believe in God the Son,
who was slain:

All 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:

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

THE PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

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Loving God, help us to pray with something of the compassion of Christ in our hearts as we think of our sisters and brothers in all lands.

We pray for the taming of the wolves of terrorism and war on the face of this earth;

Good Shepherd, hear us.

Good Shepherd, save and heal us.

We pray for the end of injustice, neglect, discrimination, and the apathy of those who look on yet do nothing.

Good Shepherd, hear us.

Good Shepherd, save and heal us.

We pray for people who have been misled and misused by false shepherds, or exploited spiritually and materially by slick religious and political salesmen.

Good Shepherd, hear us.

Good Shepherd, save and heal us.

We pray for the removal of the hurts, resentments, misunderstandings; for the rescue of those who once had faith in God but have fallen into empty cynicism.

Good Shepherd, hear us.

Good Shepherd, save and heal us.

We pray for the blessing of all who are good shepherds to their fellows; who foster hope through the work of medicine, counselling, social planning, legal aid, wise laws, and sincere good-neighbourliness.

Good Shepherd, hear us.

Good Shepherd, save and heal us.

We pray for special care of the dying and the grieving; that they may know in a first-hand way the comfort of the Shepherd whose love does not terminate at the valley of the shadow of death.

Good Shepherd, hear us.

Good Shepherd, save and heal us.

For all who have died in the faith of the resurrection and those people whose year's mind occurs at this time: Maxwell Denton, Necia Green, Esma Lever, Laurie Pocock, Alan Schafer, Zoe Schmutter and Kathleen Wheatley

Rest eternal grant them, O Lord

And let light perpetual shine upon them.

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 president says

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

Then were they glad when they saw the Lord. Alleluia.

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

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

THE OFFERTORY

Offertory Hymn

As when the shepherd calls his sheep [TIS 539]

As when the shepherd calls his sheep,
they know and heed his voice,
so when you call your family, Lord,
we follow and rejoice.

*You satisfy the hungry heart with gifts of finest wheat:
come give to us, O saving Lord, the bread of life to eat.*

With joyful lips we sing to you
our praise and gratitude
that you should count us worthy, Lord,
to share this heavenly food.

*You satisfy the hungry heart with gifts of finest wheat:
come give to us, O saving Lord, the bread of life to eat.*

Is not the cup we bless and share
the blood of Christ out-poured?
Do not one cup, one loaf, declare
our one-ness in the Lord?

*You satisfy the hungry heart with gifts of finest wheat:
come give to us, O saving Lord, the bread of life to eat.*

The mystery of your presence, Lord,
no mortal tongue can tell:
whom all the world cannot contain
comes in our hearts to dwell.

*You satisfy the hungry heart with gifts of finest wheat:
come give to us, O saving Lord, the bread of life to eat.*

You give yourself to us, O Lord;
then selfless let us be,
to serve each other in your name
in truth and charity.

*You satisfy the hungry heart with gifts of finest wheat:
come give to us, O saving Lord, the bread of life to eat.*

Omer Westendorf, 1916–97

The gifts 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.

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, ever living 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 saying:

Cantors: Holy,

All: Holy,

Cantors: holy,

All: holy, holy Lord of power and might

Cantors: Heaven,

All: Heaven,

Cantors: earth,

All: earth, heaven and earth are full of your glory

Cantors: All glory to you name,
All: All glory to your name,
Cantors: All glory to you name,
All: All glory to your name.

Cantors: Blessed,
All: Blessed,
Cantors: blessed,
All: blessed, is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Cantors: Blessed,
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All: blessed, is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Cantors: Hosanna in the highest.
All: Hosanna in the highest.
Cantors: Hosanna in the highest.
All: 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.

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

THE SENDING OUT OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Notices

Mission Hymn

God is love [TIS 153]

God is love, let heav'n adore him;
God is love, let earth rejoice;
let creation sing before him,
and exalt him with one voice.
God, who laid the earth's foundation,
he who spread the heavens above,
and who breathes through all creation
God is love, eternal Love.

God is love, and gently enfolding
all the world in one embrace,
with unfailing grasp is holding
every child of every race.
And when human hearts are breaking
under sorrow's iron rod,
then they find that selfsame aching
deep within the heart of God.

God is love, and, though with blindness
sin afflicts our human hearts,
God's eternal lovingkindness
holding, guiding, grace imparts.
Sin and death and hell shall never
o'er us final triumph gain;
God is love, so love for ever
o'er the universe must reign.

Timothy Rees, 1874-1939, 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.

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!

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PARISH FINANCES DURING THE PANDEMIC

The following is an extract from the Treasurer's report to Parish Council when it met by Zoom last month:

The shutdown of Church services, the Opshop and to some extent the Bookshop has had a major impact on our income. This is only partly evident in the March figures and will be even starker from April onwards.

Church offerings are down by nearly \$3,000 on budget and the Opshop down by nearly \$2,000. On the positive side there has been a significant increase in Parish Provider offerings and this will likely increase now that the Dean's letter to parishioners has been sent. However, there is likely to be some "shrinkage" over what was normally received by way of traditional offerings.

Most importantly there has been a major increase in donations, some very large, and when combined with fundraising whether it be via selling mangoes, furniture or something else has increased our income by around \$55,000 for the month. We are very grateful to the donors, many of whom wish to remain anonymous. It is unrealistic to imagine that donations and fundraising will remain at this level, but they will probably be higher than usual.

As mentioned in the extract from the Treasurer's report, it has been pleasing to see a number of parishioners move from offering envelopes to direct giving through the [Parish Provider](#) program operated through Anglican Funds Grafton Diocese. Other people have begun to use our [mobile giving facility](#) through the Cathedral app, and this is also most welcome. Thank you as well to all those who make a special trip to the office every week or so to drop off their offering envelopes. If you would like to continue with envelope giving the new envelopes starting at the beginning of June are available from the office. Together we are going to ensure that the mission and ministry of the Cathedral is sustained in these tough times.



DEAN'S FORUM TODAY
live streamed from 11.00am

WHICH VERSION?
Choosing a Bible right for you

Looking for a new Bible?
Wanting to choose a Bible as a gift for someone?

Never before in history have Christians had so many options when it comes to different translations and versions of the Bible. This presentation will trace the 'family tree' for English Bibles and explain the special characteristics of the most popular translations.

CATHEDRAL PANTRY

Our emergency food pantry has now been operating for about a month and is providing an important service to those who have been badly affected by the current COVID-19 pandemic. The pantry is coordinated by Moe Jones, assisted by a small team of volunteers. For now the Pantry operates three half days each week (Mon & Tue morning plus Thr afternoons), but may soon extend those hours or even begin to operate the Pantry from inside the OpShop so that we can resume a low level of activity through the OpShop as winter approaches. If you know of people who are having trouble accessing the shops for essential household items or non-perishable food, please let us know. If people are house bound we can arrange a delivery to them.

UPDATE ON CHURCH CLOSURES DURING THE PANDEMIC

We expect all churches will remain closed until at least the end of June, and even then it is likely that there will be strict limits on the number of people allowed inside the Cathedral as well as advice for vulnerable people to avoid such gatherings.

TECHNOLOGY UPGRADES FOR SOCIAL MEDIA MINISTRY

Parish Council has approved plans for a major investment in technology to ensure we can offer professional live streaming for regular services and special events, including funerals and weddings. Total cost is around \$50,000.

In the first instance, we shall draw on trust funds for most of those costs, but we would welcome contributions from parishioners and from friends farther afield.

If you value our live-streamed services, please consider making a gift. You can send a cheque or use our [mobile giving](#) facility.

The first phase will be upgrade the audio, and those changes were made this past week. Total cost \$2,000. Low hanging fruit. Let's fully fund that phase immediately with special gifts.

In successive phases of the project we shall improve the lighting and then install remote controlled pan/tilt/zoom IP cameras, as well as an audio and video control desk.

We know that COVID19 will trigger significant long-term changes to the way we pursue our core mission as a generous faith community centred on Jesus, seeking wisdom for life, and acting with compassion—in the heart of Grafton since 1842 ... and now wherever the Internet allows us to reach.

As an innovative faith community we are embracing the opportunities provided by technology to exercise a wide and inclusive ministry, and we appreciate your engagement with us as we do that.

A GIFT FOR JERUSALEM



For many Anglicans around the world, the Good Friday offering is given to support the Church in Jerusalem.

With no collections possible this Good Friday that significant source of funding for our sisters and brothers in Jerusalem has all but vanished, but we can use social media to contribute funds which will be channelled to Jerusalem via ABM, the Anglican Board of Mission in Australia.

Please join the Dean in [making a gift](#), and perhaps choose the option for a recurring gift so that we create an on-going stream of funds for their work.

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Prayers for those in need

Joy Baldwin
Cheryl Cook
Sue Cotter
Kathryn Douglas
Gail Gilmore
Gladys Gray

Brian Holley
Fay Kelly
Ruth Kingsley
Doris Lee
Joan Marr
John McAnally

Kay Metcalf
Eileen Rogan
Val Rogers
Muriel Shepherd
Tammy Uren
Jessie Usher

Remembering those who have died

Recently departed: Ian Causley

Year's Mind: Maxwell Denton, Necia Green, Esma Lever, Laurie Pocock, Alan Schafer, Zoe Schmutter and Kathleen Wheatley

Cathedral Prayer

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Around the Parish this Week

Today

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

9.00am – Cathedral Live Online:

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DEAN'S FORUM: Which version? Choosing a Bible right for you. Live streamed at 11.00am

Weekdays

Morning Prayer & Evening Prayer will continue to be said in the Chapel of the Epiphany at the usual times so that we maintain our regular cycle of prayer at this time, but these services are not open to the public.

Other parish activities are suspended, unless otherwise advised.

Please ensure that we have your **email address** and **mobile** number so we can reach out to you with information, news and pastoral support.

[Download the Cathedral App](#) for daily spiritual messages as well as other information from the Cathedral.

If you have a Facebook account, please join us in the private [Grafton Anglicans Facebook Group](#) for a more interactive online community.

If you need **pastoral care** or other support, please call either the Dean or Rev Camellia.

Next
Sunday

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (MOTHERS' DAY)

9.00am – Cathedral Live Online:

<https://www.graftoncathedral.org.au/this-sunday>



Please visit the Cathedral web site for the latest news, additional information, and the text of sermons as well as video recordings of many special moments in our life as a faith community: www.graftoncathedral.org.au