

CHRIST CHURCH ST LUCIA

Sunday 25th April, 2021

The 4th Sunday of Easter
(ANZAC Day)



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PRELUDE *Solemn Melody - H.Walford Davies (1869-1941)*

GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

INTROIT HYMN 59

Tune: OLD 100th

- 1 All people that on earth do dwell,
sing to the Lord with cheerful voice:
him serve with mirth, his praise forth tell;
come ye before him and rejoice.
- 2 Know that the Lord is God indeed;
without our aid he did us make:
we are his folk, he doth us feed,
and for his sheep he doth us take.
- 3 O enter then his gates with praise,
approach with joy his courts unto;
praise, laud and bless his name always,
for it is seemly so to do.
- 4 For why* the Lord our God is good;
his mercy is for ever sure;
his truth at all times firmly stood,
and shall from age to age endure.

William Kethe (d. 1594) *alt.*

* *'for why' means 'because'*

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Christ is risen! Alleluia!

He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

AN ACT OF REMEMBRANCE

Let us remember before God,
and commend to his sure keeping:
those who have died for their country in conflict;
Those whom we knew, and whose memory we treasure,
and all who have lived and died in the service of humanity.

CHOIR *For the Fallen - George Guest (1916-1996)*

*They shall grow not old as we that are left grow old,
age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.
At the going down of the sun, and in the morning
we will remember them, we will remember them.*

Silence

Confession & Absolution

Let us confess to God the sins and shortcomings of the world;
its pride, its selfishness, its greed;
its evil divisions and hatreds.

Let us confess our share in what is wrong,
and our failure to seek and establish that peace
which God wills for his children.

**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.**

Kyrie eleison (said at 7am, sung at 9am)

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

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 Gloria (said at 7am, sung at 9am)

**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.

The Collects

for the Fourth Sunday of Easter

Jesus, good shepherd of the sheep, by whom the lost are sought and guided into the fold: feed us and we shall be satisfied, heal us and we shall be whole, and lead us that we may be with you, where you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

for Anzac Day

O God, our ruler and guide, in whose hands are the destinies of this and every nation, we give you thanks for the freedoms we enjoy in this land and for those who laid down their lives to defend them: We pray that we and all the people of Australia, gratefully remembering their courage and their sacrifice, may have grace to live in a spirit of justice, of generosity and of peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

First Reading

Acts 4.5-12

Reader: A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

The next day their rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, 'By what power or by what name did you do this?'

Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, 'Rulers of the people and elders, if we are questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead.

This Jesus is "the stone that was rejected by you, the builders; it has become the cornerstone." There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved.'

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

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.

Second Reading

1 John 3.16-24

Reader: A reading from the first letter of John

We know love by this, that he laid down his life for us – and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. How does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help?

Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God; and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases him.

And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. All who obey his commandments abide in him, and he abides in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit that he has given us.

Hear the word of the Lord,

Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL HYMN 680 (t.498)

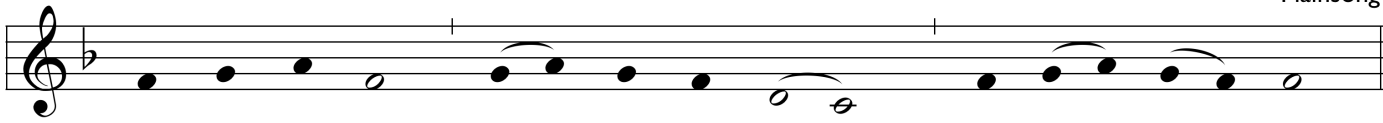
Tune: TOULON

- 1 God! As with silent hearts we bring to mind
how hate and war diminish humankind,
we pause, and seek in worship to increase
our knowledge of the things that make for peace.
- 2 Hallow our will as humbly we recall
the lives of those who gave and give their all.
We thank you, God, for women, children, men
who seek to serve in love, today as then.
- 3 Give us deep faith to comfort those who mourn,
high hope to share with all the newly-born,
strong love in our pursuit of human worth:
'lest we forget' the future of this earth.
- 4 So, God of Peace, disarm our trust in power,
teach us to coax the plant of peace to flower.
May we, impassioned by your living word,
remember forward to a world restored.

Frederik Herman Kann (1929-2009)

The Gospel Acclamation

Plainsong



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Choir: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

All: **Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

Choir: *I am the good shepherd, says the Lord:
I know my sheep, and they know me.*

All: **Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

The HOLY GOSPEL

John 10.11-18

The Lord be with you,
And also with you.

A reading from the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. John.
Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

'I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away – and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep.

I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice.

So there will be one flock, one shepherd. For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father.'

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

The SERMON The Reverend Bill Crossman

The NICENE CREED

**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.**

A LITANY OF REMEMBRANCE

God the Father,
have mercy on us.

God the Son,
have mercy on us.

God the Holy Spirit,
have mercy on us.

Holy Trinity, one God,
have mercy on us.

*The response to the bidding "God of peace" is **Hear our prayer***

The prayers conclude with the Lord's Prayer:

Rejoicing in God's new creation, let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us,

**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 GREETING OF PEACE

Jesus says: Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you.

Do not let your hearts be troubled neither let them be afraid.

The peace of the Risen Christ be always with you.

And also with you. Alleluia!

We all exchange a COVID safe sign of peace.

OFFERTORY HYMN AM 198

Tune: SALZBURG

- 1 At the Lamb's high feast we sing
praise to our victorious King,
who hath washed us in the tide
flowing from his piercèd side;
praise we him, whose love divine
gives his sacred blood for wine,
gives his body for the feast,
Christ the victim, Christ the priest.
- 2 Where the Paschal blood is poured,
death's dark angel sheathes his sword;
Israel's hosts triumphant go
through the wave that drowns the foe.
Praise we Christ, whose blood was shed,
Paschal victim, Paschal bread;
with sincerity and love
eat we manna from above.

- 3 Mighty victim from the sky,
hell's fierce powers beneath thee lie;
thou hast conquered in the fight,
thou hast brought us life and light.
Now no more can death appal,
now no more the grave enthrall:
thou hast opened paradise,
and in thee thy saints shall rise.
- 4 Easter triumph, Easter joy,
sin alone can this destroy;
from sin's power do thou set free
souls new-born, O Lord, in thee.
Hymns of glory and of praise,
risen Lord, to thee we raise;
holy Father, praise to thee,
with the Spirit, ever be.

17th-century form of *Ad cenam Agni providi*
trans. Robert Campbell (1814-1868)

The Prayer over the gifts

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.

Blessed are you, Lord of life, creator of heaven and earth,
to you be glory and praise for ever.

For through his death on the cross,
your Son Jesus Christ has broken the power of evil,
and by his glorious resurrection
has opened for us the gate of life eternal.

In him you seek the lost, restoring those whose lives
have been shattered and torn apart.

In the fullness of time, he will gather all things to himself,
enfolding us and all who have died in war in his undying love.

And so we pray that we who have set our hope on Christ
may come to the peace of heaven, there, with angels and archangels,
to sing your praise for ever:

**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 this 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 which is 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.'

In faith we acclaim you, O Christ

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 BREAKING OF 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 (said at 7am, sung at 9am)

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 COMMUNION

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.

*Communicant Christians of other church traditions
are invited also to receive Communion.*

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

ORGAN: *Elegy - William Walton (1902-1983)*

MOTET: *Jesu, the very thought of thee - Edward Bairstow (1874-1946)*

*Jesu, the very thought of thee,
with sweetness fills my breast;
but sweeter far thy face to see,
and in thy presence rest.*

Post-Communion Sentence *(sung by the choir at 9am)*

I am the good shepherd, says the Lord, alleluia:

The good shepherd lays down his life for his sheep, Alleluia. *John 10.14*

Most glorious Lord of life,
we thank you that you nourish us in these Easter mysteries.
Fill us with the Spirit of love and unite us in faith,
that we may witness to the resurrection
and show your glory to all the world.

**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.**

THANKSGIVING HYMN 672ii

Tune: WESTMINSTER ABBEY

- 1 Lord of earth and all creation,
let your love possess our land:
wealth, and freedom, far horizons,
mountain, forest, shining sand
may we share, in faith and friendship,
gifts unmeasured from your hand.

- 2 People of the ancient dreamtime,
they who found this country first,
ask with those, the later comers,
will our dream be blessed or cursed?
Grant us, Lord, new birth, new living,
hope for which our children thirst.

- 3 Lord, life-giving healing Spirit,
on our hurts your mercy shower;
lead us by your inward dwelling,
guiding, guarding, every hour.
Bless and keep our land Australia:
in your will her peace and power.

Michael Rayner Thwaites (1915- 2005)
& Honor Mary Thwaites (1914-93)

ACT OF COMMITMENT

Let us pledge ourselves anew to the service of God
and our fellow men and women:
that we may help, encourage, and comfort others,
and support those working for the relief of the needy
and for the peace and welfare of the nations.

**Lord God our Father,
we pledge ourselves in the cause of peace,
for the relief of want and suffering,
and for the praise of your name.**

**Guide us by your spirit;
give us wisdom;
give us courage;
give us hope;
and keep us faithful
now and always. Amen.**

THE BLESSING& DISMISSAL

May the God of peace,
who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ,
that great shepherd of the sheep,
comfort and assure you of his love
in this world and the next;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

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

ORGAN POSTLUDE: *Fugue in c, BWV 546 - J.S.Bach (1685-1750)*

Today's Mass Setting: W.MATHIAS

*Services on **Sunday 2nd May** (Fifth Sunday of Easter):*

Holy Eucharist will be celebrated at 7 & 9am.

Preacher: The Rev'd. Bill Crossman

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