

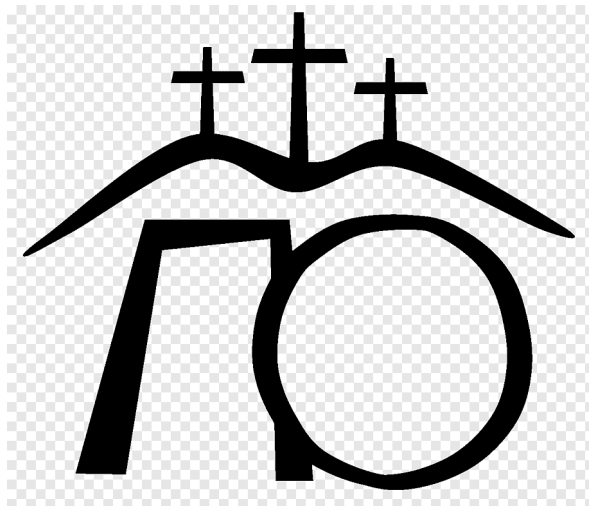




## THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

*7<sup>th</sup> May 2023*

***Welcome to Saint Peter's***



### ***Clergy***

Rev'd Jonathan Chamberlain, Vicar  
*Presiding priest*

Rev'd Chester Lord, Assistant Priest  
*Preacher and deacon*

### ***Organist***

Andrew Kerr

## WELCOME TO ST PETER'S

Welcome! Whether you are visiting Saint Peter's for the first time, come every week, or have been away from the Church for a long time, we're glad that you're here and we hope that you will join us for refreshments after the 10am service. Newcomers are encouraged make themselves known to the welcomers, and to the vicar. You can find more information about us at [saintpeters.org.au](http://saintpeters.org.au).

*Please switch off all mobile phones.*

### ALL WORSHIP SERVICES AT ST PETER'S ARE COVID-SAFE

- People who have COVID are asked to attend the 10am service online at the Parish youtube channel.
- Upon entry to the church, please use the hand sanitizer provided.
- Masks are not mandatory, however you may wish to wear one and masks are available at the door.
- People in the same families may pass the peace in the normal way. Otherwise, the peace is to be passed by gesture only, with no physical contact, remaining in your place.
- Holy communion will be served, in bread and wine, with a drop of wine safely placed on each wafer.

This service is being recorded on YouTube. A recording of the service will be uploaded to YouTube and can be watched at a later time on the YouTube channel for 'Saint Peters Brighton Beach'.

*Welcome to this celebration of the Passion and Resurrection of our Lord.*

## GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

### OPENING HYMN

And did those feet in ancient time  
walk upon England's mountains green?  
And was the holy Lamb of God  
on England's pleasant pastures seen?  
And did the countenance divine  
shine forth upon our clouded hills?  
And was Jerusalem builded here  
among those dark satanic mills?

Bring me my bow of burning gold.  
Bring me my arrows of desire.  
Bring me my spear. O clouds, unfold.  
Bring me my chariot of fire!  
I will not cease from mental fight,  
nor shall my sword sleep in my hand,  
till we have built Jerusalem  
in England's green and pleasant land.

*The presiding priest greets all in the name of the Risen Lord*

In the name of God: Father, ✠ Son and Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

Christ is risen. Alleluia!

**He is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

*The deacon says the sentence of the day*

'I am the way, and the truth, and the life,' says the Lord. 'No one comes to the Father except through me.'

*John 14.6*

*The deacon leads the congregation in the prayer of preparation*

Let us pray.

**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**

## **CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**

*The deacon introduces the confession*

‘Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God, the Lord is one; you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength.’ Jesus said: ‘This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it: you shall love your neighbour as yourself.’

*Pause for reflection*

Christ was raised from the dead, that we might walk in newness of life.  
Let us receive new life in him as we confess our sins in penitence and faith.

**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 presiding priest says 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 KYRIE**

*Kyrie eleison is sung*

*Lord, have mercy (\*3).*

*Christ, have mercy (\*3).*

*Lord, have mercy (\*3).*

## **THE GLORIA**

*Gloria in Excelsis is sung*

**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 presiding priest leads the congregation in the prayer of the day*

Let us pray.

**Everliving God,  
who called your Church to witness  
that you were in Christ reconciling the world to yourself:  
help us so to proclaim the good news of your love,  
that all who hear it may be reconciled to you;  
through him who died and rose again  
and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and forever. Amen.**

### **THE LITURGY OF THE WORD**

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

*Acts 7.55-60*

But filled with the Holy Spirit, he gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. "Look," he said, "I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!" But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him, and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit." Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, "Lord, do not hold this sin against them." When he had said this, he died.

For the word of the Lord,  
**thanks be to God.**

### **Psalm 31:1-5, 17-18**

To you Lord have I come for shelter:

**let me never be put to shame.**

O deliver me in your righteousness:

**incline your ear to me and be swift to save me.**

Be for me a rock of refuge a fortress to defend me:

**for you are my high rock and my stronghold.**

Lead me and guide me for your name's sake:

**bring me out of the net that they have secretly laid for me  
for you are my strength.**

Into your hands I commit my spirit:

**you will redeem O Lord God of truth.**

All my days are in your hand:

**O deliver me from the power of my enemies  
and from my persecutors.**

Make your face to shine upon your servant:

**and save me for your mercy's sake.**

A reading from the first Letter of Peter

*1 Pet. 2:11-25*

Beloved, I urge you as aliens and exiles to abstain from the desires of the flesh that wage war against the soul. Conduct yourselves honorably among the gentiles, so that, though they malign you as evildoers, they may see your honorable deeds and glorify God when he comes to judge.

For the Lord's sake be subject to every human authority, whether to the emperor as supreme or to governors as sent by him to punish those who do wrong and to praise those who do right. For it is God's will that by doing right you should silence the ignorance of the foolish. As servants of God, live as free people, yet do not use your freedom as a pretext for evil. Honor everyone. Love the family of believers. Fear God. Honor the emperor.

Slaves, be subject to your masters with all respect, not only those who are good and gentle but also those who are dishonest. For it is a commendable thing if, being aware of God, a person endures pain while suffering unjustly. If you endure when you are beaten for doing wrong, what credit is that? But if you endure when you do good and suffer for it, this is a commendable thing before God. For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you should follow in his steps.

“He committed no sin,

and no deceit was found in his mouth.”

When he was abused, he did not return abuse; when he suffered, he did not threaten, but he entrusted himself to the one who judges justly. He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, having died to sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed. For you were going astray like sheep, but now you have returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

For the word of the Lord,

**thanks be to God.**



## GRADUAL HYMN

I vow to thee, my country, all earthly things above,  
Entire and whole and perfect, the service of my love;  
The love that asks no question, the love that stands the test,  
That lays upon the altar the dearest and the best;  
The love that never falters, the love that pays the price,  
The love that makes undaunted the final sacrifice.

And there's another country, I've heard of long ago,  
Most dear to them that love her, most great to them that know;  
We may not count her armies, we may not see her King;  
Her fortress is a faithful heart, her pride is suffering;  
And soul by soul and silently her shining bounds increase,  
And her ways are ways of gentleness, and all her paths are peace.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION & READING

**Alleluia, alleluia.**

I am the way, the truth, and the life, says the Lord;  
no one comes to the Father, except through me.

**Alleluia!**

*The priest reads the Gospel*

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Saint John.

*Jn 14:1-14*

**Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

“Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going.” Thomas said to him, “Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?” Jesus said to him, “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.”

Philip said to him, “Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.” Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own, but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me, but if you do not, then believe because of the works themselves. Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.

For the Gospel of the Lord,

**praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

Sermon    Rev'd Chester Lord

## **THE PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL**

*The presiding priest leads the congregation in the prayers of the faithful*

Let us pray for the world and for the Church.

Jesus, our exalted Lord, has been given all authority.

Let us seek his intercession that our prayers may be perfected by his prayer.

Jesus Christ, great high priest,  
living for ever to intercede for us,  
pray for the Church, your broken body in the world ...

*Silence is kept.*

Lord, in your mercy.

**Hear our prayer.**

Jesus Christ, King of righteousness,  
enthroned at the right hand of the majesty on high,  
pray for the world, and make it subject to your gentle rule ...

*Silence is kept.*

Lord, in your mercy.

**Hear our prayer.**

Lord, enthroned in heavenly splendour:  
look with favour upon your servant Charles our King,  
and bestow upon him such gifts of wisdom and love  
that we and all your people  
may live in peace and prosperity  
and in loving service one to another.

*Silence is kept.*

Lord, in your mercy.

**Hear our prayer.**

Hear our prayers, O Lord,  
and so direct and support your servant King Charles,  
that he may not bear the sword in vain;  
but may use it as the minister of God  
to resist evil and defend the good.

*Silence is kept.*

Lord, in your mercy.

**Hear our prayer.**

Almighty Lord, and everlasting God,  
vouchsafe to direct, sanctify and govern  
both our hearts and bodies,  
in the ways of your laws,  
and in the works of your commandments;  
that through your most mighty protection,  
both here and ever,  
we may be preserved in body and soul.

*Silence is kept.*

Lord, in your mercy.

**Hear our prayer.**

Jesus Christ, Son of Man,  
drawing humanity into the life of God,  
pray for your sisters and brothers in need, distress, or sorrow ...

*Silence is kept.*

Lord, in your mercy.

**Hear our prayer.**

Jesus, pioneer of our salvation,  
bringing us to glory through your death and resurrection,  
surround with your saints and angels

those who have died trusting your promises ...

*Silence is kept.*

Lord, in your mercy.

**Hear our prayer.**

Jesus Christ, Lord over all things,  
ascended far above the heavens and filling the universe,  
pray for us who receive the gifts you give us for work in your service ...

*Silence is kept.*

Lord, in your mercy.

**Hear our prayer.**

Jesus Christ, our Good Shepherd,  
drawing us into the life of God,  
we pray especially this morning for ...

*Silence is kept.*

Lord, in your mercy.

**Hear our prayer.**

Jesus Christ,  
keep the Church in the unity of the Spirit  
and in the bond of peace,  
and bring the whole created order to worship at your feet.  
We ask all of these things in your name;  
for you are alive and reign with the Father  
and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

**Amen.**

## **THE GREETING OF PEACE**

*The presiding priest 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.**

Let us turn to one another and offer a gesture of peace.

*All exchange a sign of peace, turning to one another and offering a gesture of peace.*

*During the offertory hymn, the altar is prepared, and an offering is taken up.*

## **Offertory hymn**

Christ is made the sure foundation,  
and the precious corner-stone,  
who, the two walls underlying,  
bound in each, binds both in one,  
holy Sion's help for ever,  
and her confidence alone.

All that dedicated city,  
dearly loved by God on high,  
in exultant jubilation  
pours perpetual melody,  
God the One, in threefold glory,  
singing everlastingly.

To this temple,  
where we call thee,  
come, O Lord of hosts, today;  
with thy wonted loving-kindness,  
hear thy people as they pray;  
and thy fullest benediction  
shed within its walls for ay.

Here vouchsafe to all thy servants  
what they supplicate to gain;  
here to have and hold for ever,  
those good things their prayers obtain,  
and hereafter, in thy glory,  
with thy blessed ones to reign.

Laud and honour to the Father;  
laud and honour to the Son,  
laud and honour to the Spirit,  
ever Three, and ever One,

consubstantial, co-eternal,  
while unending ages run. Amen.

*The presiding priest says a prayer*

Lord of life,  
with unbounded joy we offer you our sacrifice of praise.  
As we are fed with the bread of heaven  
may we know your resurrection power;  
through Christ our risen Lord.

*All Amen.*

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

*The presiding priest begins the Eucharistic Prayer. The sursum corda is sung*

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.**

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,  
always and everywhere to give you thanks,  
almighty and eternal Father,  
and on this day of our redemption  
to celebrate with joyful hearts  
the memory of your wonderful works.  
For by the mystery of his passion  
Jesus Christ, your risen Son,  
has conquered the powers of death and hell  
and restored in men and women the image of your glory.  
He has placed them once more in paradise  
and opened to them the gate of life eternal.  
And so, in the joy of this Passover,  
earth and heaven resound with gladness,  
while angels and archangels and the powers of all creation

sing for ever the hymn of your glory:

*The sanctus is sung*

**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.**

...Great is the mystery of faith.

*The memorial acclamation is sung*

**Christ has died.  
Christ is risen.  
Christ will come again.**

... in songs of never-ending praise:

**Blessing and honour and glory and power  
are yours for ever and ever. Amen.**

*The presiding priest says*

Rejoicing in God's new creation, as our Saviour taught us, so we 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.**

## BREAKING OF THE BREAD AND COMMUNION

*The presiding priest breaks the consecrated bread.*

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.  
We who are many are one body,  
**for we all share in the one bread.**

*The Agnus Dei is sung*

***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 presiding priest says*

The holy gifts of God for the holy 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.

*All baptised Christians are invited to receive the bread and the wine of the Eucharist. This includes children, from the age of 5, at the discretion of their parents. Please tell the priest if you prefer to receive a gluten free wafer or a blessing. A blessing may be indicated by folding your arms across your chest at the communion rail.*

*After communion*

*Silence is kept*

*The presiding priest prays the post communion prayer*

God of Life,  
who for our redemption gave your only-begotten Son  
to the death of the cross,  
and by his glorious resurrection  
have delivered us from the power of our enemy:  
grant us so to die daily to sin,  
that we may evermore live with him in the joy of his risen life;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**



## Announcements.

# THE SENDING OUT OF GOD'S PEOPLE

## DISMISSAL HYMN

Praise, my soul, the king of heaven;  
To his feet your tribute bring.  
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,  
Who like me his praise should sing?  
Praise him, praise him,  
Hallelujah,  
Praise the everlasting king!

Praise him for his grace and favour  
To his people in distress.  
Praise him still the same for ever,  
Slow to chide and swift to bless.  
Praise him, praise him,  
Hallelujah,  
Glorious in his faithfulness!

Father-like he tends and spares us;  
Well our feeble frame he knows.  
In his hands he gently bears us,  
Rescues us from all our foes.  
Praise him, praise him,  
Hallelujah,  
Widely as his mercy flows!

Angels, help us to adore him  
You behold him face to face;  
Sun and moon, bow down before him,  
Dwellers all in time and space  
Praise him, praise him,  
Hallelujah,  
Praise with us the God of grace!

## The Blessing

*The presiding priest says*

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

**He is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

*The presiding priest says*

God the Father, by whose love Christ was raised from the dead  
open to you the gates of everlasting life. **Amen.**

God the Son, who in bursting from the grave has won a glorious victory,  
give you joy as you share the Easter faith. **Amen.**

God the Holy Spirit, who filled the disciples with the life of the risen Lord,  
empower you and fill you with Christ's peace. **Amen.**

And the blessing of God almighty, Father, ✠ Son, and  
Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you  
always. **Amen.**

*The deacon says*

With the risen life of Christ within you,  
go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia!  
Alleluia!

**In the name of Christ. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

