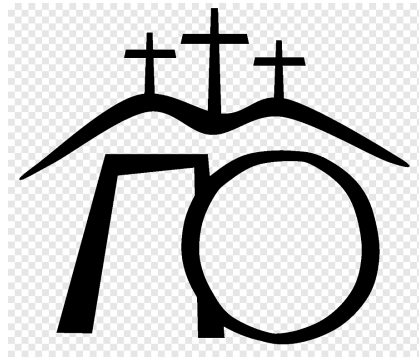




FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

28TH April 2024

Welcome to Saint Peter's



10AM SUNG HOLY EUCHARIST

Clergy and ministers

Rev. Jonathan Chamberlain

Vicar

Lucy Chamberlain

Preacher

Music

Andrew Kerr

Organist

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.

Please switch off all mobile phones.

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 Resurrection of our crucified Lord.

GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

1 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.

2 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.

3 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.

The priest greets all in the name of the crucified and risen Lord

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

Amen.

Christ is risen. Alleluia!

He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

The priest 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 priest introduces the confession

Hear the commandments which God gave his people Israel.

1. I am the Lord your God who brought you out of the land of slavery; you shall have no other gods but me.
2. You shall not make for yourself a graven image, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth; you shall not bow down to them or serve them.
3. You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain.
4. Remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy.
5. Honour your father and your mother.
6. You shall do no murder.
7. You shall not commit adultery.
8. You shall not steal.
9. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbour.
- 10 You shall not covet anything that is your neighbour's.

All: Lord, have mercy on us: and write your law in our hearts by your Holy Spirit.

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 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.

Kyrie eleison is sung

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

Gloria in excelsis is sung

Glory to God in the highest
and peace to his 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 priest leads the congregation in praying the Collect

Let us pray.

Glorious Lord of life,

by the mighty resurrection of your Son
you overcame the old order of sin and death
to make all things new in him:
grant that we, who celebrate with joy
Christ's rising from the dead
may be raised from the death of sin
to the life of righteousness;
through him who lives and reigns with you
and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. Amen.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

[all sit]

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

Acts 8.26-40

Then an angel of the Lord said to Philip, "Get up and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." (This is a wilderness road.) So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, the queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. Then the Spirit said to Philip, "Go over to this chariot and join it." So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, "Do you understand what you are reading?" He replied, "How can I, unless someone guides me?" And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this:

"Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter,
and like a lamb silent before its shearer,
so he does not open his mouth.

In his humiliation justice was denied him.

Who can describe his generation?

For his life is taken away from the earth."

The eunuch asked Philip, "About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?" Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. As they were going along the road, they came to some water, and the eunuch said, "Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?" He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went

down into the water, and Philip baptized him. When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more and went on his way rejoicing. But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he was passing through the region he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

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

PSALM 22.26-32

The poor shall eat and be satisfied:

those who seek him shall praise the Lord,
may your hearts live forever!

All the ends of the earth shall remember

and turn to the Lord:

and all the families of the nations
shall worship before him.

For dominion belongs to the Lord:

and he rules over the nations.

To him, indeed, shall all who sleep in the earth bow down:

before him shall bow all who go down to the dust,
and I shall live for him.

Posterity will serve him:

future generations will be told about the Lord.

And proclaim his deliverance to a people yet unborn:

saying that he has done it.

A reading from the first letter of John. *1 John 4.7-21*

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God abides in us, and his love is perfected in us.

By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Savior of the world. God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. So we have known and believe the love that God has for us.

God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgment, because as he is, so are we in this world. There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. We love because he first loved us. Those who say, "I love God," and hate a brother or sister are liars, for those who do not love a brother or sister, whom they have seen, cannot love God, whom they have not seen. The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.

For the Word of the Lord.

thanks be to God.

[all stand]

HYMN

1. This joyful Eastertide, away with sin and sorrow!

My Love, the Crucified, has sprung to life this morrow.

*Had Christ, that once was slain, ne'er burst his three-day prison,
our faith had been in vain: but now hath Christ arisen,
arisen, arisen, arisen.*

2. My flesh in hope shall rest, and for a season slumber:

till trump from east to west shall wake the dead in number.

3. Death's flood has lost its chill, since Jesus cross'd the river:

Lover of souls, from ill my passing soul deliver.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION & READING

Alleluia, alleluia.

Christ has become our paschal sacrifice;
let us feast with joy in the Lord.

Alleluia, alleluia.

The priest reads the Gospel

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to St. John.

Chapter 15.1-8

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.

"I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower. He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. I am the vine; you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples.

For the Gospel of the Lord,

praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

Sermon

THE CREED

The priest introduces the Nicene Creed.

Let us together affirm the faith of the church.

Please stand.

**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.

THE PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

[kneel or sit]

The priest says

Let us pray for the world and for the Church.

Prayers and thanksgivings are offered

After each prayer

...Lord, hear us.

Lord, graciously hear us.

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, hear us.

Lord, graciously hear us.

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, hear us.

Lord, graciously hear us.

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, hear us.

Lord, graciously hear us.

Jesus, pioneer of our salvation,
bringing us to glory through your death and resurrection,

surround with your saints and angels
all who have died trusting your promises.

Silence is kept.

Lord, hear us.

Lord, graciously hear us.

Jesus Christ, Lord over all things,
Lord over the Church,
pray for us who receive the gifts you give us for work in your service.

Silence is kept.

Lord, hear us.

Lord, graciously hear us.

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;
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 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 crucified and 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 the collection is taken up.

OFFERTORY HYMN

1

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.

2

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.

3

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.

4

Magdalene, 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.

5

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.

6

Seek not life within the tomb, alleluia;

Christ stands in the upper room, alleluia:
risen glory he conceals, alleluia,
risen body he reveals, alleluia.

7

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.

8

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!

The 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 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 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 priest breaks the consecrated bread.

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ:
we who are many are one body.

All: 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 priest says

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.
Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

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.

Silence is kept

The 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. *All Amen.*

Announcements

THE SENDING OUT OF GOD'S PEOPLE

DISMISSAL HYMN

Now the green blade rises from the buried grain,
Wheat that in the dark earth many years has lain;
Love lives again, that with the dead has been:
Love is come again, like wheat that springs up green.

In the grave they laid Him, Love Whom we had slain,
Thinking that He'd never wake to life again,
Laid in the earth like grain that sleeps unseen:
Love is come again, like wheat that springs up green.

Up He sprang at Easter, like the risen grain,
He who for the three days in the grave had lain;
Up from the dead my risen Lord is seen:
Love is come again, like wheat that springs up green.

When our hearts are saddened, grieving or in pain,
By Your touch You call us back to life again;

Fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been:
Love is come again, like wheat that springs up green.

The Blessing

The priest says

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

The 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 priest 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!

Please join us after the service for morning tea. All welcome.