

The Anglican Parish of South Darebin
All Saints, Northcote
St James the Great, Thornbury



FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
The Sung Eucharist
30 April 2023

OPENING HYMN (*TiS 432*)

**Christ is made the sure foundation,
Christ the head and cornerstone,
chosen by the Lord, and precious,
binding all the church in one,
holy Zion'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 Three in One adoring,
praising him eternally.**

**Here among us, where we call you
come, O Lord our God, today;
with your gentle lovingkindness
hear your people as we pray,
and your fullest benediction
pour upon us here today.**

**Praise and honour to the Father,
praise and honour to the Son,
praise and honour to the Spirit,
ever Three and ever One,
one in might and one in glory
while eternal ages run.**

From Urbs beata Hierusalem, Latin, c. 7th cent. tr. John Mason Neale 1818-66 alt.

GREETING AND WELCOME

(+) In the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Christ is risen, Alleluia!
He is risen indeed, Alleluia!

OPENING SENTENCE

'I am the good shepherd,' says the Lord. 'The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.'

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.

PENITENTIAL RITE

Let us 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.

Almighty God, have mercy on you, (+) forgive you your sins and keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

KYRIES

Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

GLORIA

**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.**

COLLECT

Let us pray.

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.**

Please sit for the readings.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Acts 2. 42-47

Thy devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. ⁴³ Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. ⁴⁴ All who believed were together and had all things in common; ⁴⁵ they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. ⁴⁶ 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, ⁴⁷ 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.

For the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

PSALM: Psalm 23 (*TiS 10*)

**The Lord's my shepherd, I'll not want.
He makes me down to lie
in pastures green, He leadeth me
the quiet waters by.**

**My soul he doth restore again;
and me to walk doth make
within the paths of righteousness,
ev'n for his own name's sake.**

**Yea, though I walk in death's dark vale,
yet will I fear no ill:
for thou art with me; and thy rod
and staff me comfort still.**

**My table thou hast furnishèd
in presence of my foes;
my head thou dost with oil anoint,
and my cup overflows.**

**Goodness and mercy all my life
shall surely follow me:
and in God's house for evermore
my dwelling-place shall be.**

Scottish Psalter 1650

NEW TESTAMENT READING

I Peter 2. 1-10

Rid yourselves, therefore, of all malice, and all guile, insincerity, envy, and all slander. ² Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation— ³ if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good. ⁴ Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight, and ⁵ like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. ⁶ For it stands in scripture: 'See, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious; and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.' ⁷ To you then who believe, he is precious; but for those who do not believe, 'The stone that the builders rejected has become the very head of the corner', ⁸ and 'A stone that makes them stumble, and a rock that makes them fall.' They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do. ⁹ But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvellous light. ¹⁰ Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

For the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

GRADUAL HYMN (*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.
He who laid the earth's foundation,
he who spread the heav'ns above,
he who breathes through all creation,
he 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 loving-kindness
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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

“I am the Good Shepherd,” says the Lord; “I know my sheep and my own know me.” **Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

GOSPEL READING

John 10. 1-10

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Jesus said, “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. ² The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. ³ The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. ⁴ When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of

them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. ⁵ They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers.' ⁶ Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them. ⁷ So again Jesus said to them, 'Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. ⁸ All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. ⁹ I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. ¹⁰ The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.

For the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

SERMON Fr Jonathan

PROFESSION OF FAITH

Let us stand and together affirm the faith of the church.

**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.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Let us pray for the faithful following of the will of God.

After each group of prayers:

Loving God, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

The priest concludes the prayers with,

Almighty God, you have promised to hear our prayers.
Grant that what we have asked in faith we may by your grace receive, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

GREETING OF PEACE

We are the body of Christ.

His Spirit is with us.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

OFFERTORY HYMN

(Tune St James: TiS 458, St Clement)

(Tune All Saints: TiS 409. Spiritus Vitae)

During the hymn, the offering of the people is received.

**O Christ, the gate to life abundant,
the source of courage, love and grace,
you know each name, you call each person
to live within God's close embrace.**

O Shepherd, Victim, risen Saviour,

**you conquered death and set us free.
To follow you brings us to wholeness:
alive, fulfilled, eternally.**

**Our sins absolved, our past forgiven,
our present rich with all you bring;
O guide our future, lead us, teach us,
our Cornerstone, our God, our King.**

**Though many tempting voices draw us
to lives of pleasure, ease and choice,
O call us louder, Shepherd, Saviour,
and help us listen to your voice.**

**O Christ, the way, the truth, the life,
with Father, Spirit, Three in One.
O help us spread your love, your message,
and may your will be truly done.**

Elizabeth Braithwaite 1962-

The Priest prays,

Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation. Through your goodness we have these gifts to share. Accept and use these 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.

All glory and honour be your 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.

He is the true Paschal Lamb
who was offered for us
and has taken away the sin of the world.

And now we give you thanks
that you have raised him in triumph from the dead.

By his death, he has destroyed death
and by his rising to life again
has restored us to eternal life.

Therefore, with angels and archangels,
and with all the company of heaven,
we proclaim your great and glorious name,
forever praising you and singing:

**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.**

Holy God, we thank you
for these gifts of your creation, this bread and wine,
and we pray that we who eat and drink them
in obedience to our Saviour Christ,
by the power of the Holy Spirit,
may be partakers of his body and blood,
and be made one with him and with each other
in peace and love.

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.'

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.

As we eat and drink this holy sacrament,
renew us by your Spirit
that we may be united in the body of your Son
and serve you as a royal priesthood
in the joy of your eternal kingdom.

Receive our praises, Father,
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
with whom and in whom,
by the power of the Holy Spirit,
we worship you in songs of never-ending praise:

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

LORD'S PRAYER

Let us pray with confidence to the Father in the words our Saviour gave us:

Our Father who art in heaven. Hallowed by thy name. Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

BREAKING OF THE 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.

AGNUS DEI

(All Saints)

**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.**

(St James)

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, grant us peace.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Behold the Lamb of God. Behold him who takes away the sin of the world.
Blessed are those who are called to his supper.
Lord, I am not worthy to receive you, but only say the word and I shall be healed.

The communion is distributed. All are invited to come forward.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

Eternal God, giver of life, in the breaking of 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. We ask this through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Father, **we offer ourselves to you as a living sacrifice, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Send us out in the power of your Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory.**

All sit for the notices and then stand for the blessing.

BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

The Lord be with you
And also with you

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 his will, working in you what is pleasing in his sight; 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! Alleluia!
In the name of Christ. Alleluia! Alleluia!

FINAL HYMN (*TiS 233*)

**I will sing the wondrous story
of the Christ who died for me.
How He left His home in glory
for the cross of Calvary.**

*Yes, I'll sing the wondrous story
of the Christ who died for me,
sing it with the saints in glory,
gathered by the crystal sea.*

**I was lost, but Jesus found me,
found the sheep that went astray,**

**threw His loving arms around me,
drew me back into His way.**

**Faint was I and fears possessed me,
bruised was I from many a fall,
hope was gone, and shame distressed me,
but his love has pardoned all.**

**Days of darkness still may meet me,
sorrow's paths I oft may tread,
but his presence still is with me;
by his guiding hand I'm led.**

**He will keep me till the river
rolls its waters at my feet;
then he'll bear me safely over,
where the loved ones I shall meet.**

Francis Harold Rowley 1854 - 1952