

# Christ is Risen!

## St Paul's, Ashgrove



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

Death is defeated, the gates of life thrown open:  
Inviting us all to enter into  
Peace with God  
Peace with each other and  
Peace with all creation.  
**The Resurrection light of New Creation has dawned.**

Choir sings *Easter Exsultet*

**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.**

For our failure to live each day as people of your new creation

**Lord, have mercy**

For the failure of our nation to live in harmony with each other and with our land

**Christ, have mercy**

For the failure of our world to share the resources of your creation in love and peace

**Lord, have mercy**

**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.**

### **Jeremiah 31.1–6**

<sup>1</sup> At that time, says the Lord, I will be the God of all the families of Israel, and they shall be my people. <sup>2</sup> This is what the Lord says:

The people who survived the sword found grace in the wilderness;  
when Israel sought for rest, <sup>3</sup> the Lord appeared to them from far away.

I have loved you with an everlasting love; therefore I have continued my faithfulness to you.

<sup>4</sup> Again I will build you, and you shall be built,  
O Israel! Again you shall take your tambourines,  
and join the dance of celebration.

<sup>5</sup> Again you shall plant vineyards  
on the mountains of Samaria;  
the planters shall plant, and shall enjoy the fruit.

<sup>6</sup> For there shall be a day when sentinels will call  
in the hill country of Ephraim:  
'Come, let us go up to Zion, to the Lord our God.'

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

### Psalm 118:1-2; 14-24

- <sup>1</sup> Give thanks to the Lord, for God is good: **God's mercy endures for ever.**  
<sup>2</sup> Let Israel now proclaim: **God's mercy endures for ever.**  
<sup>14</sup> The Lord is my strength and my song: **and has become my salvation.**  
<sup>15</sup> The sounds of joy and deliverance: **are in the tents of the righteous.**  
<sup>16</sup> The right hand of the Lord does mighty things: **the right hand of the Lord raises up.**  
<sup>17</sup> I shall not die but live: **and proclaim the works of the Lord.**  
<sup>18</sup> The Lord has disciplined me hard: **but has not given me over to death.**  
<sup>19</sup> Open me the gates of righteousness: **and I will enter and give thanks to the Lord.**  
<sup>20</sup> This is the gate of the Lord: **the righteous shall enter it.**  
<sup>21</sup> I will praise you, for you answered me: **and have become my salvation.**  
<sup>22</sup> The stone that the builders rejected: **has become the cornerstone.**  
<sup>23</sup> This is the Lord's doing: **and it is marvellous in our eyes.**  
<sup>24</sup> This is the day that the Lord has made: **We will rejoice and be glad in it.**

### Colossians 3: 1-4

<sup>1</sup> So if you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. <sup>2</sup> Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, <sup>3</sup> for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. <sup>4</sup> When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

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

**Song:** Christ the Lord is Risen Today (TiS 370)

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew chapter 28 beginning at verse 1. **Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ**

After the Sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. <sup>2</sup> And suddenly there was a great earthquake, for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. <sup>3</sup> His appearance was like lightning and his clothing white as snow. <sup>4</sup> For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. <sup>5</sup> But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. <sup>6</sup> He is not here, for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. <sup>7</sup> Then go quickly and tell his disciples, 'He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him.' This is my message for you." <sup>8</sup> So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy and ran to tell his disciples. <sup>9</sup> Suddenly Jesus met them



and said, "Greetings!" And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshiped him. <sup>10</sup> Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers and sisters to go to Galilee; there they will see me."

This is the gospel of the Lord, **praise to you Lord Jesus Christ**

*Sermon*

**P: Reaffirmation of Baptismal Vows**

*At Easter each year, we invite everyone who has been baptised to re-affirm the vows made at their baptism.*

Let us reaffirm the promises we made in baptism.

Do you turn to Christ? **I do.**

Do you repent of your sins? **I do.**

Do you renounce evil? **I do.**

I ask you to reaffirm as yours 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.**

This is the faith of the Church.

**This is our faith.**

**We believe in one God:**

**Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.**

Will you each, by God's grace,  
strive to live as a disciple of Christ,  
loving God with your whole heart,  
and your neighbour as yourself,  
until your life's end?

**I will with God's help.**

God our creator, Rock of our salvation,  
has given us new birth by water and the Spirit,  
and forgiven our sins through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
May God keep us faithful to our calling  
now and for ever. **Amen.**

*Water is sprinkled over the people*

Intercessions

Lord in your mercy **Hear our prayer**

... Give the people of this land a spirit of unselfishness, compassion, and fairness in public and private life.

**God of the nations,  
whose sovereign rule brings justice and peace,  
have mercy on our broken and divided world.  
Shed abroad your peace in the hearts of all  
and banish from them the spirit that makes for war,  
that all races and peoples may learn to live  
as members of one family  
and in obedience to your law,  
through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

...Protect them Lord and comfort them.

**God who made our home,  
And made your home with us,  
Yet often had no place to lay your head,  
Have mercy today on all who have no home.  
Provide shelter and protection,  
A future and a hope,  
To all whose beds tonight will be unsafe, unstable or exposed.  
Grant wisdom and compassion,  
To everyone with power or resources  
To provide housing solutions,  
So that all may live in peace  
And share with equity and thanksgiving  
The good things you provide  
Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

...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.**

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.**

*Stand as you are able*

P: Christ is risen. Alleluia!  
The peace of the risen Lord be always with you.

**He is risen indeed. Alleluia!**  
**And also with you.**

*All may exchange the sign of peace, remaining in place.*

**Hymn:** Alleluia, Alleluia (TiS 390)

...and for the service of your kingdom. **Blessed be God for ever**

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.**

...praising you forever, and saying:  
**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.**

...Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.'

**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 disciples knew the Lord Jesus in the 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.**

*Please come forward to receive the bread and wine. Gluten free wafers are available (please ask).  
If you prefer not to receive communion, please come forward for a blessing and an Easter egg  
(keep your hands behind your back).*

*With the high incidence of Covid and influenza in the community we ask you to:*

- *Maintain physical distancing of 1.5m as you move forward*
- *Use hand sanitiser before receiving the bread and wine*
- *NOT intinct (dip the bread in the wine)*
- *Take wine only if you are free from symptoms and free of anxiety about drinking from the common cup. Be assured that Christ is present in you and for you as you receive the bread alone.*

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.**

*Please stand as you are able*

Go in peace to love and serve the risen Lord: Alleluia, alleluia  
**In the name of Christ. Amen. Alleluia, alleluia**

**Song:** The Day of Resurrection (TiS 361)

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Join us for morning tea after the service!

## Upcoming events

- Sun 16 April                      **Combined Service and Parish Council Meeting** (after morning tea)
- Mon 17 April, 7.30pm        **Book Club** in the Crypt. If you would like to join you are very welcome. Just speak to one of the Bookclubbers. The chosen book is **Sense and Sensibility** by **Jane Austen**
- Sat 6 May                        **Practically Spiritual**, 8.30am in the Crypt - a group that meets once a month to reflect on theological books. Talk to Revd Kathy

**Playgroup** - weekly on a Friday from 9.30-11.30am during school terms. \$4 per week to cover cost. Registered Playgroup with Play Matters.

**Bible Study and Morning Prayer** every Wednesday morning during school terms. **Prayer** from 9:05am and **Bible Study** from 9.45. Everyone welcome!

**Would you like to get more involved?** In addition to our regular activities, we would love to start organising BBQs, trivia nights, a craft group, a writer's group, a social justice group, etc. If you would like to be involved with any of these, or if you have other ideas for things we might begin, please get in touch with Rev Margaret.

## For your prayers

**The Archbishop Election Committee as they discern who will be our next Archbishop.**

Ian, Wayne, Gemma and Yen, David, Revd Sue and the Goonaneman Parish, The Ward Family, Barb, Elizabeth, Melvie Rose, Sam, Kate, Liam, John, Revd Jack, Genevieve, Revd Margaret's niece, Nick, The Paul Family and the LAMB Medical Ministry in Bangladesh. We give thanks for the continued good health of Anni. And for Joy, Margaret S and Romola who are at home or in a nursing home.

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