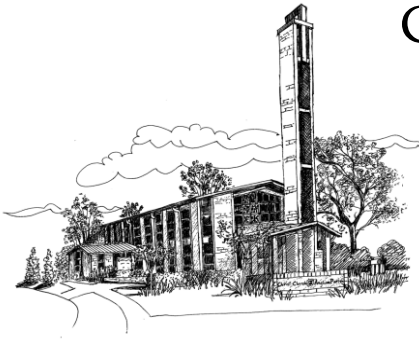


CHRIST CHURCH ST LUCIA

Sunday 28th April 2024

The Fifth Sunday of Easter

Year B



Acknowledgment of Country

We acknowledge the Turrbal & Jagera people, traditional custodians of the Country on which we gather for worship. We pay our respects to elders past, present, and emerging, and extend that respect to all First Nations people present today.

GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

MASS SETTING: *Mathias*

PRELUDE: *Rhosymedre - Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)*

INTROIT HYMN 376

Tune: CHURCH TRIUMPHANT

The service begins on p.119 of the Green Prayer Book, APBA

Confession & Absolution, APBA p.120, p.154, followed by the Gloria on p. 121.

The Collect

Fifth Sunday of Easter

O God, form the minds of your faithful people, that we may love what you command and desire what you promise, so that, amid the many changes of this world, our hearts may there be fixed where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

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.**

First Reading

Acts 8.26-40

Then an angel of the Lord said to Philip, 'Get up and go towards 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, 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.

Psalm 22 (26-32) *APBA p.243 sung by the choir at 9am to a chant by George C Martin*

Second Reading

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 lives 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 Saviour 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 judgement, 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 their brothers or sisters, 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.

GRADUAL HYMN 385 (t.AHB 37)

Tune: CHRISTCHURCH

The Gospel Acclamation (9am)



Choir/ALL: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. **Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

Choir: *Live in me, and let me live in you, says the Lord;
my branches bear much fruit.*

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

The HOLY GOSPEL

John 15.1-8

'I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine-grower. 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.

The Sermon: Rev'd Bill Crossman

REFLECTION HYMN: **TIS 680** (t. 498 TOULON)

The Creed is on p.123 APBA, followed by the prayers on p.124

OFFERTORY HYMN 394 (t. 99)

Tune: RUSTINGTON

The Greeting of Peace is on p.127, followed by the Thanksgiving is on p.128

The Breaking of the Bread & the Communion p.141.

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

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

CHOIR MOTET: *O taste and see - Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)*

Post-Communion Sentence

I am the vine and you are the branches says the Lord alleluia:
he who lives in me and I in him will bear much fruit, alleluia, alleluia.

The Sending Out of God's People follows on p.143 and response on p. 144

THANKSGIVING HYMN 96

Tune: LAUDATE DOMINUM

The Blessing & Dismissal, p.155.

POSTLUDE: *Christ ist erstanden, BWV 627 - J.S.Bach (1685-1750)*

Service is from 'A Prayer Book for Australia'. Reproduced with permission, and the Liturgical Commission © Anglican Church of Australia Trust Corporation. This text may be reproduced for use in worship in the Anglican Church of Australia. Used by permission. Published under the E-pray Licence No. AUS01 3012303324R6. Other material is printed under CAL Licence No. 5264. CCLI Licence No. 78392 TIS Licence No. AUS20-10069E- 641654. Readings are from the New Revised Standard Version of The Holy Bible ©1989, Collins Publishers.

Readings for Sunday 5th May, 2024

Acts 10.44-48 | Psalm 98 | 1John 5.1-12 | John 15.9-17

Readers: Alan Sy | Anne Sy. (7am); Jessie K | Hugh B (9am)