

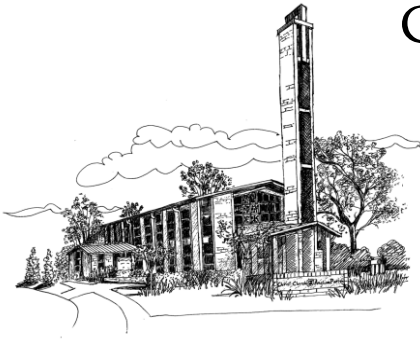
CHRIST CHURCH ST LUCIA

Sunday 5th May 2024

The Sixth Sunday of Easter

Year B

7am



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

ORGAN PRELUDE

INTROIT HYMN 452

Tune: HEATHLANDS

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

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Loving God, your Son has chosen us and called us to be his friends: give us grace to keep his commandments, to love one another, and to bear fruit which will abide; through him who is the true vine, the source of all our life, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

First Reading

Acts 10.44-48

While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, 'Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?' So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

Second Reading

1 John 5.1-12

Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, for whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith. Who is it that conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

This is the one who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ, not with the water only but with the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one that testifies, for the Spirit is the truth. There are three that testify: the Spirit and the water and the blood, and these three agree. If we receive human testimony, the testimony of God is greater; for this is the testimony of God that he has testified to his Son. Those who believe in the Son of God have the testimony in their hearts. Those who do not believe in God have made him a liar by not believing in the testimony that God has given concerning his Son. And this is the testimony: God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life.

GRADUAL HYMN 609

Tune: ST LEONARD'S

The HOLY GOSPEL

John 15.9-17

As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.

'This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you

everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.

The Sermon: The Reverend Bill Crossman

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

OFFERTORY HYMN 599 (t. 219i)

Tune: SAVANNAH

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.

Post-Communion Sentence

If you love me, keep my commandments, says the Lord.
The Father will send you the Holy Spirit, to be with you forever,
alleluia.

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

THANKSGIVING HYMN 596

Tune: RICHMOND

The Blessing & Dismissal, p.155.

ORGAN POSTLUDE

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Services on Sunday 12th May, 2024

Holy Eucharist will be celebrated at 7am and 9am

Evening Prayer – 5.30pm

Readings for Sunday 12th May, 2024

Acts 1.15-17, 21-26 | Psalm 1 | 1John 5.9-13 | John 17.6-19

Readers: Barry K | Gwen K. (7am); Dorothy E | Richard M (9am)

Organ Concert

by **CHRISTOPHER WRENCH**



Saturday 11th May
4pm

\$30 Adult, \$25 concessions, \$80 family

Proceeds to the Christ Church choral/organ scholarship program



Choral Evensong
Sunday 19th May
5.30pm
Celebrate Pentecost