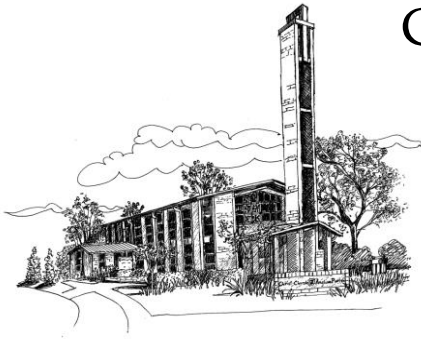


CHRIST CHURCH ST LUCIA

Sunday 5th May 2024

The Sixth 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.

We warmly welcome members of the Military and Hospitaller Order of Saint Lazarus of Jerusalem and their spouses to our 9am Eucharist today. The 2024 National Chapter of the Australian Grand Priory has been held in Brisbane over the past three days and concludes today.

GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

MASS SETTING: Shepherd

PRELUDE: *Theme & Variations in D - Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847)*

INTROIT HYMN

Tune: ISTE CONFESSOR



- 1 Lord most merciful, hear us gathered in your name,
hear, with compassion, all your humble people's prayers.
Make us, O Father, worthy to bring praises,
through the grace of Christ your Son.**
- 2 Lord of compassion, once you cleansed the lepers;
cleans now us sinners, from our own most grievous faults;
in your compassion strengthen all your people:
give us courage through our faith.**



- 3 Lord of all healing, hear the sick upon their beds,
Loosen the chains of sicknesses that weigh them down;
Be ever near them, and we now beseech you
order sickness to depart.
- 4 You who raised Lazarus from a death unholy,
by God's almighty power and by your ap-pearing,
may each one rest assured that at this life's ending
we will gain eternal life.
- 5 You who are God the Word, the resurrection and the life,
bring, by enduring love, consolation to us all;
you, with the Father and the Holy Spirit,
reign through all eternity.

*Translated from the Latin by
Anne-Marie Forbesand & David O'Neill, 2005*

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

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

**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.**

Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God, the Lord is one; you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength.' Jesus said: 'This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it: you shall love your neighbour as yourself.'

Kyrie eleison sung by all

Lord, have mercy (x3)

Christ, have mercy (x3)

Lord, have mercy. (x3)

Confession & Absolution

Christ our Passover Lamb has been offered for us,
therefore we come to celebrate the festival.

Let us confess our sins in penitence and faith,
with a sincere and a true heart.

**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,
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.**

The Gloria *sung by all*

**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.

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.**

Collect for Saint Lazarus

Faithful God, you have surrounded us with a great cloud of witnesses: grant that we, encouraged by the example of your servant, Lazarus, may persevere in running the race that is set before us, until at last with him we may attain to your eternal joy; through Jesus Christ, the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Reader: A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

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.

Hear the word of the Lord: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 98 *sung by the choir to a chant by Eric O. Ware*

O sing to the Lord a new song:
for he has done marvellous things;

His right hand and his holy arm:
they have got him the victory.

The Lord has made known his salvation:
he has revealed his just deliverance in the sight of the nations.

He has remembered his mercy and faithfulness
towards the house of Israel:
and all the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.

Shout with joy to the Lord, all the earth:
break into singing and make melody.
he Make melody to the Lord upon the harp:
upon the harp and with the sounds of praise.

With trumpets and with horns:
cry out in triumph before the Lord, the king.

Let the sea roar, and all that fills it:
the good earth and those who live upon it.

Let the rivers clap their hands:
and let the mountains ring out together before the Lord;

For he comes to judge the earth:
he shall judge the world with righteousness,
and the peoples with equity.

Reader: A reading from the first letter of John

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.

Hear the word of the Lord,
Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL HYMN 609

Tune: ST LEONARD'S

- 1 May the mind of Christ my Saviour
live in me from day to day,
by his love and power controlling
all I do and say.**
- 2 May the word of God dwell richly
in my heart from hour to hour,
so that all may see I triumph
only through His power.**

3 May the peace of Christ my Saviour
rule my life in everything,
that I may be calm to comfort
sick and sorrowing.

4 May the love of Jesus fill me
as the waters fill the sea;
him exalting, self denying,
this is victory.

5 May I run the race before me
strong and brave to face the foe,
looking only unto Jesus
as I onward go.

Katie Barclay Wilkinson (1859-1928), alt

The Gospel Acclamation (9am)



Choir: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

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

Choir: *All who love me keep my words:*

and my Father will love them, and we will come to them.

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

The HOLY GOSPEL

John 15.9-17

The Lord be with you,
And also with you.

A reading from the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. John.
Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

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.

This is the Gospel of the Lord,
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

The Sermon: The Reverend Bill Crossman.

CHORAL REFLECTION: *If ye love me – Thomas Tallis (c.1505-1585)*

The NICENE CREED

**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 PEOPLE

Please pray for:

Fr. Shane, Danny & family, Neills & family, James, Adele and Michelle, Paul, Robyn, Annette, Serge, Harry, Jarman, Harvey, Linda, Thor, Jacinta, Michelle, Gwenda, Keith, Adrian, Julia, Darrel, Loraine, Zoe, Mary, John, Nicola, Tyson, Megan & Family .

Let us pray for the world and for the church.

The prayers are offered during which periods of silence may be kept.

The prayers conclude with the Lord's Prayer

Rejoicing in God's new creation, let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us,

**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.**

THE GREETING OF PEACE

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! The peace of the Risen Christ be always with you.

And also with you. Alleluia!

We all exchange a sign of peace.

OFFERTORY HYMN 599 (t. 219i)

Tune: SAVANNAH

1. **Take my life, and let it be
consecrated, Lord, to thee.
Take my moments and my days,
let them flow in ceaseless praise.**
2. **Take my hands, and let them move
at the impulse of thy love.
Take my feet, and let them be
swift and beautiful for thee.**
3. **Take my voice, and let me sing
always, only, for my King.
Take my lips, and let them be
filled with messages from thee.**
4. **Take my silver and my gold,
nothing, Lord, would I withhold.
Take my intellect, and use
every power as thou shalt choose.**
5. **Take my will and make it thine;
it shall be no longer mine.
Take my heart, it is thine own;
it shall be thy royal throne.**
6. **Take my love: my Lord, I pour
at thy feet its treasure-store.
Take myself, and I will be
ever, only, all for thee.**

*Frances Ridley Havergal
1836-79 alt.*

The Prayer over the gifts

Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation.
Through your goodness we have these gifts to share.
Accept and use our 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 yours always and everywhere,
mighty Creator, everliving 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.

By his death on the cross, he offered the one true sacrifice for sin,
and obtained an eternal deliverance for his people.

And now we give you thanks that you raised him to life triumphant,
and exalted him in glory.

By his victory over death, the reign of sin is ended,
a new day has dawned, a broken world is restored
and we are made whole once more.

Therefore, with angels and archangels,
and with all the company of heaven,
we proclaim your great and glorious name,
for ever 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.**

Merciful God, we thank you for these gifts of your creation, this bread and this wine, and we pray that by your Word and Holy Spirit, we who eat and drink them may be partakers of Christ's body and blood.

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 which is 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.'

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.

In faith we acclaim you, O Christ:

**Christ has died;
Christ is risen;
Christ will come again.**

Renew us by your Holy Spirit, unite us in the body of your Son,
and bring us with all your people into the joy of your eternal kingdom;
through Jesus Christ our Lord, with whom and in whom,
in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,
we worship you, Father, in songs of never-ending praise:

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

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

As this broken bread was once many grains,
which have been gathered together and made one bread:
**so may your Church be gathered
from the ends of the earth into your kingdom.**

Agnus Dei *sung by all*

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 COMMUNION

The gifts of God for the people of God.

Come let us take this holy sacrament of the body and blood of Christ in remembrance that he died for us, and feed on him in our hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

Members of other Christian traditions are welcome to receive Communion.

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

CHOIR MOTET: *Draw us in the spirit's tether - Harold Friedell (1905-1958)*

Draw us in the Spirit's tether; for when humbly, in thy name,
two or three are met together, thou art in the midst of them:
Alleluya! Alleluya! touch we now thy garment's hem.

As the brethren used to gather in the name of Christ to sup,
then with thanks to God the Father break the bread and bless the cup,
Alleluya! Alleluya! So knit thou our friendship up.

All our meals and all our living make as sacraments of thee,
that by caring, helping, giving we may true disciples be.
Alleluya! Alleluya! We will serve thee faithfully.

Post-Communion Sentence *sung by the choir*

If you love me, keep my commandments, says the Lord.

The Father will send you the Holy Spirit, to be with you forever, alleluia.

Eternal God, giver of life,
in the breaking of the 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.

**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.**

THANKSGIVING HYMN 596

Tune: RICHMOND

1. Fill my whole life, O Lord my God,
in every part with praise,
that my whole being may proclaim
your being and your ways.
2. Not for the lip of praise alone
nor ev'n the praising heart
I ask, but for a life made up
of praise in every part:
3. Praise in the common things of life,
its goings out and in;
praise in each duty and each deed,
however small and mean.
4. Fill every part of me with praise:
let all my being speak
of you and of your love, O Lord,
poor though I be and weak.
5. So shall you, Lord, receive from me
the praise and glory due;
and so shall I begin on earth
the song for ever new.
6. So shall no part of day and night
from sacredness be free;
but with you, Lord, in every step
my fellowship will be.

Horatius Bonar (1808-89) alt.

THE BLESSING & DISMISSAL

God the Father,
by whose glory Christ was raised from the dead,
strengthen you to walk with him in his risen life;
and the blessing of God Almighty,
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,
be amongst you and remain with you always.
Amen.

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord, Alleluia!
In the name of Christ. Alleluia!

POSTLUDE: *Moderato in F (3 Tonestykke, No.1), op.22 - Niels Gade (1817-1890)*

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ORGAN RECITAL by Christopher Wrench - **Saturday 11 May, 4pm**
Fundraising concert for our choral/organ scholar programme

Services on Sunday 12th May, 2024
Holy Eucharist will be celebrated at 7am & 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)

