

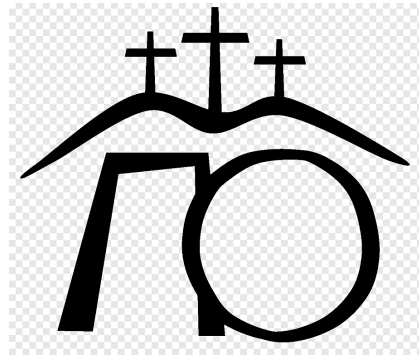




# THE SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER SUNDAY AFTER ASCENSION

12<sup>TH</sup> May 2024

*Welcome to Saint Peter's*



10AM SUNG HOLY EUCHARIST

## **Ministers**

Rev. Jonathan Chamberlain

*Vicar*

Mr. Simon Angus

*Preacher*

## **Music**

Andrew Kerr

*Organist*

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# WELCOME TO ST PETER'S

Welcome! Whether you are visiting Saint Peter's for the first time, come every week, or have been away from the Church for a long time, we're glad that you're here and we hope that you will join us for refreshments after the 10am service. Newcomers are encouraged make themselves known to the welcomers, and to the vicar. You can find more information about us at [saintpeters.org.au](http://saintpeters.org.au).

*Please switch off all mobile phones.*

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## GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

### OPENING HYMN

Hail the day that sees him rise, Alleluia!  
to his throne above the skies; Alleluia!  
Christ, a while to mortals given, Alleluia!  
enters now the highest heaven! Alleluia!

There for him high triumph waits; Alleluia!  
lift your heads, eternal gates! Alleluia!  
Wide unfold the radiant scene; Alleluia!  
let the King of glory in! Alleluia!

Heaven now its Lord receives, Alleluia!  
yet he loves the earth he leaves; Alleluia!  
though returning to his throne, Alleluia!  
still makes humankind his own. Alleluia!

See! he lifts his hands above; Alleluia!  
See! he shows his prints of love: Alleluia!  
Hark! his gracious lips bestow, Alleluia!  
blessings on his Church below. Alleluia!

Still for us he intercedes, Alleluia!  
his prevailing death he pleads, Alleluia!  
near himself prepares our place, Alleluia!  
he the first fruits of our race. Alleluia!

There we shall with you remain, Alleluia!  
partners of your endless reign, Alleluia!  
there your face unclouded view, Alleluia!  
find our heav'n of heav'ns in you, Alleluia

God has gone up with a shout,  
**All** the Lord with the sound of a trumpet.

*Psalm 47.5*

*The priest greets all in the name of God*

In the name of God: Father, ✠ Son and Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

Grace, mercy and peace  
from God our Father  
and the Lord Jesus Christ  
be with you

**All** and also with you.

*The priest leads the congregation in the 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

## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

*The priest introduces the confession*

Hear the commandments which God gave his people Israel.

1. I am the Lord your God who brought you out of the land of slavery; you shall have no other gods but me.
2. You shall not make for yourself a graven image, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth; you shall not bow down to them or serve them.
3. You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain.
4. Remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy.
5. Honour your father and your mother.
6. You shall do no murder.
7. You shall not commit adultery.
8. You shall not steal.
9. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbour.
- 10 You shall not covet anything that is your neighbour's.

**All: Lord, have mercy on us: and write your law in our hearts by your Holy Spirit.**

*Pause for reflection*

Christ was raised from the dead, that we might walk in newness of life.  
Let us receive new life in him as we 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.

*The priest says the Absolution*

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.

*Kyrie eleison is sung*

Lord, have mercy (\*3).  
Christ, have mercy (\*3).  
Lord, have mercy (\*3).

*Gloria in excelsis is sung*

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 priest leads the congregation in praying the Collect*

Let us pray.

*Silence for reflection*

Almighty God,  
your blessed Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ,  
ascended far above all heavens that he might fill all things:  
mercifully give us faith to trust  
that, as he promised,  
he abides with us on earth until the end of time;  
through the same Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.  
Amen.

## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

*[all sit]*

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.                      *Acts 1:15-17, 21-26*

In those days Peter stood up among the believers (together the crowd numbered about one hundred and twenty people) and said, 'Friends, the scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit through David foretold concerning Judas, who became a guide for those who arrested Jesus—for he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry.' So one of the men who have accompanied us throughout the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, beginning from the baptism of John until the day when he was taken up from us—one of these must become a witness with us to his resurrection.' So they proposed two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also known as Justus, and Matthias. Then they prayed and said, 'Lord, you know everyone's heart. Show us which one of these two you have chosen to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place.' And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias; and he was added to the eleven apostles.

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

PSALM 1

1. Blessed are they who have not walked in the counsel of the ungodly:  
nor followed the way of sinners, nor taken their seat amongst the scornful.
2. But their delight is in the law of the Lord:  
and on that law will they ponder day and night.
3. They are like trees planted beside streams of water:  
that yield their fruit in due season.
4. Their leaves also shall not wither:  
and look, whatever they do it shall prosper.
5. As for the ungodly, it is not so with them:  
they are like the chaff which the wind scatters.
6. Therefore the ungodly shall not stand up at the judgment:  
nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous.
7. For the Lord cares for the way of the righteous:  
but the way of the ungodly shall perish.

A reading from the first letter of John.      *1 John 5.9-13*

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.

I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, so that you may know that you have eternal life.

For the Word of the Lord.

thanks be to God.

*[all stand]*

## GRADUAL HYMN

1 Hail, our once-despisèd Jesus,  
hail, our Galilean King!  
By your suffering you released us  
and did free salvation bring.  
Friend and universal Saviour,  
bearer of our sin and shame,



by your merits we find favour;  
life is given through your name.

2 Paschal Lamb by God appointed,  
all our sins on you were laid;  
by almighty love anointed,  
you have full atonement made:  
all your people are forgiven  
through the virtue of your blood;  
opened is the gate of heaven;  
reconciled are we to God.

3 Jesus, hail! enthroned in glory,  
there for ever to abide;  
all the heavenly host adore you,  
seated at your Father's side:  
there for sinners you are pleading,  
there you now our place prepare,  
ever for us interceding  
till in glory we appear.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION & READING

**Alleluia, alleluia.**

The Lord said: I will not leave you orphans;  
I will come back to you, and your hearts will rejoice.

**Alleluia, alleluia.**

*The priest reads the Gospel*

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to St. John. *Chapter 17.6-19*

**Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

'I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world.  
They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now  
they know that everything you have given me is from you; for the words that you

gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one. While I was with them, I protected them in your name that you have given me. I guarded them, and not one of them was lost except the one destined to be lost, so that the scripture might be fulfilled. But now I am coming to you, and I speak these things in the world so that they may have my joy made complete in themselves. I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. I am not asking you to take them out of the world, but I ask you to protect them from the evil one. They do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. And for their sakes I sanctify myself, so that they also may be sanctified in truth.

For the Gospel of the Lord,

**praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

Sermon

## THE CREED

*The priest introduces the Nicene Creed.*

Let us together affirm the faith of the church.

*Please stand.*

**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 FAITHFUL

*[kneel or sit]*

*The priest says*

Let us pray for the world and for the Church.

*Prayers and thanksgivings are offered*

*After each prayer*

...Lord, hear us.

Lord, graciously hear us.

Jesus, our exalted Lord, has been given all authority.

Let us seek his intercession that our prayers may be perfected  
by his prayer.

Jesus Christ, great high priest,  
living for ever to intercede for us,  
pray for the Church, your broken body in the world.

*Silence is kept.*

Lord, hear us.

**Lord, graciously hear us.**

Jesus Christ, King of righteousness,  
enthroned at the right hand of the majesty on high,  
pray for the world, and make it subject to your gentle rule.

*Silence is kept.*

Lord, hear us.

**Lord, graciously hear us.**

Jesus Christ, Son of Man,  
drawing humanity into the life of God,  
pray for your sisters and brothers in need, distress, or sorrow.

*Silence is kept.*

Lord, hear us.

**Lord, graciously hear us.**

Jesus, pioneer of our salvation,  
bringing us to glory through your death and resurrection,  
surround with your saints and angels  
all who have died trusting your promises.

*Silence is kept.*

Lord, hear us.

**Lord, graciously hear us.**

Jesus Christ, Lord over all things,  
Lord over the Church,  
pray for us who receive the gifts you give us for work in your service.

*Silence is kept.*

Lord, hear us.

Lord, graciously hear us.

Jesus Christ,  
keep the Church in the unity of the Spirit  
and in the bond of peace,  
and bring the whole created order to worship at your feet;  
for you are alive and reign with the Father  
and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.  
**Amen.**

## THE GREETING OF PEACE

*The priest says*

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. Alleluia.

The peace of the crucified and risen Christ be always with you.  
**And also with you.**

Let us turn to one another and offer a gesture of peace.

*All exchange a sign of peace, turning to one another and offering a gesture of peace.*

*During the offertory hymn, the altar is prepared, and the collection is taken up.*

## OFFERTORY HYMN

1 The head that once was crowned with thorns  
is crowned with glory now;  
a royal diadem adorns  
the mighty victor's brow.

2 The highest place that heaven affords  
is his, is his by right,  
the King of kings and Lord of lords,

and heaven's eternal light,

3 the joy of all who dwell above,  
the joy of all below,  
to whom he manifests his love  
and grants his name to know.

4 To them the cross, with all its shame,  
with all its grace, is given,  
their name an everlasting name,  
their joy the joy of heaven.

5 They suffer with their Lord below,  
they reign with him above,  
their profit and their joy to know  
the mystery of his love.

6 The cross he bore is life and health,  
though shame and death to him;  
his people's hope, his people's wealth,  
their everlasting theme.

*The priest says a prayer*

Blessed be God,  
by whose grace creation is renewed,  
by whose love heaven is opened,  
by whose mercy we offer our sacrifice of praise.  
**All Blessed be God for ever.**

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

*The priest begins the Eucharistic Prayer. The sursum corda is sung*

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.**

It is indeed right and good,  
our duty and our joy,  
always and everywhere to give you thanks,  
holy Father, almighty and eternal God,  
through Jesus Christ the King of glory.  
Born of a woman,  
he came to the rescue of our human race.  
Dying for us,  
he trampled death and conquered sin.  
By the glory of his resurrection  
he opened the way to life eternal  
and by his ascension,  
gave us the sure hope  
that where he is we may also be.  
Therefore the universe resounds with Easter joy  
and with choirs of angels we sing for ever to your praise:

*The sanctus is sung*

**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.**

...Great is the mystery of faith.

*The memorial acclamation is sung*

**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 priest says*

Rejoicing in God's new creation, as our Saviour taught us, so we 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.**

## **BREAKING OF THE BREAD AND COMMUNION**

*The priest breaks the consecrated bread.*

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ:  
we who are many are one body.

**All: for we all share in the one bread.**

*The Agnus Dei is sung*

**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 priest says*

I heard the voice of a great multitude crying, Alleluia.



The Lord our God has entered into his kingdom.

**All Blessed are those who are called to the supper of the Lamb. Alleluia.**

*All baptised Christians are invited to receive the bread and the wine of the Eucharist. This includes children, from the age of 5, at the discretion of their parents. Please tell the priest if you prefer to receive a gluten free wafer or a blessing. A blessing may be indicated by folding your arms across your chest at the communion rail.*

*Silence is kept*

*The priest prays the post communion prayer*

God our Father,  
you have raised our humanity in Christ  
and have fed us with the bread of heaven:  
mercifully grant that, nourished with such spiritual blessings,  
we may set our hearts in the heavenly places;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**All Amen.**

God of Mission,  
Who alone brings growth to your Church,  
Send your Holy Spirit to give,  
Vision to our planning,  
Wisdom to our actions,  
Joy to our worship  
And power to our witness.  
Help our church to grow in numbers,  
In spiritual commitment to you,  
And in service to our local community,  
Through Jesus 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. **Amen**

**Announcements**

# THE SENDING OUT OF GOD'S PEOPLE

## DISMISSAL HYMN

1 Hallelujah! sing to Jesus,  
his the sceptre, his the throne;  
hallelujah! his the triumph,  
his the victory alone;  
hark, the songs of peaceful Zion  
thunder like a mighty flood:  
'Jesus out of every nation  
has redeemed us by his blood.'

2 Hallelujah! not as orphans,  
are we left in sorrow now;  
hallelujah! he is near us,  
faith believes, nor questions how;  
though the cloud from sight received him  
when the forty days were o'er,  
shall our hearts forget his promise,  
'I am with you evermore'?

3 Hallelujah! bread of heaven,  
and on earth our food, our stay;  
hallelujah! here the sinful  
flee to you from day to day;  
intercessor, friend of sinners,  
earth's redeemer, plead for me  
where the songs of all the sinless  
sweep across the crystal sea.

4 Hallelujah! King eternal,  
you the Lord of lords we own;  
hallelujah! born of Mary,  
earth your footstool, heav'n your throne:  
you within the veil have entered,  
robed in flesh, our great high priest;

you on earth both priest and victim  
in the eucharistic feast.

## THE DISMISSAL

*The minister leads the dismissal*

Jesus said to them, "You will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven."

Then the disciples returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day's journey away. When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying. They were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers. Acts of the Apostles (1.8-11, 12,13a,14)

Silence is kept.

As we wait in silence,  
All **make us ready for your coming Spirit.**  
As we listen to your word,  
All **make us ready for your coming Spirit.**  
As we worship you in majesty,  
All **make us ready for your coming Spirit.**  
As we long for your refreshing,  
All **make us ready for your coming Spirit.**  
As we long for your renewing,  
All **make us ready for your coming Spirit.**  
As we long for your equipping,  
All **make us ready for your coming Spirit.**

As we long for your empowering,  
All **make us ready for your coming Spirit.**

*Silence is kept*

## **BLESSING**

*The priest gives the blessing*

God the Father,  
who has given to his Son the name above every name,  
strengthen you to proclaim Christ Jesus as Lord.  
All **Amen.**

God the Son,  
who is our great high priest passed into the heavens,  
plead for you at the right hand of the Father.  
All **Amen.**

God the Holy Spirit,  
who pours out his abundant gifts upon the Church,  
make you faithful servants of Christ our King.  
All **Amen.**

And the blessing of God almighty,  
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be among you and remain with you always.  
All **Amen.**

*The priest says*

Waiting expectantly for the promised Holy Spirit,  
go in the peace of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.  
All **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**

*Please join us after the service for morning tea. All welcome.*