

St Philip's Anglican Church
Marningatha Episcopate
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The Holy Eucharist



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Second Sunday of Easter - Season of Refugees

Opening Hymn

Acclamation:

Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Blessed be God's Kingdom, now and for ever.

The Lord be with you

And also with you

Christ is risen Alleluia

He is risen indeed Alleluia

Sentence

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.

1 Peter 1.3

Acknowledgement:

Let us pay our respects to the Elders past, present and emerging of the Wurundjeri Woi Wurrung people whose land of Yálla-birr-ang (Collingwood) and Carran-carramulk (Abbotsford – along the Yarra River) we meet on today.

God of forgiveness and hope, who sent your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ to break down the walls that divide us from each other: grant that all Australians, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples with later migrants from many countries, may work together to heal the wounds of injustice in our past, and to build a community of care and compassion for our future; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

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

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

KYRIE

James O'Donnell

Lord, have mer-cy, Lord, have mer-cy,
Christ, have mer-cy, Christ, have mer-cy,
Lord, have mer-cy. Lord, have mer-cy,

Lord have mer - cy on us.
Christ have mer - cy on us.

Lord havemer - cy on us.

The image shows three staves of musical notation in G major, 4/4 time. The first staff contains the first line of lyrics. The second staff contains the second line of lyrics, with a first ending bracket above it. The third staff contains the third line of lyrics, with a first ending bracket above it.

Seasonal Invitation

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

Silence may be kept

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

A pause for reflection

Penitence

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 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.**

Gloria

GLORIA

O'Donnell

Glo-ry to God in the Highest and
peace to God's peo-ple on Earth.

Lord God, hea-ven lyking, al might-y God and
Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we
give you thanks, we praise you for your
glo - ry. Lord Je - sus Christ,
on - ly son of the Fa - ther.

The image shows ten staves of musical notation for the Cantor part. The first staff has a tempo marking of quarter note = 104. The lyrics are written below the notes.

Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a-way the
sin of the world: have mer - cy on
us; You are seated at the
right hand of the Fa - ther: re -
ceive our prayer. For you a - lone are the
ho - ly one. You a - lone are the Lord.
You a - lone are the most
high Jesus Christ with the Ho - ly
Spi-rit. In the Glor-y of God the
fa - ther. A - men.

The image shows ten staves of musical notation for the Congregation part. The lyrics are written below the notes.

The Collect

Almighty and eternal God, the strength of those who believe and the hope of those who doubt: may we, who have not seen, have faith and receive the fullness of Christ's blessing; who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Liturgy of the Word

First Reading

Acts 2.14a; 2.22-32

¹⁴ But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them:

²² "You that are Israelites, listen to what I have to say: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with deeds of power, wonders, and signs that God did through him among you, as you yourselves know—

²³ this man, handed over to you according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of those outside the law.

²⁴ But God raised him up, having freed him from death, because it was impossible for him to be held in its power.

²⁵ For David says concerning him,

"I saw the Lord always before me,

for he is at my right hand so that I will not be shaken;

²⁶ therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced;

moreover, my flesh will live in hope.

²⁷ For you will not abandon my soul to Hades,

or let your Holy One experience corruption.

²⁸ You have made known to me the ways of life;

you will make me full of gladness with your presence."

²⁹ "Fellow Israelites, I may say to you confidently of our ancestor David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day.

³⁰ Since he was a prophet, he knew that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would put one of his descendants on his throne.

³¹ Foreseeing this, David spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, saying,

"He was not abandoned to Hades,

nor did his flesh experience corruption."

³² This Jesus God raised up, and of that all of us are witnesses.

Hear the word of the Lord

thanks be to God.

Psalm 16 - *read antiphonally.*

¹ Preserve me, O God:

for in you have I taken refuge.

² I have said to the Lord, You are my lord:

and all my good depends on you.

³ As for those who are held holy on the earth:

the other gods in whom people delight,

⁴ Though the idols are many that they run after:

their offerings of blood I will not offer,

nor take their name upon my lips.

⁵ The Lord is my appointed portion and my cup:

you hold my lot in your hands.

⁶ The share that has fallen to me is in pleasant places:

and a fair land is my possession.

⁷ I will bless the Lord who has given me counsel:

at night also he has instructed my heart.

⁸ I have set the Lord always before me:

he is at my right hand, and I shall not fall.

⁹ Therefore my heart is glad and my spirit rejoices:

my flesh also shall rest secure.

¹⁰ For you will not give me over to the power of death:

nor suffer your faithful one to see the Pit.

¹¹ You will show me the path of life:

in your presence is the fulness of joy,

and from your right hand flow delights for evermore.

Epistle Reading

1 Peter 1.1-12

¹ Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ, To the exiles of the Dispersion in Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia, and Bithynia, ² who have been chosen and destined by God the Father and sanctified by the Spirit to be obedient to Jesus Christ and to be sprinkled with his blood: May grace and peace be yours in abundance. ³ Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, ⁴ and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, ⁵ who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. ⁶ In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, ⁷ so that the genuineness of your faith—being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honour when Jesus Christ is revealed. ⁸ Although you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, ⁹ for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls. ¹⁰ Concerning this salvation, the prophets who prophesied of the grace that was to be yours made careful search and inquiry, ¹¹ inquiring about the person or time that the Spirit of Christ within them indicated, when it testified in advance to the sufferings destined for Christ and the subsequent glory. ¹² It was revealed to them that they were serving not themselves but you, in regard to the things that have now been announced to you through those who brought you good news by the Holy Spirit sent from heaven—things into which angels long to look!

Hear the word of the Lord

thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn

Gospel Reading

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St John, Chapter 20 beginning at the 19th verse.

Glory to You Lord Jesus Christ.

John 20.19-31

¹⁹ When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' ²⁰ After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. ²¹ Jesus said to them again,

'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.'²² When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit.²³ If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.'²⁴ But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came.²⁵ So the other disciples told him, 'We have seen the Lord.'²⁶ But he said to them, 'Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.'²⁷ A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.'²⁸ Then he said to Thomas, 'Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.'²⁹ Thomas answered him, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him, 'Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.'³⁰ Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book.³¹ But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

For the Gospel of the Lord
praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

[The Sermon / Homily](#)

[Affirmation of Faith](#)

Where possible please stand

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.

Intercessions

Please sit or kneel for the prayers, (These or other prayers may be used)

With glad hearts and rejoicing souls, we bring our prayers to God who has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, therefore in confidence we pray: You will show us the path of life; **in your presence there is fullness of joy.**

Almighty and merciful God, your Son became a refugee and had no place to call his own; look with mercy on those who today are fleeing from danger, homeless and hungry. Bless those who work to bring them relief; inspire generosity and compassion in all our hearts; and guide the nations of the world towards that day when all will rejoice in your Kingdom of justice and of peace; You will show us the path of life; **in your presence there is fullness of joy.**

Gracious One, breathe the Holy Spirit upon your Church, that we may forgive the sins of all and be witnesses of your peace.

You will show us the path of life; **in your presence there is fullness of joy.**

Eternal One, guide the leaders of our nation and all in authority to embrace the compassionate example of Christ, that they may spread his blessing, "Peace be with you."

You will show us the path of life; **in your presence there is fullness of joy.**

Compassionate One, bring your healing presence into the suffering places of the world and speak peace to those huddled behind locked doors of fear, that all humanity may enjoy an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled and unfading.

You will show us the path of life; **in your presence there is fullness of joy.**

Gentle One, cast out all fear and heal the grief of everyone, that this community may be a place of loving hospitality, nurturing hope and faith for all.

You will show us the path of life; **in your presence there is fullness of joy.**

Loving God, bless all for whom we pray, that even when they may not see Christ, they may love him, believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy; we especially pray for especially **Amy; Ken; Maryann; Zac; Dylan; Jacob; Andrew; Jan; Richard; Brittany, Greg, Evelyn; Eloise; John; Grant; Drickis; Heidi; Henry, Sam; Matt; Maj; Blessing; Elaine; Marina, Michael; Margaret; Fr David; Robert, Gwendolyn; We pray for JLTC, and especially Con, Damien and Tony.**

Hear our words of thanksgiving and praise as we tell you of our gratefulness, O God, especially for **Bulgaria, Romania, Hungary; Igreja Anglicana de Moçambique e Angola; Diocese of Grafton; Christ Church Cathedral; Jumbunna Episcopate, Archdeaconry of Maroondah, Deanery of the Hills: St Luke's Cockatoo, St Mark's Emerald, St George's Monbulk, Parish of Mount Dandenong, Upper Yarra Anglican Parish, Anglican Parish of Wandin, Seville & Mt Evelyn, Anglican Parish of Upwey/Belgrave, All Saints' (Carlotta Tye Memorial Church) Selby, St Martin's Belgrave Heights; Korowa Grammar School; St John's Highton Confirmation Service; Inner West Church; RAFT, Anglican Parish of Ferntree Gully & Rowville, Casey Dinka.**

Let your resurrection life raise all who have died into your eternal presence, that they may have life in Christ's name, **especially Derek Hohmann and Valma Platt** rest eternal grant unto them O Lord, **and let light perpetual shine upon them** May they rest in Peace; **and rise in Glory.**

You will show us the path of life; **in your presence there is fullness of joy.**

God of love and compassion: may we always recognize your spirit:

- in the refugee family, seeking safety from violence;
- in the migrant worker, bringing food to our tables;
- in the asylum-seekers, seeking justice for their families;
- in the unaccompanied child, traveling in a dangerous world.

Give us hearts that break open whenever our brothers and sisters turn to us.

Give us hearts that no longer turn deaf to their voices in times of need;

Give us eyes to recognize a moment for grace instead of a threat.

Give us voices that fail to remain silent but which decide instead to advocate prophetically.

Give us hands that reach out in welcome, but also in work, for a world of justice until all homelands are safe and secure.

You will show us the path of life; **in your presence there is fullness of joy.**

Reveal yourself unto the whole world, O Holy One, and heal the grief and anxiety of your creation, that all hearts may be glad, all souls rejoice, and all humanity rest secure in the life of the Holy Spirit through Jesus Christ our Saviour. **Amen.**

Liturgy of the Eucharist

He has told you, O mortal, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?

Micah 6:8

Greeting of Peace –

We are the body of Christ.

His Spirit is with us.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.



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Offertory Hymn

Preparation of the altar and the gifts

The bread and the wine are presented. –

The gifts of the people are brought to the Lord's Table.

Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation. Through your goodness we have these gifts to share. Accept and use our offerings for your benefit and for the fulfilment of your purposes.

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.

It is our duty and our joy to give you thanks and praise,

Lord God of heaven and earth,

because you are continually renewing your work of creation and transforming it to show your glory through resurrection,

With your touch you formed us from the dust of the earth.

You raised your people from slavery in Egypt;

you bound them to you through your covenant on Sinai;

and you made yourself known to them in exile and the Promised Land
 In the cross of Jesus you take into yourself the scars of our sin,
 and in his resurrected body you invite us to touch the wounds of your love.
 And so we gladly thank you, with angels and archangels
 and all the company of heaven, singing the hymn of your unending praise

SANCTUS James O'Donnell



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,
 God of power and might.
 Heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry Ho -
 san - na in the high - est. Blessed is
 He who comes in the name of the
 Lord Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Forgiving God, your Son's disciples covered behind locked doors:
 and yet in him you visited them on the evening of resurrection
 and breathed on them the Spirit of peace.

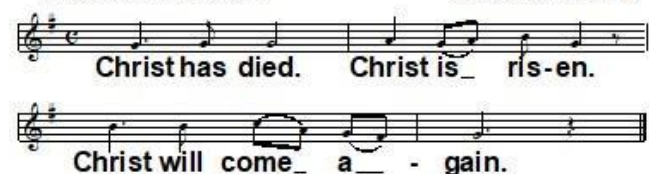
Breathe that Holy Spirit upon us now,
 that your church may know the power of your forgiveness
 and these gifts of bread and wine may be for us
 the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ;
 who, at supper with his disciples, took bread, gave you thanks,
 broke the bread, and gave it to them, saying,
 "Take, eat: this is my body which is given for you;
 do this in remembrance of me?"

After supper he took the cup.

Again he gave you thanks, and gave it to his disciples, saying,
 "Drink this, all of you: this is my blood of the new covenant,
 which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.
 Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me"

Great is the mystery of faith.

ACCLAMATION 1 James O'Donnell



Christ has died. Christ is - ris-en.
 Christ will come a - gain.

Lord and God, intimate Saviour of our lives
 and cosmic ruler of the universe,
 in Jesus you are the substance of things hoped for
 and the knowledge of things unseen.
 Visit any who struggle under the shadow of doubt:
 minister among all who suffer beneath the claims of oppressive rule;
 resurrect your children, your church, and your earth.
 Bless those who have not seen and yet believe,
 and shape your wounded body the church

to let the world see you through its scars.
Lift every voice to sing your Easter glory
until the day when all stand before your throne,
in eternal communion with one another and with you,
ever one God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

ACCLAMATION 2

James O'Donnell

Bless - ing and hon - our and
glor - y and power, be your for ev - er and
ev - er. A - men

Communion Rite -

Being made one by the power of the Spirit, as our Saviour taught us, so we sing

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Simply

N Kedrov Sr

Our Fath - er, who art in heav - en,
hal - lowed be thy Name. thy king - dom come,
thy will - be done on earth as it is in heav - en.
Give us this day our dail - y bread,
and for - give us our tres - pass - es
as we forgive those who tres pass a - gainst us,
and lead us not in - to temp - ta - tion,
but de - liv - er us from e - vil. A - men.

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.**

Agnus Dei

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, **have mercy on us.**

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, **have mercy on us.**

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, **grant us your peace.**

Communion - *Please form a circle around the altar.*

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 gave himself for us, and feed on him in our hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

All are welcome to share with us in communion with Jesus who told us to break bread and share wine in remembering him and celebrating the reality of his presence.

Administration of Communion.

The body of Christ [the bread of heaven] keep you in eternal life. **Amen**

The blood of Christ [the cup of salvation] keep you in eternal life. **Amen**

[Communion Chant](#)

Jesus the Lord is Risen (Surrexit Dominus Vere II) -- Taizé song

Jesus the Lord is risen, Alleluia, Alleluia
Jesus the Lord is risen today, Alleluia, Alleluia

[Prayer of Virtual Communion](#)

Jesus, we believe that You are present in the Holy Sacrament. Our friends online desire to receive You. Since they cannot receive You sacramentally, I ask You to come spiritually into their hearts. **Amen.**

[Post Communion Prayer](#)

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.

[Prayer of self-offering](#)

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.**

Please return to your seat, but remain standing

[Final Hymn](#)

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[Food Basket](#)

The food basket is back! Please bring a non-perishable item food or drink for those less fortunate.

[New Altar Frontal](#)

Many thanks to Helen and Margaret for the creation of our new Season of Refugees Altar Frontal.

[Thy Kingdom Com](#)



How do we walk together for justice and refugees?




FIVE WINDS PRESENTS ...

ROALD DAHL'S **LITTLE RED RIDING HOOD** WITH A TWIST!



WITH MUSIC BY PAUL PATTERSON

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Classical wind quintet with special guests **Radiance Chen** on piano and narration by comedy legend **Rusty Berther** (Scared Weird Little Guys).

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Prayer for Growth

God of the unfolding Mission, you are the quiet breath that makes all things bloom. Let your Spirit sweep through our dreams, giving light to our plans and fire to our footsteps. May we grow like a deep-rooted forest – expanding in number, deepening in devotion, and reaching out as a shelter for our neighbours. Through Jesus, our living hope. Amen.

The Blessing and Dismissal

May you embrace God's gift of new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

May Christ's breath of peace be upon you to make your hearts glad and your spirits rejoice.

May you receive the Holy Spirit to make you full of gladness in the presence of God.

The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you what is pleasing in his sight;

And the blessing of our life-giving God the holy, glorious, and undivided Trinity, be with you and empower you, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord

In the name of Christ Amen

Please join us after the service for Morning Tea

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