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PAROCHIAL DISTRICT OF WANGARATTA WEST & THE WARBYNS

9.30am Sung Eucharist & 11.00 Eucharist
The Third Sunday of Easter
April 14th 2024

GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

Opening Hymn: AHB 294 / TiS 372 [tune: Albinus]

1. **Jesus lives! your terrors now
can, O death, no more appal us;
Jesus lives! by this we know
now the grave cannot enthrall us. Hallelujah!**
2. **Jesus lives! for us he died;
then may we, for Jesus living,
pure in heart, in him abide,
glory to our Saviour giving. Hallelujah!**
3. **Jesus lives! our hearts know well
naught from us his love shall sever:
fame, or hurt, or powers of hell
tear us from his keeping never. Hallelujah!**
4. **Jesus lives! henceforth is death
not for us a gloomy portal
when we take our final breath,
but the gate to life immortal. Hallelujah!**
5. **Jesus lives! to him the throne
over all the world is given;
may we go where he is gone,
rest and reign with him in heaven. Hallelujah!**

Christian Fürchtegott Gellert 1715–69
tr. Frances Elizabeth Cox 1812–97 and others

Greeting

Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

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

Christ is Risen! Alleluia!

He is Risen Indeed! ALLELUIA!

Let us pray.

**Father of glory, holy and eternal,
look upon us now in power and mercy.
May your strength overcome our weakness,
your radiance transform our blindness,
and your Spirit draw us to that love
shown and offered to us by your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**

The Sentence

Turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out, so that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord.

Acts 3.19–20

The Confession & Absolution

In baptism we died with Christ,
so that as Christ was raised from the dead,
we might walk in newness of life.

Let us receive new life in him
as we confess our sins in penitence and faith

cf Romans 6.4

**Almighty God, our heavenly Father,
we have sinned against you
in thought, and word, and deed,
and in what we have failed to do.
Have mercy on us,
forgive us all that is past,
and grant that we may serve you
and live a new life to your glory;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

May the God of love and power,
forgive you and free you from your sins,
heal and strengthen you by his Spirit,
and raise you to new life in Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Hymn of Praise is said or 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 sings or says the Collect

Lord of life,
by submitting to death, you conquered the grave;
by being lifted upon the cross, you draw all peoples to you;
by being raised from the dead,
you restore to humanity all that was lost through sin:
be with us in your risen power,
that in word and deed we may proclaim
the marvellous mystery of death and resurrection.
For all praise is yours, now and throughout eternity. **Amen.**

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles [3. 12-20]

When Peter saw it, he addressed the people, ‘You Israelites, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we had made him walk? The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our ancestors has glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and rejected in the presence of Pilate, though he had decided to release him. But you rejected the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer given to you, and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. And by faith in his name, his name itself has made this man strong, whom you see and know; and the faith that is through Jesus has given him this perfect health in the presence of all of you.

‘And now, friends, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. In this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, that his Messiah would suffer.

Repent therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out, so that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord, and that he may send the Messiah appointed for you, that is, Jesus,

Hear the word of the Lord, **thanks be to God.**

Psalm 4

Plain = Lectern side *Italics = Pulpit side* **Bold = All**

Answer me when I call, O God of my righteousness:
when I was hard-pressed you set me free;
be gracious to me now and hear my prayer.

Children of earth,
how long will you turn my glory to my shame:
how long will you love what is worthless
and seek after lies?

Know that the Lord has shown me his wonderful kindness:
when I call to the Lord he will hear me.

Tremble, and do no sin:
commune with your own heart upon your bed and be still.

Offer the sacrifices that are right:
and put your trust in the Lord.

*There are many who say 'Who will show us any good?:
the light of your countenance, O Lord, has gone from us.'*

Yet you have given my heart more gladness:
that they have when their corn, wine and oil increase.

In peace I will lie down and sleep:
for you alone, Lord, make me dwell in safety.

A Reading from the First Letter of John [3. 1-7]

See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

Everyone who commits sin is guilty of lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. You know that he was revealed to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. No one who abides in him sins; no one who sins has either seen him or known him. Little children, let no one deceive you. Everyone who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous.

Hear the word of the Lord
thanks be to God.

Gospel Hymn: tune, Savannah AHB 520

- 1. Praise we now the word of grace;
may our hearts its truth embrace:
from its pages may we hear
Christ our teacher, speaking clear.**
- 2. May the gospel of the Lord
everywhere be spread abroad,
that the world around may own
Christ as King, and Christ alone.**

Sidney Newman Sedgwick (1872-1941)

The Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ According to Luke [24. 36b-48]
Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.

While the eleven and their companions were talking about what they had heard, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, 'Peace be with you.' They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. He said to them, 'Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have.' And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, 'Have you anything here to eat?' They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate in their presence.

Then he said to them, 'These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.' Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, 'Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things.

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

The Sermon

A period of silence for reflection follows the sermon

Let us reaffirm our faith.

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father;
from there he will come to judge
the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Let us pray for the world and for the Church.

Risen Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Almighty God, you have promised to hear our prayers.

**Grant that what we have asked in faith
we may by your grace receive,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

THE GREETING OF PEACE

Please Stand

The risen Christ came and stood among his disciples
and said, Peace be with you!

Alleluia!

The peace of the Risen Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

Alleluia!

All may exchange a Greeting of Peace.

Offertory Hymn: AHB 282 / TiS 365 (tune: Orientis Partibus)

- 1. Christ the Lord is risen again;
Christ has broken every chain;
hark! the angels shout for joy,
singing evermore on high: *Hallelujah!***
- 2. He who gave for us his life,
who for us endured the strife,
is our paschal Lamb today;
we too sing for joy, and say: *Hallelujah!***
- 3. He who bore all pain and loss
comfortless upon the cross
lives in glory now on high,
pleads for us, and hears our cry: *Hallelujah!***
- 4. He who slumbered in the grave
is exalted now to save;
now through all the church it rings
that the Lamb is King of kings: *Hallelujah!***
- 5. Now he bids us tell abroad
how the lost may be restored,
how the penitent forgiven,
how we too may enter heaven: *Hallelujah!***
- 6. Christ, our paschal Lamb indeed,
Christ, your ransomed people feed.
At the end of earthly strife
raise us, Lord, to endless life. *Hallelujah!***

*Michael Weisse 1488–1534
tr. Catherine Winkworth 1827–78 alt.*

Offertory Prayer

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation.
In your loving care you spread before us the table of life
and give us the cup of salvation to drink.
Keep us always in the fold of our Saviour and our Shepherd,
your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Blessed be God for ever.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING PRAYER

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 now and always,
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.

He is the true Paschal Lamb who was offered for us
and has taken away the sin of the world.

And now we give you thanks
that you raised him in triumph from the dead.
By his death, he has destroyed death
and by his rising to life again
has restored us to eternal life.

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/saying:

**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.**

And now, Father, we pray that we who receive these your gifts of
bread and wine according to our Saviour's word
may be partakers of his body and blood. ✕

For on the night Jesus was betrayed he took bread;
and when he had given thanks to you, his almighty Father,
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
which is shed for you and for many for the remission of sins.

Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." ✕

Great is the mystery of faith:

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

We offer our prayer and praise, Father,
in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,
through Jesus Christ our Lord:

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

As our Saviour Christ has taught us we are confident to 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 forever. Amen.**

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD AND THE COMMUNION

The priest breaks the bread, then says

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

**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 invitation to Communion is given:

The bread which we break, alleluia,
is the communion of the body of Christ.

**Be known to us, Lord Jesus,
in the breaking of the bread.**

We are one body, alleluia,
for though many we share one bread.

**Be known to us, Lord Jesus,
in the breaking of the bread.**

*An invitation is extended to all Christian people
to make their Communion here today.
To receive a blessing and not communion,
simply keep your hands behind your back
as the signal that this is what you seek.*

After Communion Hymn AHB 434/TiS513

Bread of heav'n, on you we feed, for your flesh is food indeed:
ever may our souls be fed with this true and living bread,
day by day with strength supplied through the life of him who died.

Vine of heav'n, your blood supplies this blest cup of sacrifice:
Lord, your wounds our healing give; to your cross we look and live:
you our life, O let us be fed by you eternally.

Josiah Conder 1789–1855 alt.

THE SENDING OUT OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Let us pray

Father of all, we give you thanks and praise,
that when we were still far off
you met us in your Son and brought us home.

**Dying and living, he declared your love,
gave us grace, and opened the gate of glory.
May we who share Christ's body live his risen life;
we who drink his cup bring life to others;
we whom the Spirit lights give light to the world.**

**Keep us in this hope that we have grasped;
so we and all your children shall be free,
and the whole earth live to praise your name;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Notices may be given at this point

Concluding Hymn: AHB 299 / TiS 376

[tune: Church Triumphant or Duke Street 24]

- 1. I know that my Redeemer lives —
what joy the blest assurance gives!
He lives, he lives, who once was dead;
he lives, my everlasting Head.**

2. He lives, to bless me with his love;
he lives, to plead for me above;
he lives my hungry soul to feed;
he lives to help in time of need.
3. He lives, and grants me daily breath;
he lives, and I shall conquer death;
he lives, my mansion to prepare;
he lives, to lead me safely there.
4. He lives, all glory to his name;
he lives, my Saviour, still the same;
what joy the blest assurance gives,
I know that my Redeemer lives!

Samuel Medley 1738–99

The Blessing and Dismissal

Almighty God,
who redeemed us through the resurrection of Christ,
who raised us to newness of life through the waters of baptism,
and has brought us out of slavery into everlasting freedom,
give you joy and peace in faith
and bring you to your eternal inheritance;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Alleluia! Alleluia!

In the name of Christ. Amen.

Alleluia! Alleluia!

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