

**WORSHIP SHEET** with links to songs and sermon on YouTube

**THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER. YR A**

**26 APRIL 2020**



**SENTENCE:** Repent, and be baptised every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

Acts 2.38-39

*(In this time of isolation, take time before you say the Collect to remember with loving kindness your fellow members of St Paul's at Ashgrove and to collect yourself spiritually with them in this time, when we as followers of Christ need to be as loving and caring as we can.)*

**SING**

This week we reflect on the presence of the risen Jesus in the opening of Scripture, in the breaking of bread, in the presence and absence of community, in paradox and in confusion. So let's sing:

*Immortal, Invisible* <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Fff2xQETe1c>

**COLLECT:** O God,  
your Son made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of bread:  
open the eyes of our faith,  
that we may see him in his redeeming work;  
who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. Amen

**READINGS**

**Acts 2.14a, 36-41**

On the day of Pentecost, Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say.

<sup>36</sup>Therefore let the entire house of Israel know with certainty that God has made him both Lord and Messiah, this Jesus whom you crucified." <sup>37</sup>Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and to the other apostles, "Brothers, what should we do?" <sup>38</sup>Peter said to them, "Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. <sup>39</sup>For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him." <sup>40</sup>And he testified with many other arguments and exhorted them, saying, "Save yourselves from this corrupt generation." <sup>41</sup>So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added.

**Psalms 116:1-4, 11-18**

- 1 I love the Lord, because he heard my voice:  
the voice of my supplication;
- 2 **Because he inclined his ear to me:  
in the day that I called to him.**
- 3 The cords of death encompassed me:  
the snares of the grave took hold on me  
I was in anguish and sorrow
- 4 **Then I called upon the name of the Lord:  
'O Lord, I beseech you, deliver me!'**

- 11 How shall I repay the Lord:  
for all his benefits to me?
- 12 I will take up the cup of salvation:  
and call upon the name of the Lord.**
- 13 I will pay my vows to the Lord:  
in the presence of all his people.
- 14 Grievous in the sight of the Lord:  
is the death of his faithful ones.**
- 15 O Lord, I am your servant,  
your servant and the child of your handmaid:  
you have unloosed my bonds.
- 16 I will offer you a sacrifice of thanksgiving:  
and call upon the name of the Lord.**
- 17 I will pay my vows to the Lord:  
in the presence of all his people,
- 18 In the courts of the house of the Lord:  
even in your midst, O Jerusalem.  
Praise the Lord.**

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### **A Reading from 1 Peter 1.13-25**

Therefore prepare your minds for action; discipline yourselves; set all your hope on the grace that Jesus Christ will bring you when he is revealed. <sup>14</sup> Like obedient children, do not be conformed to the desires that you formerly had in ignorance. <sup>15</sup> Instead, as he who called you is holy, be holy yourselves in all your conduct; <sup>16</sup> for it is written, “You shall be holy, for I am holy.”

<sup>17</sup> If you invoke as Father the one who judges all people impartially according to their deeds, live in reverent fear during the time of your exile. <sup>18</sup> You know that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your ancestors, not with perishable things like silver or gold, <sup>19</sup> but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without defect or blemish. <sup>20</sup> He was destined before the foundation of the world, but was revealed at the end of the ages for your sake. <sup>21</sup> Through him you have come to trust in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are set on God.

<sup>22</sup> Now that you have purified your souls by your obedience to the truth so that you have genuine mutual love, love one another deeply from the heart. <sup>23</sup> You have been born anew, not of perishable but of imperishable seed, through the living and enduring word of God. <sup>24</sup> For “All flesh is like grass

and all its glory like the flower of grass.

The grass withers,  
and the flower falls,

<sup>25</sup> but the word of the Lord endures forever.”

That word is the good news that was announced to you.

### **SING**

“You have been born anew, not of perishable but of imperishable seed, through the living and enduring word of God,” so let’s sing:

## **The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke Chapter 24 beginning at verse 13**

<sup>13</sup> Now on that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, <sup>14</sup> and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. <sup>15</sup> While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, <sup>16</sup> but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. <sup>17</sup> And he said to them, "What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?" They stood still, looking sad. <sup>18</sup> Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, "Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?" <sup>19</sup> He asked them, "What things?" They replied, "The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, <sup>20</sup> and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. <sup>21</sup> But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. <sup>22</sup> Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, <sup>23</sup> and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive.

<sup>24</sup> Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see him." <sup>26</sup> Was it not necessary that the Messiah<sup>1</sup> should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?" <sup>27</sup> Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.

<sup>28</sup> As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. <sup>29</sup> But they urged him strongly, saying, "Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over." So he went in to stay with them.

<sup>30</sup> When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them.

<sup>31</sup> Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. <sup>32</sup> They said to each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?" <sup>33</sup> That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. <sup>34</sup> They were saying, "The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!" <sup>35</sup> Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

### **REFLECTION**

If Jesus was revealed to the disciples in the breaking of bread, how can we experience his presence without Holy Communion?

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sLWxf6rdpqE>

### **SING**

Sisters and brothers, be assured that the risen Lord Jesus is with you, and wherever you are is a holy space. So:

*Be Still for the Presence of the Lord*

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Vep\\_Ty4Zx1o](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Vep_Ty4Zx1o)

### **PRAYER AND THANKSGIVING**

**We give thanks for:** our church family and community, for Margaret; for all who help in the mission of the church

**We pray for:** •

- Pray for the Episcopal Church in Jerusalem & The Middle East - †Michael Lewis –Archbishop, Jerusalem & the Middle East & Bishop of Cyprus and the Gulf
- The Diocese of Wangaratta: †Clarence Bester; Clergy and People
- The Parish of Wishart: Peter Judge-Mears, Thomas Milton, Christopher Boyce, Graeme Goldsworthy, David Rogers-Smith, Michelle Philp
- Anglicare SQ West Region Community Services (Toowoomba)
- State School Teachers

**For health and healing:** Thomas Moore, Beryl and Tom Wakefield, Anthony Bugden, Saloni Paul, Fred Morrison, Romola Squire, Sue Jordan, Gillian, Andrew, Angela Bridges, David and Dianne  
**At home or nursing home:** Jean Ward and Noela Burdett

### **Prayers of the people**

As people of the living God, let us join together in our prayers as we say...

Prayer for ANZAC DAY From A Prayer Book for Australia, 628:

O God, our ruler and guide,  
 In whose hands are the destinies of this and every nation,  
 We give you thanks for the freedoms we enjoy in this land  
 And for those who laid down their lives to defend them:  
 We pray that we and all the people of Australia,  
 Gratefully remembering their courage and their sacrifice,  
 May have the grace to live in a spirit of justice, of generosity, and of peace;  
 Through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
 Who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
 One God, for ever and ever. Amen

Holy God, breathe your life into the universe,  
 Into this world and its people,  
 Breathe responsible caring, honesty and compassion,  
 In this time of uncertainty & fear of the unknown,  
 Breathe right values and good stewardship, generosity,  
 Peace, forgiveness, vision and hope.  
 Breathe into us ..... **so that we may live in you.**

Holy God, breathe your life into the Church;  
 Breathe holiness and deepening faith.  
 Breathe energy, inspired teaching and fervent praise;  
 Make us more receptive to your presence  
 In our lives.  
 Breathe into us ..... **so that we may live in you.**

Holy God, breathe your life  
 Into our homes and work places,  
 Breathe increased patience and understanding,  
 And the courage to live our faith in you.  
 When the unknown dangers of this world fill us with fear.  
 Give us courage to face the months ahead.  
 Breathe into us ..... **so that we may live in you.**

Holy God, breathe your life into those who suffer;  
Especially those throughout the world  
Suffering from COVID-19 virus.  
Breathe comfort and wholeness,  
Forgiveness and new confidence and hope,  
Breathe peace of mind and the knowledge of your love  
Breathe into us ..... **so that we may live in you.**

Holy God, breathe your life into the dead and dying;  
Breathe courage for the journey  
And the realization that you can be trusted.  
Breathe life that lasts for ever.  
Breathe into us ..... **so that we may live in you.**

Holy God, breathe your life into us now  
As we offer you our thanks and praise  
For your life laid down out of love for us!

Merciful Father, accept these prayers through Jesus Christ our Lord who taught us to pray

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,  
Your kingdom come,  
Your will be done on earth as it is 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.

## **OFFERTORY**

It is important that we remember that when we give at the offertory or raise money through Fundraising, we are doing it for coming of God's kingdom. Our giving is a covenant between God and ourselves. Whether it be to maintain a Priest in the Parish or to maintain God's building or most importantly - to give to those who need it. Our giving is something personal between God and ourselves. The same is when we give of our time, and our labour- it is for God and the coming of God's Kingdom. We do not do it for self-aggrandizement or for the promoting of one's ego. We do not do it for the Priest or for someone to like us or to be one of the crowd. We give willingly and unconditionally, because IT IS FOR GOD. We give to the Church because it is the Body of Christ & our giving helps further Christ's mission to bring about his kingdom.

So in these uncertain times, if you wish to continue giving for the work the Body of Christ, please consider Direct Debiting. St Paul's bank details are BSB: 704901 Acc NO: 00004420

## **SING**

And so may the risen and present Lord Jesus raise you up on...

*Eagle's Wings*

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8IY\\_iTQf0GM](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8IY_iTQf0GM)

## **BLESSING & SENDING OUT.**

God be in my head and in my thinking, (touch head)  
God be in my hands and in my doing, (hold out hands)  
God be in my heart and in my loving. (hold heart) Amen.

Let me go out in peace to love  
And serve the Lord. Amen.

Please join us at 10:30 for a catch up by Zoom. <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/95630300965>

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<sup>i</sup> Prayers & Blessing resourced from Susan Sayers, "living Stones; The All-age resource for the Common Worship