

*St Mary's*



**Third Sunday of Easter  
26 April 2020**



**Sunday Matins  
(Morning Prayer)**

# *Gathering in God's Name*

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ!  
By his great mercy we have been born anew to a living hope  
through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.

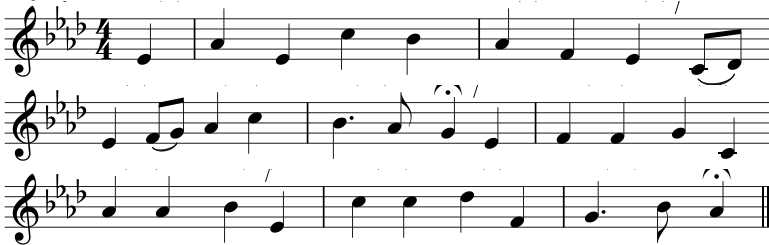
*1 Peter 1:3*

Open our lips, O Lord,  
**and we shall declare your praise.**

This is the day that the Lord has made,  
**we will rejoice and be glad in it.**

Christ is risen!  
**He is risen indeed.**

## Hymn 376



**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.**

**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.**

**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.**

**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!**

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Friends in Christ, we come together to meet with God, and to take our part in the building up of his Church. We will lift up our hearts in thanks and praise, hear from God's holy word, and pray for this world, and for ourselves. The Bible tells us to approach God confidently, through our Lord Jesus Christ. As we do so, we must confess our sins, seeking forgiveness through God's boundless goodness and mercy.

So let us draw near to God with sincerity and confidence, and pray together,

**God of all mercy, we humbly admit that we need your help. We have wandered from your way. We have sinned in thought, word and deed, and have failed to do what is right. You alone can save us. Have mercy on us, wipe out our sins and teach us to forgive others. Bring forth in us the fruit of your Spirit that we may live the new life to your glory. This we ask in the name of Jesus our Saviour. Amen.**

God desires that none should perish, but that all should turn to Christ, and live. In response to his call we acknowledge our sins. God pardons those who humbly repent, and truly believe the gospel. Therefore we have peace with God, through Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

*Romans 8:38-39*

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.

**His steadfast love endures for ever!**

Grace and peace be with you

**and also with you.**

# *The Ministry of the Word*

Reading from book of Acts

2:14a; 2:36.41

But 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. Therefore let the entire house of Israel know with certainty that God has made him both Lord and Messiah, this Jesus whom you crucified.’ 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?’ 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. 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.’ And he testified with many other arguments and exhorted them, saying, ‘Save yourselves from this corrupt generation.’ So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added.

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

## **Psalm 116**

**Response: I will walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living.**

I love the Lord who has heard my prayer, who bends down to hear my call. The cords of death entangled me: the grip of the grave took hold of me. Then I called on the name of the Lord, “I beg you, save my soul!” Our Lord is gracious and just, our God is merciful. **Response**

How can I repay the Lord for the goodness done for me? The cup of salvation I raise, and call on the name of the Lord. To the Lord I will pay my vows before all the people. How precious the death of the saints, those who remain faithful to God! **Response**

Lord God, I am your slave, the child of a faithful mother. You have loosed my bonds, you have set me free. **Response**

A sacrifice of thanks I bring and call on your name. To the Lord I will pay my vows before all the people. **Response**

I will pay my vows to the Lord in the courts of God. In the midst of Jerusalem. Alleluia! **Response**

Reading from the Gospel of Luke

24:13-35

Now on that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. And he said to them, ‘What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?’ They stood still, looking sad. 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?’ 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, and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. 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. Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, 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. 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.’ Then he said to them, ‘Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?’ Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures. As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. 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. When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. 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?’ That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. They were saying, ‘The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!’ Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

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

## ***Benedictus (The Song of Zechariah)***

Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel:

**who has come to his people and set them free.**

The Lord has raised up for us a mighty Saviour:

**born of the house of his servant David.**

Through the holy prophets, God promised of old:

**to save us from our enemies, from the hands of all who hate us,**

To show mercy to our forebears:

**and to remember his holy covenant.**

This was the oath God swore to our father Abraham:

**to set us free from the hands of our enemies,**

Free to worship him without fear:

**holy and righteous before you, all the days of our life.**

And you, child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High:

**for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way,**

To give his people knowledge of salvation:

**by the forgiveness of their sins.**

In the tender compassion of our God:

**the dawn from on high shall break upon us,**

To shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death:

**and to guide our feet into the way of peace.**

Glory to God; Father, Son and Holy Spirit:

**as in the beginning, so now, and for ever. Amen.**

## *The Apostles' Creed*

Let us affirm the faith of the Church.

*Please stand.*

**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 Ministry Of Prayer*

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us join together in the prayer which Jesus gave 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 sin 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.**

Be exalted, Lord, above the heavens,  
**let your glory cover the earth.**  
Keep our nation under your care,  
**and guide us in justice and truth.**  
Let your way be known on earth,  
**your saving power among all nations.**  
Send out your light and your truth,  
**that we may tell of your saving works.**  
Have mercy on the poor and oppressed.  
**Hear the cry of those in need.**  
Hear our prayers, O Lord,  
**for we put our trust in you.**

*The Collect of the Day*

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.**

Let your requests be made known unto God.  
**In everything give thanks.**

*Intercessions are led for the world and the church, to which response to each petition may be:*

Lord in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

*The intercessions conclude with:*

Lord, you have given us grace to agree in these our prayers, and you have promised that when two or three gather in your name you will grant their requests. Fulfil now, Lord, our desires and prayers as may be best for us. Grant us, in this life, knowledge of your truth and in the age to come, life eternal. **Amen.**



# *The sending out of God's People*

## Hymn 370



**Christ the Lord is risen today:**

*Hallelujah!*

**Let the whole creation say:**

*Hallelujah!*

**Raise your joys and triumphs high:**

*Hallelujah!*

**Sing now, heaven, and earth reply:**

*Hallelujah!*

**Love's redeeming work is done;  
fought the fight, the battle won;  
vain the stone, the watch, the seal:  
Christ has burst the gates of hell.**

**Lives again our glorious king;  
where, O death, is now your sting?  
Once he died our souls to save;  
where your victory, O grave?**

**Soar we now where Christ has led,  
following our exalted Head;  
made like him, like him we rise:  
ours the cross, the grave, the skies.**

Charles Wesley 1707–88 *alt.*  
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Eternal God and Father,  
**by whose power we are created,  
and by whose love we are redeemed:  
Guide and strengthen us by your Spirit,  
that we may give ourselves to your service,  
and live this day in love to one another and to you;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

We conclude this time of prayer together with the words of the Grace:

**The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ,  
and the love of God,  
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,  
be with us all. Amen.**

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## MISSION AND VISION STATEMENT

*St Mary's Anglican Church, North Melbourne is an inner-city Christian community that strives to be faithful, inclusive and sacramental.*

*God inspires us to worship in daily celebration; to be caring, thoughtful and inviting.*

*In response to God's call, in the next three to five years we aim:*

- *To grow substantially in faith and numbers*
- *To create an inter-generational culture that values all age groups - children and adults - equally*
- *To express our faith in active engagement within and beyond our own community*
- *To deploy our property and financial assets in strategic support of the ministry needs of the parish for the long term*
- *To become more open to change as we learn to grow*

