

Third Sunday of Easter 14 April 2024



8am and 10am The Rev'd Robyn Boyd

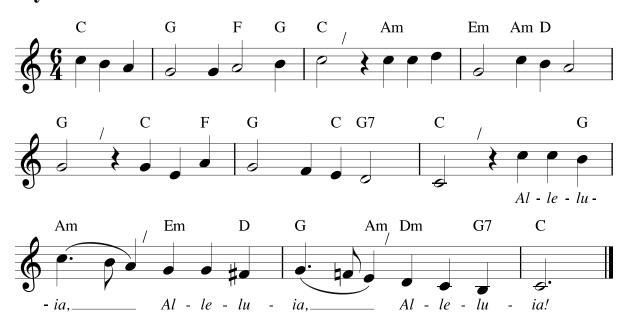
Christ Church Mass – Philip Matthias (b.1954) TiS 757 Welcome to St Mary's North Melbourne. Thank you for joining us in worship.

Please join in saying the text marked in **bold** and singing the musical responses and hymns.

Introduction

The risen Jesus who joined the disciples for a meal was the same Jesus who had been with them throughout his ministry. It was their situation which had changed. Jesus had finished the task given him by his Father. The disciples were about to begin theirs', a journey from Jerusalem to preach the good news of repentance and the forgiveness of sin to all nations. That is our task too and the meaning of the Easter mysteries we have celebrated.

Hymn TiS 367



1. The strife is past, the battle done; now is the victor's triumph won; now let the song of praise be sung: *Alleluia!*

- 2. Death's mightiest powers have done their worst, and Jesus has his foes dispersed; let shouts of praise and joy outburst: *Alleluia!*
- 3. On the third day he rose again glorious in majesty to reign; let us take up the great refrain: *Alleluia!*
- 4. He closed the frowning gates of hell; the bars from heaven's high portals fell; let hymns of praise his triumph tell: *Alleluia!*
- 5. Now by your stripes, our wounded King, your servants free from death's dread sting, that we may live in you, and sing 'Alleluia!'

Anon., Latin, in *Symphonia Sirenum Selectarum*, Cologne, 1695 *tr*. Francis Pott 1832–1909 *alt*. Reproduced with permission

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

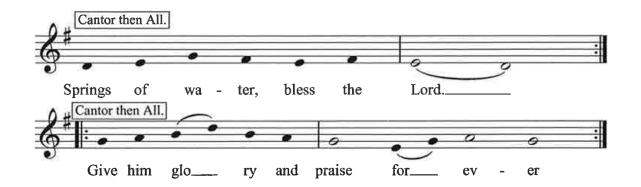
In the name of God: Creator, Redeemer and Giver of life. **Amen.**

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

[At 10am] The choir sings the Vidi aquam as all are sprinkled with water from the baptismal font.

Antiphons and responses:



Springs of water bless the Lord.

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Give him glory and praise for ever.

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PRAYER OF PREPARATION

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.

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

God so loved the world that he gave his only Son Jesus Christ to save us from our sins, to be our advocate in heaven, and to bring us to eternal life.

Let us confess our sins in penitence and faith, confident in God's forgiveness.

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.

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



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 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 through eternity. **Amen.**

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

PLEASE SIT FOR THE READINGS

FIRST READING

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

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,

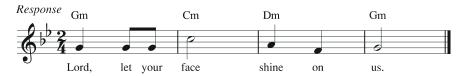
(Acts 3:12-19)

For the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 4

Response



Verses

- 1. When I call, answer me, O God of justice; from anguish you released me, have mercy and hear me. *Response*
- 2. It is the Lord who grants favours to those whom he loves; the Lord hears me whenever I call him. *Response*
- 3. 'What can bring us happiness?' many say.
 Lift up the light of your face on us, O Lord. *Response*
- 4. I will lie down in peace and sleep comes at once, for you alone, Lord, make me dwell in safety. *Response*

tr. The Grail

SECOND READING

A reading from the First Letter of St John.

Do not love the world or the things in the world. The love of the Father is not in those who love the world; for all that is in the world—the desire of the flesh, the desire of the eyes, the pride in riches—comes not from the Father but from the world. And the world and its desire are passing away, but those who do the will of God live forever.

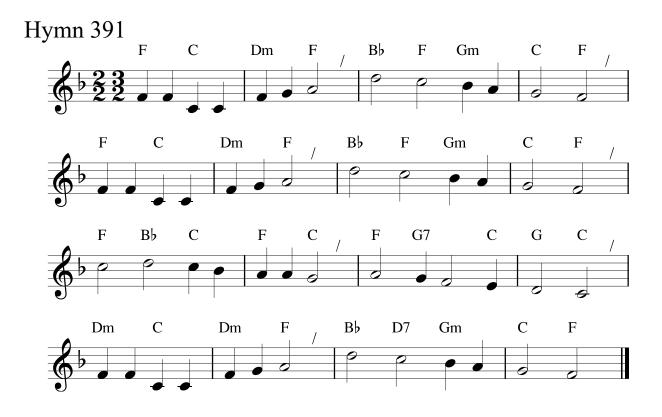
See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we 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.

(1 John 2: 15-17, 3:1-6)

For the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.



- Come, God's people, sing for joy, shout your songs of gladness, for the hope of Easter day overcomes our sadness.
 Come with all God's people here, who with true affection join again to celebrate
 Jesus' resurrection.
- 2. Years before, as Moses led Israel's sons and daughters from their bonds to exodus through the Red Sea waters: so the living Lord of life speaks through our baptism of the new life which we share with him who is risen.

3. That first Easter he arose, his disciples greeting; Christians now in every place still their Lord are meeting. Christ, who died for all the world, in his death brings healing; and his rising from the grave is God's power revealing.

Keith David Pearson 1925– based on John of Damascus d. c.754 Words © K. D. Pearson

THE GOSPEL



Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

Lord Jesus, make your word plain to us: make our hearts burn with love when you speak.

Alleluia, Alleluia.

The Lord be with you And also with you.

A reading from the Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St Luke.

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

While they were talking about this, 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.

(Luke 24:36-48)

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

SERMON

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.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

After each section: Lord in your mercy

Hear our prayer

And at the end:

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 PEACE

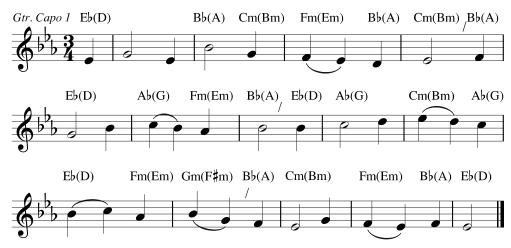
Please stand.

The risen Lord came and stood among his disciples and said, 'Peace be with you!'. Then they were glad when they saw the Lord.

The peace of Christ be always with you. And also with you.

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

Hymn 223



- How sweet the name of Jesus sounds in a believer's ear!
 It soothes our sorrows, heals our wounds, and drives away our fear.
- 2. It makes the wounded spirit whole and calms the troubled breast, is manna to the hungry soul and to the weary rest.
- 3. Dear name! the rock on which I build, my shield and hiding-place, my never-failing treasury, filled with boundless stores of grace:
- 4. Jesus, my shepherd, brother, friend, my prophet, priest and king, my Lord, my life, my way, my end, accept the praise I bring.
- 5. Weak is the effort of my heart, and cold my warmest thought; but when I see you as you are I'll praise you as I ought.

John Newton 1725–1807 alt.

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THE PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS

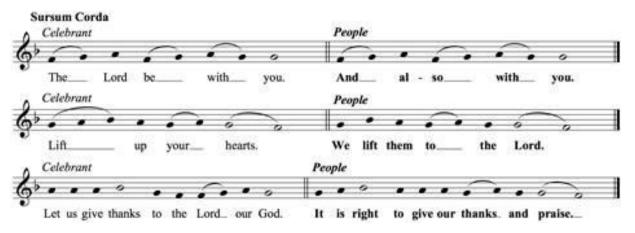
Blessèd are you, Lord God of all creation, through your goodness we have this bread to offer, fruit of the earth and work of human hands, it will become for us the bread of life.

Blessèd be God for ever.

Blessèd are you, Lord God of all creation, through your goodness we have this wine to offer, fruit of the vine and work of human hands, it will become for us the cup of salvation.

Blessèd be God for ever.

EUCHARISTIC PRAYER



All glory and honour be yours always and everywhere, mighty Creator, ever-living God.

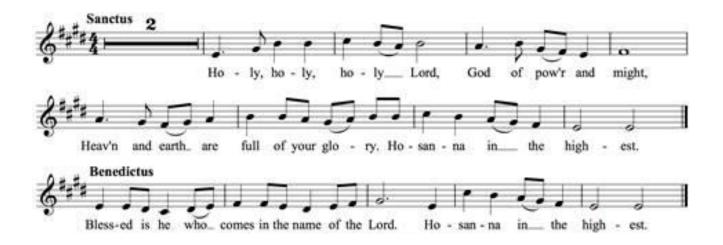
We give you thanks and praise for our Saviour Jesus Christ, who by the power of your Spirit was born of Mary and lived as one of us.

By his death on the cross and rising to new life, he offered the one true sacrifice for sin and obtained an eternal deliverance for his people.

And now we give you thanks that you raised him to life triumphant, and exalted him in glory.

By his victory over death, the reign of sin is ended, a new day has dawned, a broken world is restored and we are made whole once more.

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:



Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessèd is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Merciful God, we thank you for these gifts of your creation, this bread and wine, and we pray that by your Word and Holy Spirit, we who eat and drink them may be partakers of Christ's body and blood.

On the night he was betrayed Jesus took bread; and when he had given you thanks he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, 'Take, eat. This is my body 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 shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.

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



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

Therefore, we do as our Saviour has commanded: proclaiming his offering of himself made once for all upon the cross, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension, and looking for his coming again,

we celebrate, with this bread and this cup, his one perfect and sufficient sacrifice for the sins of the whole world.

Renew us by your Holy Spirit, unite us in the body of your Son, and bring us with all your people into the joy of your eternal kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord, with whom, and in whom, in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, we worship you, Father, in songs of never-ending praise:



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

THE LORD'S PRAYER

As 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 for ever. Amen.

The priest breaks the consecrated bread, saying:

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



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

Jesus is the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world.

Happy are those who are called to his supper.

Lord, I am not worthy to receive you, but only say the word, and I shall be healed.

Anthem: O Sacrum Convivium

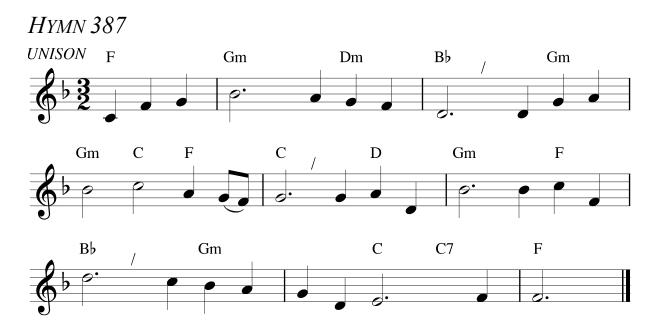
"O sacred Banquet, In which Christ is received, the memory of his passion renewed, the mind filled with grace, and the promise of future glory given to us, Alleluia

(G Croce 1557-1607)

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Living God, your Son Jesus Christ made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of the bread: open the eyes of our faith, that we may see him in all his redeeming work; who is alive and reigns, now and forever. **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.



- 1. Christ is alive! Let Christians sing.
 The cross stands empty to the sky.
 Let streets and homes with praises ring;
 Love, drowned in death, shall never die.
- 2. Christ is alive! No longer bound to distant years in Palestine, but saving, healing, here and now, and touching every place and time.

- 3. In every insult, rift and war, where colour, scorn or wealth divide, Christ suffers still, yet loves the more, and lives, where even hope has died.
- 4. Women and men, in age and youth can feel the Spirit, hear the call, and find the way, the life, the truth, revealed in Jesus, freed for all.
- 5. Christ is alive, and comes to bring good news to this and every age, till earth and sky and ocean ring with joy, with justice, love, and praise.

Brian Arthur Wren 1936-

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE BLESSING

Most loving God, you send us into the world you love.

Give us grace to go thankfully and with courage in the power of the Spirit.

Christ give you grace to grow in holiness, to deny yourselves, take up your cross, and follow him; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

DISMISSAL

Go in the peace of Christ. Alleluia! Alleluia! Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Postlude:

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Prayers

Please pray for those in need, including Fiona, Fr Shane Hubner

Also, those whose anniversaries of death fall this week: Alfred Lawrence Heath, Jaun Gaulberto Cepedes, Patricia Grace Anderson, Rupert Clarence Hing, Ethel Issell Phillips

If there is a name that should be included, please advise the Parish Office by email office@stmarys.org.au

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

