

Fourth Sunday of Easter 21 April 2024



8am & 10am Presiding: The Rev'd Canon Jan Joustra 10am Preaching: The Rev'd Dr Robert Gribben

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

Today is called 'Good Shepherd' Sunday, after the Gospel always read on the Fourth Sunday in Easter. All the readings come together to illuminate what this image might mean today. In what ways is Jesus a Good Shepherd? What did title that tell us about him? What does it mean for how the sheep he cares for might live and work? Is there anyone who is out of reach of his shepherd's crook?

Hymn TiS 432



1. Christ is made the sure foundation, Christ the head and cornerstone, chosen by the Lord, and precious, binding all the church in one, holy Zion's help for ever, and her confidence alone.

- All that dedicated city, dearly loved by God on high, in exultant jubilation pours perpetual melody, God the Three in One adoring, praising him eternally.
- 3. Here among us, where we call you come, O Lord our God today; with your gentle loving-kindness hear your people as we pray, and your fullest benediction pour upon us here today.
- 4. Here bestow on all your people what we ask of you to gain, what we gain from you for ever with the blessèd to retain, and hereafter in your glory evermore with you to reign.
- 5. Praise and honour to the Father, praise and honour to the Son, praise and honour to the Spirit, ever Three and ever One, one in might and one in glory while eternal ages run.

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PRAYERS 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. Springs of water bless the Lord. Give him glory and praise for ever. Give him glory and praise for ever.

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. 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

Jesus, good shepherd of the sheep, by whom the lost are sought and guided into the fold: feed us and we shall be satisfied, heal us and we shall be whole, and lead us that we may be with you, where you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Please sit for the readings

FIRST READING

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

The next day their rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, "By what power or by what name did you do this?" Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, "Rulers of the people and elders, if we are being questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are being asked how this man has been healed, let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead. This Jesus is 'the stone that was rejected by you, the builders; it has become the cornerstone.'

"There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved."

(Acts 4:5-12)

For the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

TIS 11



- The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want. Fresh and green are the pastures where he gives me repose. Near restful waters he leads me, to revive my drooping spirit. *Response*
- 2. He guides me along the right path; he is true to his name. If I should walk in the valley of darkness, no evil would I fear. You are there with your crook and your staff; with these you give me comfort. *Response*
- 3. You have prepared a banquet for me in the sight of my foes; my head you have anointed with oil; my cup is overflowing. *Response*
- 4. Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me all the days of my life.
 In the Lord's own house shall I dwell for ever and ever. *Response*

SECOND READING

A reading from the First Letter of St John.

We know love by this, that he laid down his life for us—and we ought to lay down our lives for the brothers and sisters. How does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help?

Little children, let us love not in word or speech but in deed and truth. And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him whenever our hearts condemn us, for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God, and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases him.

And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. All who obey his commandments abide in him, and he abides in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit that he has given us.

(1 John 3: 16-24)

For the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Hymn TiS 533



- I come with joy to meet my Lord, forgiven, loved, and free, in awe and wonder to recall his life laid down for me.
- I come with Christians far and near to find, as all are fed, the new community of love in Christ's communion bread.
- 3. As Christ breaks bread and bids us share each proud division ends. The love that made us, makes us one, and strangers now are friends.
- 4. And thus with joy we meet our Lord, his presence, always near, is in such friendship better known: we see, and praise him here.
- 5. Together met, together bound, we'll go our different ways, and as his people in the world we'll live and speak his praise.

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THE GOSPEL

Gospel Acclamation ia!

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, Alleluia.

The Lord be with you **And also with you.**

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

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Jesus said, "very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers." Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

So again Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who came before me^[a] are thieves and bandits,

but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved and will come in and go out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.

(John 10: 1-10)

This is the Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

SERMON

THE 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.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Let us pray for the world and for the Church.

Intercessions and thanksgivings may end with an appropriate response, for example:

Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

The prayers conclude with the following:

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

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.

The congregation share a sign of God's peace saying to one another 'Peace be with you' and then return to their seats.



Hymn TiS 539

Response: You satisfy the hungry heart with gift of finest wheat: come give to us, O saving Lord, the bread of life to eat.

- As when the shepherd calls his sheep, they know and heed his voice, so when you call your family, Lord, we follow and rejoice. *Response*
- 2. With joyful lips we sing to you our praise and gratitude that you should count us worthy, Lord, to share this heavenly food. *Response*
- 3. Is not the cup we bless and share the blood of Christ out-poured? Do not one cup, one loaf, declare our one-ness in the Lord? *Response*
- 4. The mystery of your presence, Lord, no mortal tongue can tell: whom all the world cannot contain comes in our hearts to dwell. *Response*
- 5. You give yourself to us, O Lord; then selfless let us be, to serve each other in your name in truth and charity. *Response*

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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.**



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.**



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.

COMMUNION

THE ANTHEM "Brother James' Air"

James Leith MacBeth Bain 1860 - 1925

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.



- The King of love my shepherd is, whose goodness faileth never; I nothing lack if I am his and he is mine for ever.
- 2. Where streams of living water flow my ransomed soul he leadeth, and where the verdant pastures grow with food celestial feedeth.
- 3. Perverse and foolish oft I strayed, but yet in love he sought me, and on his shoulder gently laid, and home rejoicing brought me.

- 4. In death's dark vale I fear no ill with thee, dear Lord, beside me; thy rod and staff my comfort still, thy cross before to guide me.
- 5. Thou spread'st a table in my sight; thy unction grace bestoweth; and O what transport of delight from thy pure chalice floweth!
- 6. And so through all the length of days thy goodness faileth never; good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise within thy house for ever.

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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NOTICE OF PARISH MEETING

Parish of St Mary's Anglican Church, North Melbourne (the Parish)

The reconvened Annual Meeting of the parish will be held in the church at: 11.30 am on Sunday 21st April, 2024

The purpose of this meeting is to complete the business of the Annual Meeting that was held on Sunday, 19th November 2023.

After prayers, the order of business in accordance with the *Parish Governance Act* 2013 (the Act) shall include:

- 1. The audited or independently examined accounts and financial statements of the parish and any accompanying papers required by the Act;
- 2. Any other matters of parochial or general church interest.

By order of the Parish Council signed Alice Christofi (Parish Secretary)

Save the Date! Craft Fair & Vicar's Garage Sale

St Mary's Craft fair and Vicar's Garage sale will take place on Saturday 4th May in the large hall. If you can contribute to making any baked goods, preserves, jams, etc. please contact Marion.

Safe Ministry Training – Level 1

Harriet (our Safe Ministry Officer) will be facilitating Level 1 Safe Ministry Training after the 10am services on 28th April, and 5th May. This is a requirement from the Diocese for volunteers and Please sign up using the list at the back of the church for one of the two dates if you need to complete this training, or speak to Harriet if you are unsure. Thank you to all for your commitment to ensuring this place remains safe and welcoming for all members of the community.

For your prayers

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

Joseph Carlise (Former Vicar), Dot Levy If there is a name that should be included, please advise the Parish Office by email office@stmarys.org.au

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