



The Anglican Church
of Australia
The Diocese of Wangaratta



16th April 2017

EASTER DAY

THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

Hymns: 361, 242, 388, 380

Christ is Risen!

He is risen indeed! Alleluia!



The bells are rung, All stand to sing the introit hymn.

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain! Alleluia!

He gives us new life and hope through his resurrection! Alleluia!

Brothers and sisters in Christ, we are the body of the risen Christ.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

All may exchange a sign of peace

God has claimed us as his own.

God has called us from our darkness into the light of his day.

Bless this Paschal Candle in the name of the ☩ Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
that it may be for us the light of life and love.

Christ yesterday and today, the beginning and the end, alpha and omega,
all time belongs to him and in him be glory and power through every age and for
ever and ever. **Amen.**

[The Paschal Candle is lit if not already lit]

The light of Christ. **Thanks be to God.**

The risen Christ meets us at the tomb, and turns our tears to joy.

For your love and goodness; **we give you thanks, O God.**

Christ comes through our locked doors, and turns our fear to courage.

For your love and goodness; **we give you thanks, O God.**

Christ breaks the bread, and turns our despair to hope.

For your love and goodness; **we give you thanks, O God.**

Praise be to God, who gives us the victory. Amen.

Christ is risen!

He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Ring the bells!

THE GLORIA [sung]

The bells are rung throughout the singing of the Gloria

THE COLLECT

God of glory, by the raising of your Son you have broken the chains of death and
hell: fill your Church with faith and hope; for a new day has dawned and the way
to life for us stands open in our Saviour Jesus Christ, who is risen and lives and
reigns with you and the Holy Spirit now and forever. **Amen.**

FIRST READING

Jeremiah 31.1-6

[A prophecy of hope and restoration in which God promises that God's people will once again be happy, and will enjoy God's blessings.]

A reading from the book of the prophet Jeremiah.

'At that time,' declares the Lord to Jeremiah, 'I will be the God of all the families of Israel, and they will be my people.' This is what the Lord says: "The people who survive the sword will find favour in the wilderness; I will come to give rest to Israel." The Lord appeared to us in the past, saying: "I have loved you with an everlasting love; I have drawn you with unfailing kindness. I will build you up again, and you, Virgin Israel, will be rebuilt. Again you will take up your tambourines and go out to dance with the joyful. Again you will plant vineyards on the hills of Samaria; the farmers will plant them and enjoy their fruit. There will be a day when watchmen cry out on the hills of Ephraim, "Come, let us go up to Zion, to the Lord our God.""

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

Thanks be to God.

FOR THE PSALM

HYMN TO THE RISEN CHRIST

Response: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

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Response*



Christ our passover has been sacrificed for us:
so let us celebrate the feast,
not with the old leaven of corruption and wickedness:
but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth./R

Christ once raised from the dead dies no more:
death has no more dominion over him.
In dying he died to sin once for all:
in living he lives to God./R

See yourselves therefore as dead to sin:
and alive to God in Jesus Christ our Lord.
Christ has been raised from the dead:
the first fruits of those who sleep./R

For as by man came death:
by man has come also the resurrection of the dead;
For as in Adam all die:
even so in Christ shall all be made alive./R

SECOND READING

Colossians 3. 1-4

[Paul encourages believers to remember that they have been raised with Christ, that their life is with Christ in God, and that they should therefore concentrate on the things of heaven.]

A reading from Paul's letter to the Colossians.

Paul writes, 'Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things. For you died, and your life is now hidden with Christ in God. When Christ, who is your life, appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

Thanks be to God.

Gradual hymn

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Christ, our paschal lamb, | has been sacrificed.

Therefore, let us | keep the feast.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Matthew 28: 1-10

[The two Mary's go to Jesus' tomb, and find it open with an angel sitting on the stone who instructs them to go and tell the disciples that Jesus is risen. As they head off, they are met by the risen Jesus.]

A reading from the holy gospel according to Matthew

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

After the Sabbath, at dawn on the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to look at the tomb. There was a violent earthquake, for an angel of the Lord came down from heaven and, going to the tomb, rolled back the stone and sat on it. His appearance was like lightning, and his clothes were white as snow. The guards were so afraid of him that they shook and became like dead men. The angel said to the women, 'Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. He is not here; he has risen, just as he said. Come and see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples: "He has risen from the dead and is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see him." Now I have told you.' So the women hurried away from the tomb, afraid yet filled with joy, and ran to tell his disciples. Suddenly Jesus met them. 'Greetings,' he said. They came to him, clasped his feet and worshipped him. Then Jesus said to them, 'Do not be afraid. Go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me.'

For the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

Oh Lord of wonder, you now stand among us in your resurrected glory;
may we know again the power of your life; may we turn away from death;
and become agents of resurrection, where ever we find ourselves;

Jesus Christ you are risen and we see you.

In the life of our church, in our worship and praise, in our adoration and prayer;
Jesus Christ you are risen and we see you.

In the faces of the poor, in the hurting of the sick,
in the anguish of the oppressed;

Jesus Christ you are risen and we see you.

In the weakness of the vulnerable,
In the questions of the doubting,
In the fears of the dying;

Jesus Christ you are risen and we see you.

In the celebration of the saints,
In the generosity of the faithful,
In the compassion of the caring;

Jesus Christ you are risen and we see you.

O Risen Lord, You transform our world with love and hope,
You ignite our hearts of stone with compassion and care,
You transfigure our world with the spirit of life;

Jesus Christ you are risen we see you.

May the hurting and the despised, the lost and the lonely,
the searching and the found see you, and we all be filled with your glory.

Jesus Christ you are risen and we see you.

Lord Jesus you dance in the face of evil and death and have leapt up high from
the tomb to be our constant companion and friend, you know us and our
deepest needs and desires; hear us as we pray for our friends and neighbours and
for those who have requested prayer;

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Seth Gunter, Tom Scrivens, Mark Bennetts, Fay Muddyman, Rob Muddyman, Elaine
Haddock, Joy Rowe, Francis Piva, Sharon De Battista, Iris Haywood, Joan Hiscock.*

We give thanks for healing and blessings wherever received.

Jesus Christ you are risen and we see you.

Lord of life and joy, may we know the victory of your resurrection in our lives
and empower us with your Spirit to be your voice and hands in the world; hear us
as we pray for ourselves ; lead us in the dance of life and be our God for
ever.

Hallelujah, Jesus Christ you are risen we see you, and we dance with you.

Amen.

Offertory hymn:

Prayer after Communion

Most glorious Lord of life, we thank you that you nourish us in these Easter mysteries. Fill us with the Spirit of love and unite us in faith, that we may witness to the resurrection and show your glory to all the world.

Reflections on the Readings

It goes without saying that the theme for Easter Sunday is the resurrection of Christ. But, more than just a historical event that happened to Jesus years ago, the readings make it clear that the resurrection is also something that happens for us today. All of the Old Testament readings speak of restoration and new life that can be experienced by those who have been broken. Paul in his letter to the Colossians reminds them that they too are raised with Christ, and that they have life that lasts beyond the grave. So, even as we walk with the women and the disciples through the resurrection story, we are called to remember that, as we receive Christ, it becomes our story too. But what does Easter Sunday have to say to a world of injustice? Everything! When life triumphs over death, when insignificant women are the first witnesses, when the powers of empire cannot silence a ragtag band of ordinary people, something different is at work in the world. This is our hope, our inspiration and our challenge. May our Easter be a celebration, and an awakening, mobilising us all to find life, bring life, create life in every dark place of death in our world for Lord is risen! Alleluia!

Notices:

Please note there are no weekday services this week.

St Matthew's Friendship Group meets 1.30pm this Tuesday at Gavan Hall

Parish Council Meeting Wednesday 19th April 6.30pm dinner at Mac's Irish Pub Kilmore followed by meeting 7.30pm at Christ Church.

Parish BBQ rescheduled to next Sunday 23rd April: Hosts Len and Robyn Whitehouse 4 Kurkurac Court, High Camp; BYO meat. salad or desert to share and refreshments All welcome.

Rector's Final Service - Fr Kim's final service will be 10.30am Sunday 30th April at Christ Church. Bishop John Parkes will celebrate and preach at a Parish Eucharist which will be followed by lunch. There will be only one service in the parish on this day.

Direct Debit /EFT Offerings - Account details: BENDIGO BANK - Account Name 'Anglican Parish of Kilmore'; BSB 633-000; Account Number 158946921. Parishioners using direct debit or electronic funds transfer please use these bank details when making offerings.

Parish life this week

Tuesday 18th	1.30pm St Matthews Friendship Group Gavan Hall
	5.00pm Bishop in Council, Wangaratta
Wednesday 19th	6.30pm Parish Council see notices
Thursday 20th	10.00am Eucharist Willowmead
Friday 21st	10.00am - 4.00pm Op Shop Church House
Saturday 22nd	10.00am – 12noon Op Shop Church House

Next Sunday: 23rd April 2017 SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER Acts 2.14a, 22-32; Ps 16; 1 Peter 1.1-12; John 20.19-31		
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Christ Church	9am	Sung Eucharist
St Matthews	11am	Morning Prayer
St Stephens	11am	Holy Eucharist
Transfiguration	4pm	No Service this day

Parish Diary

2nd Sun of the month: Parish BBQ - 12.30pm. See Notices for details

3rd Tues of the month: St Matthew's Friendship Group. Gavan Hall 1.30pm for fellowship & afternoon tea; please contact Edie Simpson for details ph. 5784 1246

3rd Wed of the month: Parish Council Meeting, 7.30 pm @ venue TBA

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