

## THE ASCENSION OF OUR LORD



**Sung Eucharist - 24 May 2020**

# Gathering of God's People

## Opening Hymn

God is gone up on high - TiS 371 (*Tune: Darwall*)

## Greeting

Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

**Blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**

Christ is risen. Alleluia.

**He is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

## Sentence

"Go and make disciples of all nations," Jesus commands, "I am with you always, to the close of the age." [*Matthew 28:19-20*]

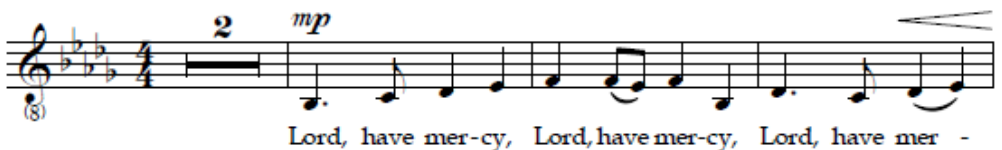
## Prayer of Preparation

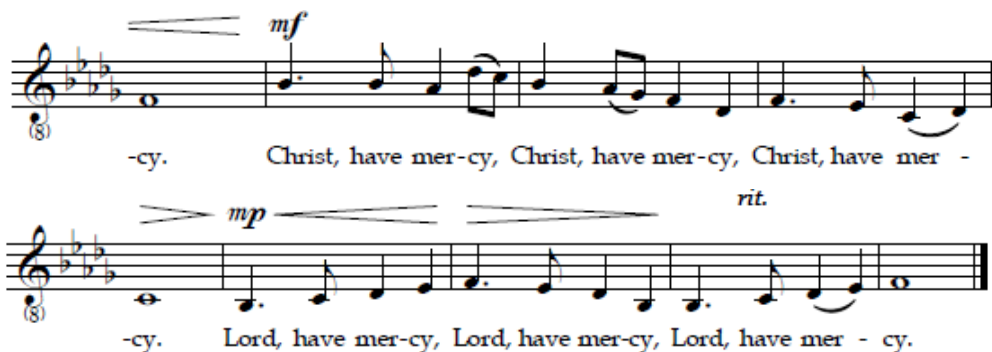
Let us pray

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.

## The Kyries

*The Mosman Setting by Samuel Donovan*





## Invitation to Confession and Absolution

Christ has entered heaven itself, there to appear before God on our behalf.

*Silence may be kept.*

Let us therefore draw near in full assurance of faith, and confess our sins to the God of grace.

**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.**

## The Gloria



Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on



earth. Lord God, heav'n-ly King, al-migh-ty God and Fa-ther, we



wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo-ry.



Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther,



Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world: have



mer-cy on us; you are seat-ed at the right hand of the

*p* *f*

Fa-ther: re-ceive our prayer. Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and

peace to God's peo-ple on earth. For you a-lone are the Ho-ly One,

you a-lone are the Lord, you a-lone are the Most High

Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spi-rit, in the glo-ry of God the

*f*

Fa-ther. Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on

*ff* *rit.*

earth. A - - - - - men.

## The Collect for Ascension

Eternal God,  
 by raising Jesus from the dead  
 you proclaimed his victory,  
 and by his Ascension,  
 you declared him Lord of all:  
 lift up our hearts to heaven,  
 where he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
 one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## **The Ministry of the Word**

### **The First Reading**

#### **A Reading from the Book of Acts**

In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus did and taught from the beginning until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. After his suffering he presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for the promise of the Father. "This," he said, "is what you have heard from me; for John baptised with water, but you will be baptised with the Holy Spirit not many days from now."

So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven."

*[Acts 1:1-11]*

For the Word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

## **Psalm 38 - God, in your goodness, you have made a home for the poor**

### **The Second Reading**

#### **A reading from the Letter to the Ephesians**

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

*[Ephesians 1:15-23]*

For the Word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

### **Gradual Hymn**

**Crown him with many crowns - TiS 228 vv. 1-2, 5-6**

*(Tune: Diademata)*

## **The Gospel Reading**

**Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Jesus was taken up into heaven:

there at the right hand of God he took his place. Alleluia!

**Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St Matthew, Chapter 28,  
beginning at the 16<sup>th</sup> verse.

**Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

*[Matthew 28:16-20]*

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**✠Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

## **The Sermon - The Rector**



## The Creed

Let us join together in the words of 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.

## The Prayers of the Community

Let us pray for the world and for the church.

*Response after each segment of prayers*

Lord in your mercy: **Hear our prayer**

*After the last petition*

Hear us, Father, through Jesus Christ our Lord,

**who lives and reigns with you in the unity  
of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

## The Greeting of Peace

Lord Jesus Christ,

thank you for fulfilling the Scriptures and returning to the Father.

Fill us with the joy of your continual presence and peace.

The peace of the risen, ascended Christ, be with you always. Alleluia!

**And also with you. Alleluia!**

## The Offertory

### Offertory Hymn

**Hallelujah! sing to Jesus, his the sceptre, his the throne - TiS 517**

*(Tune: Hyfrydol)*

*The Presider prays*

Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation.

Through your goodness we have these gifts to share.

Accept and use our offerings for your glory

and for the service of your kingdom.

**Blessed be God for ever.**

## The Great Thanksgiving

### The Sursum Corda

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

*The Presider continues*

All glory and honour be yours always and everywhere,  
mighty Creator, everliving God.

We give you thanks and praise for your Son,  
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,  
he offered the one true sacrifice for sin,  
and obtained an eternal deliverance for his people.

You have highly exalted him,  
and given him the name above all other names,  
that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow  
and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord.

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:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and

might, heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -

san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who

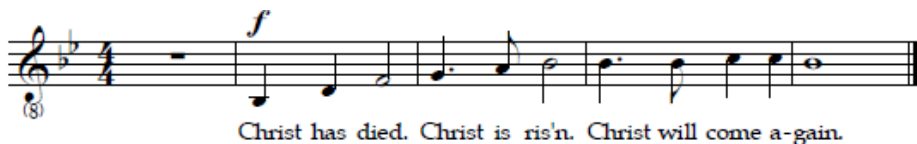
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san-na in the high - est.

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.'

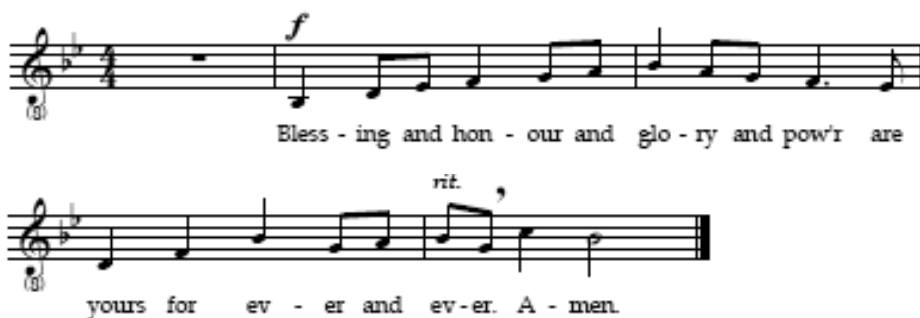
After supper he took the cup,  
 and again giving you thanks  
 he gave it to his disciples, saying,  
 'Drink from this, all of you.  
 This is my blood of the new covenant  
 shed for you and for many  
 for the forgiveness of sins.  
 Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.'

*Deacon:* Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:



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:



As our Saviour 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 Breaking of the Bread and the Communion**

*The Presider breaks the bread and says:*

As this broken bread was once many grains,  
which have been gathered together and made one bread:  
**so may your Church be gathered  
from the ends of the earth into your kingdom.**

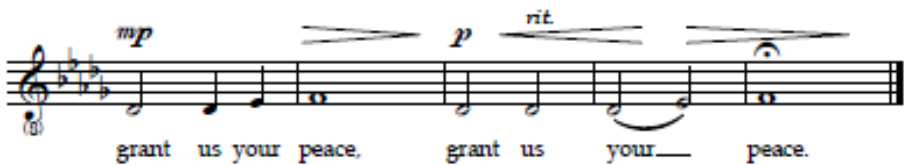
### **The Agnus Dei**

The musical score for the Agnus Dei is written on three staves. The first staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat), and a 4/4 time signature. It starts with a measure containing a whole rest, marked with a '2' above it. The melody then begins with a half note G4, followed by quarter notes A4, B4, C5, B4, A4, and G4. The lyrics 'Je - sus, Lamb of God, have mer - cy on' are written below the notes. The second staff continues the melody with a half note G4, followed by quarter notes A4, B4, C5, B4, A4, and G4. The lyrics 'us. Je - sus, bear - er of our sins, have mer - cy on' are written below. The third staff begins with a half note G4, followed by quarter notes A4, B4, C5, B4, A4, and G4. The lyrics 'us. Je - sus, re - deem - er of the world,' are written below. The score includes dynamic markings: 'p' (piano) at the beginning of the first staff, 'mp' (mezzo-piano) at the beginning of the second staff, and 'mf' (mezzo-forte) at the beginning of the third staff. There are also crescendo and decrescendo hairpins indicating changes in volume.

Je - sus, Lamb of God, have mer - cy on

us. Je - sus, bear - er of our sins, have mer - cy on

us. Je - sus, re - deem - er of the world,



*The Presider continues*

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.**

The gifts of God.

**Jesus Christ is holy,**  
**Jesus Christ is Lord,**  
**to the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

### **Communion Hymn**

**Lord enthroned in heavenly splendour - TiS 520** (*Tune: St Helen*)

### **The Sending Out of God's People**

God of glory  
 you sent your Son Jesus Christ into the world  
 to preach the gospel of the kingdom.  
 Strengthen us to continue his mission  
 by living the good news we proclaim.

Father of all  
we give you thanks and praise  
that when we were still far off  
you met us in your Son and brought us home.  
Dying and living, he declared your love,  
gave us grace, and opened the gate of glory.  
**Keep us in this hope that we have grasped;  
so we and all your children shall be free,  
and the whole earth live to praise your name. Amen.**

### Hymn

**Hail the day that sees him rise, hallelujah - TiS 369**

*(Tune: TiS 388 - Llanfair)*

### The Blessing and Dismissal

Christ our exalted king pour upon you his abundant gifts and bring you to reign with him in glory; and the ✠blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia.

**In the name of Christ. Alleluia!**

**Postlude** Alleluias      Noel Rawsthorne (1929 - 2019)



# PLEASE PRAY FOR...



## Our Diocese, Northern Region and our local church community

The Archbishop: The Most Revd Dr Glenn Davies

The Regional Bishop: The Rt Revd Chris Edwards

Northern Region: Parishes of Ryde and West Ryde

Local churches: St Peter's Cremorne; The Rev'd Tim St Quintin and people

## Missions 2020

### Anglicare Sydney:

Mobile Community Pantry Program;

Bill Farrand, Anglicare Community Services Manager

### Bush Church Aid:

BCA Indigenous Ministry Officer, The Revd Neville Naden and  
Mrs Kathryn Naden

### Anglican Board of Mission:

Sustainable Livelihoods Program, Kenya;

The Revd John Deane, ABM Executive Director

## Those we are holding in prayer

### **The Immediate Sick:**

Alex Dimitric, Lisette Crowle, Mary Douglas, Pam Brooks, Liam Gorman,  
Henry Long, Brian Miles, John Amor, Ian Stevenson

### **Those Requiring On-Going Prayer:**

John Dimitric, Irina Dimitric, Justin Reid, Heather, Bernie Walsh,  
Keren Snell, Benji Morris, Christine Hurford, Shannour, Chloe Turner,  
Denise Thomas, Eileen Menzies

### **People in Residential and Home Care:**

Dawn Holdaway, Ruth Burleigh, Richard Lloyd, Betty Gemmell,  
Mary Shuttleworth, Elaine Porter, Helen Huby, Bev and Dorothy Bashford,  
Pat Wood, Jean Barton, Rosalie and Denis Pearson, Robin and Kevin Wilks

# NOTICES

Please continue to support our Parish financially in so far as you are able. Your offertory may be sent to the Parish Office by cheque (St Luke's Church Mosman, PO Box 162, Spit Junction NSW 2088), or deposited directly into our bank account (St Luke's Church Mosman, BSB 032-291, A/C 810105).

Alternatively, you can contribute to offertory at:

<https://donorbox.org/st-luke-s-anglican-church-mosman-support>  
(type or copy and paste into your browser).

If you would like to contact me, please feel free to do so. My contact details are on the back cover.



The Reverend Dr Max Wood, **Rector**

## TAX DEDUCTIBLE DONATIONS

**The St Luke's Mosman EDUCATION Association Inc.**

and

**The St Luke's Mosman MUSIC Association Inc.**

As we approach the end of the financial year, please reflect on the ministry undertaken by the Education and Music Associations.

They are both public funds and depend on donations from parishioners and members of the public.

**The Education Association** provides materials for students and a contribution towards the expenses of those who teach SRE in our schools.

One of the objects of the **Music Association** is the promotion of concerts and the arts in the Mosman community. Donations will assist greatly in the planning of future concerts.

**Donations in excess of \$2 are tax deductible** and may be left at the parish office during the week. A receipt will be issued by the relevant association in due course. (Cash or cheque donations only, please.) Please direct any queries to either: Don Menzies (Education) Tel: 9953 8028 or Phillip Seale (Music) Mb: 0405 198 420.

# NOTICES cont'd

## Week of Prayer for Christian Unity - Ecumenical Service of Worship

*They showed us unusual kindness. Acts 28:2*

**Date:** THIS Sunday 24 May 2020     **Time:** 3pm

**Preacher:** His Eminence Archbishop Mar Meelis Zaia AM  
Metropolitan, Assyrian Church of the East

To be live-streamed via NSW Ecumenical Council's Facebook Page

or

Join via ZOOM ID 598273654



## A Sonnet for Ascension Day

We saw his light break through the cloud of glory  
Whilst we were rooted still in time and place  
As earth became a part of Heaven's story  
And heaven opened to his human face.  
We saw him go and yet we were not parted  
He took us with him to the heart of things  
The heart that broke for all the broken-hearted  
Is whole and Heaven-centred now, and sings,  
Sings in the strength that rises out of weakness,  
Sings through the clouds that veil him from our sight,  
Whilst we our selves become his clouds of witness  
And sing the waning darkness into light,  
His light in us, and ours in him concealed,  
Which all creation waits to see revealed .

The Rev'd Dr. A. M. Guite (Chaplain, Girton College, Cambridge)

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## Temporary Office Hours

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**St Luke's is a place of rich and diverse liturgy, where life and faith connect. We are a progressive community that welcomes all people regardless of gender, age, race, sexual orientation or religion.**