



St Luke's Mosman

Easter 6 and Mothers' Day



Happy Mother's Day

Her children rise up and call her blessed;...

"Many are the women of proven worth,
but you have excelled them all."

Proverbs 31:28-29

Sunday 14 May 2023 Sung Eucharist 9am

PLEASE PRAY FOR...

Our Diocese, Northern Region, our Local Church Community

The Archbishop: The Most Reverend Kanishka Raffel

The Regional Bishop: The Rt Revd Chris Edwards

Northern Region: Parishes of Turramurra, Bobbin Head and

Warrawee: South Turramurrand and Wahroonga:

clergy and people

Local Churches: St Peter's Cremorne; the Revd Tim St Quintin,

clergy and people

Our 2023 Parish Missions

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

Recently Departed:

Rosemary Bradford

Those Requiring On-Going Prayer:

Irina Dimitric, Heather Chisholm, Shannour, Chloe Turner, Jenny Willis, Fr Robert Alexander, Don Menzies, Margaret Bool, Adrienne Miles, Fr Philip Bradford, Denise Thomas, Michael Ford

People in Residential and Home Care:

Dawn Holdaway, Betty Gemmell, Helen Huby, Jean Barton, Nancy Lovitt, Nan Oliver, Dorothy Bashford, Dallas Ford, Ian Stevenson

OFFERTORY

Offertory to support the ministry of the church may be given in the vestibule on entering or leaving. Please use the Donation Tap Point or place your gift into the Offertory Basket. Offertory envelopes are available in the vestibule, if you would like to take a set for regular giving.

SAFETY IN MINISTRY

St Luke's is committed to the principles of Safety in Ministry of the Anglican Diocese of Sydney. Copies of our Child-Safe, Child-Friendly policy are available in the porch and on the parish website. If you have any queries, please contact: Dr Jocelyn Chey, tel: 9967 5136 or the Rector, tel: 9969 6910.

Gathering of God's People

Please stand for the Procession

Entrance Hymn Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness — TiS 454

(Tune: Was Lebet)

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

"Those who love me will keep my word," Jesus promises, "and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them." [John 14.23]

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 Please sit to sing

Christ Church Mass by Philip Matthias



Invitation to Confession and Absolution

Christ our Passover Lamb has been offered for us, therefore we come to celebrate the festival.

Silence may be kept.

Let us confess our sins in penitence and faith, with a sincere and true heart.

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 Please stand to sing



The Collect for Easter 6

O God you have prepared for those who love you joys beyond our understanding: pour into our hearts such love for you, that, loving you above all else, we may obtain your promises that exceed all we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God. for ever and ever. **Amen.**

A Collect for Mothers' Day

Lord Jesus Christ, yourself born of an earthly mother, on this Mothers' Day we pray for your special blessing upon mothers and mother figures everywhere, in all their needs and circumstances. Sustain those who mourn the loss of loved ones and help us to remember with compassion those for whom Mothers' Day is difficult. Teach us to love selflessly, as you do, putting the needs of others before our own, Jesus, our redeemer and our brother. **Amen.**

The Ministry of the Word

Please be seated

The First Reading A Reading from the Book of Acts

Diana Long

Then Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, "Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, 'To an unknown god.' What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him — though indeed he is not far from each one of us. For 'In him we live and move and have our being'; as even some of your own poets have said, 'For we too are his offspring.' Since we are God's offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in

righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead."

[Acts 17.22-31]

For the Word of the Lord Thanks be to God

Psalm 66.1-12 - TiS 36 vv.1-4 (Tune: Deiss)

Please remain seated to listen to the choir sing the Psalm

All you nations, sing out your joy to the Lord: Alleluia, alleluia!

Joyfully shout, all you on earth, give praise to the glory of God; and with a hymn sing out his glorious praise: alleluia!

Lift up your hearts, sing to your God: tremendous his deeds for us all! Vanquished your foes, struck down by power and might: alleluia!

Let all the earth kneel in your sight, extolling your marvellous fame; honour your name, in highest heaven give praise: alleluia!

Come forth and see all the great works that God has brought forth by his might; fall on your knees before his glorious throne: alleluia!

All you nations, sing out your joy to the Lord: Alleluia, alleluia!

The Second Reading A reading from the First Letter of Peter

Finally, all of you, have unity of spirit, sympathy, love for one another, a tender heart, and a humble mind. Do not repay evil for evil or abuse for abuse; but, on the contrary, repay with a blessing. It is for this that you were called — that you might inherit a blessing. For "Those who desire life and desire to see good days, let them keep their tongues from evil and their lips from speaking deceit; let them turn away from evil and do good; let them seek peace and pursue it. For the eyes of the Lord are on the righteous, and his ears are open to their prayer. But the face of the Lord is against those who do evil." Now who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? But even if you do

suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defense to anyone who demands from you an accounting for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and reverence. Keep your conscience clear, so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil.

For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water.

And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you — not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

[1 Peter 3.8-22]

For the Word of the Lord Thanks be to God

Gradual Hymn

Please stand

Holy Spirit, come confirm us — TiS 413 (Tune: All for Jesus)

The Gospel Reading

Choir first, followed by the congregation



Jesus said: "Because I live, you also live: I will reveal myself to those who love me and keep my commandments."

All sing together



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

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St John, Chapter 14, beginning at the 15th verse. **★Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Jesus said: "If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you."

"I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them."

[John 14.15-21]

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

The Sermon - The Rector

The Creed

Let us stand and 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

Danielle Firholz

Please be seated

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

Please stand

The risen Christ came and stood among his disciples and said, 'Peace be with you'.

Then were they glad when they saw the Lord.

The peace of the Risen Christ be always with you. Alleluia! And also with you. Alleluia!

Please do not physically exchange the greeting of peace

The Offertory

Offertory Hymn

The head that once was crowned with thorns —TiS 378

(Tune: St Magnus)

The Presider continues

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

Please remain standing

The Sursum Corda We sing together 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. 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:



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.

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.'

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

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.

Please sit to sing the Agnus Dei



The Presider continues

The Gifts of God for the people of God.

Come, let us take this holy sacrament of the Body and Blood of Christ, in remembrance that he died for us, and feed on him in our hearts by faith with thanksgiving. **Amen.**

Communion will be administered at the Chancel Steps.

Please come forward and form two lines.

Communion Hymn

Please be seated to sing with the Choir

For the bread and for the wine —TiS 518 (Tune: Evelyn)

The Sending Out of God's People

Eternal God, giver of life, in the breaking of the bread we know the risen Lord. May we who celebrate this holy feast walk in his risen light and bring new life to all creation.

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.

Notices

Final Hymn
I'm not ashamed to own my Lord — TiS 562 (Tune: Jackson)

The Blessing and Dismissal

The blessing of the Living God, who brings light out of darkness, be upon you now and forever.

The blessing of the risen Christ, who sends you as apostles into all the world be upon you now and for ever.

The blessing of the Holy Spirit, who fills the Church with joy and praise, be upon you now and for ever.

And the **B**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, Alleluia. **№In the name of Christ. Alleluia, Alleluia.**

Postlude

Guest Organist: Alistair Nelson

A Litany for Mothers...

Eve, our first mother – thank you for stepping out and being the first to understand the complexities of life.

Sarah, Hannah and Elizabeth – thank you for your patience and courage in waiting for a miracle. May all people longing for children be strengthened by your stories and comforted in their pain.

Hagar – thank you for your resolve in the face of exile. May all mothers who are forced to flee, or are forgotten, be given hope in you.

Rebecca – thank you for your flexibility. Let us remember all mothers who have to raise their children in a different country, or far from their relatives, and who feel isolated.

Rachel – you carried the burden of grief and wept for your children. Hold the hands of all those mothers who weep for their children – children who have gone missing, who have died, or are lost to them in other ways.

Naomi and Ruth – you showed that love can conquer all trials. Help all mothers to love constantly when life seems impossible and despair weighs hard upon their souls.

Mary – the new Eve, whose 'yes' to God changed our world forever. Thank you for sheltering the Holy One all those years ago, for your faithful love and tender care of God's most precious Son. May we never forget that in your giving is our greatest receiving – of the gift of life wrapped in a manger and in a tomb. May we know the true cost of relationship by holding our faith in Christ deep within our hearts, as you once held him deep within your womb. Amen.



Just as God gives to each rose a gentle touch of dew and gives unto each evening sky the lovely sunset's hue, so may he give to you from his enduring love great happiness, and hearts' content, and blessing from above.



NOTICES

EASTER 6 AND MOTHERS' DAY — PUB LUNCH

Today, in our 9am Eucharist, we will observe Easter 6 and honour our mothers and other important mother figures in our lives. There will also be our regular PUB LUNCH at 12 noon in the Lower Duck, Hotel Mosman. Please feel free to come and enjoy some camaraderie at the St Luke's table.

MID-WEEK ACTIVITIES

Our mid-week activities have recommenced: Study Group at 10.30am in the Lower Hall, Holy Eucharist in the Chapel at 11.30am, followed by lunch at Café Jam for those who wish to continue a time of informal fellowship. Our Study Book is entitled *With Jesus through Galilee according to the Fifth Gospel* by Benedictine monk Fr Bargil Pixner. This study follows the inner development of Jesus and his disciples and their role in society. Against the backdrop of the landscape and geography of Galilee, emerges the figure of Jesus, his ministry, and compassion for others.

MOVIE AFTERNOON

Next Saturday, 20 May, at our Movie Afternoon in the Lower Hall from 3pm, we will be screening *The English Patient*, featuring Ralph Fiennes, Juliette Binoche, William Defoe, Kristen Scott Thomas and an all star cast. A man who speaks with an English accent and is burned beyond recognition after his plane is shot down by German gunners, recalls his past in a series of flashbacks, revealing to the audience his true identity and the love affair he was involved in before the war. He does not, however, reveal his identity or his past to the nurse who takes care of him or the man who suspects him of being a German spy, until the end of the film. Savoury snacks and ice creams provided. Please BYO beverages.

NEXT SUNDAY

We will observe Easter 7 in our 9am Eucharist next Sunday, 21 May 2023. The Rector will preside and preach.

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

The Parish office remains closed until 22 May due to Helen's annual leave. Please contact the Rector by email rector@stlukesmosman.org or by Mb: 0439 475 714 for any urgent pastoral matters.

NOTICES

MID-WINTER BBQ

Sunday 25 June at 11.30am in the Courtyard.



TRIVIA BRUNCH

Sunday 23 July at 11.30am in the Church.



PATRONAL FESTIVAL EUCHARIST

Sunday 15 October at 10am in the Church



PATRONAL FESTIVAL SPARKLING BRUNCH

Sunday 15 October from 11.30am in the Seddon Hall.



Please send any notices for inclusion in the weekly bulletin to the office by 4.30pm Tuesday.



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What's On This Week 14/05/2023

9am Easter 6 and Mothers' Day Eucharist

Church

Tues 7.15pm Parish Council

via Zoom

Thurs 10.30am Study Group

Lower Hall
11.30am Holy Eucharist

Chapel

12pm Lunch

Café Jam

Sat 3pm Movie Afternoon

Lower Hall

Next Sunday 21/05/2023

9am ASCENSION Eucharist Church



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.

