



Anglican Parish of

**St Luke**

Mosman

# St Luke's Mosman

## THE ASCENSION OF OUR LORD



**Sunday 21 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 Epping and Gladesville;  
clergy and people  
Local Churches: Our Parish of St Luke, Mosman;  
the Reverend Dr Max Wood 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

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

Irina Dimitric, Heather Chisholm, Shannour, Chloe Turner, Jenny Willis,  
Fr Robert Alexander, Don Menzies, Margaret Bool, Rosemary Bradford,  
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

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

*(Tune: Diademata)*

### 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 an 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

*Please sit to sing*

***Christ Church Mass by Philip Matthias***





## 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

*Please stand to sing*

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

13      Lord God, heav'n - ly King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we

praise you for\_ your glo - ry.                      Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther,

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Lord God, \_ Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us: you are

25

seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer. For you a - lone are the

30

Ho - ly One. you a - lone are the Lord, you a - lone are the Most High,

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Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the\_ glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

## The Collect

God of majesty,  
you led the Messiah through suffering into risen life,  
and took him up into the glory of heaven:  
clothe us with the power promised from on high,  
and send us forth to the ends of the earth  
as heralds of repentance and witnesses of Jesus Christ,  
the firstborn from the dead,  
who lives with you now and always in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
God for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## **The Ministry of the Word**

*Please be seated*

### **The First Reading**

*Nick Moser*

#### **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 baptized with water, but you will be baptized 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 43** (*Chant: Charles Gounod*)

*Please remain seated to listen to the Choir sing the Psalm*

*Send out your light and your truth, let them lead me.*

*Vindicate me, O God, and defend my cause  
against an ungodly people,  
from the deceitful and unjust deliver me!*

*For you are the God in whom I take refuge;  
why have you cast me off?  
Why must I mourn  
because of the oppression of the enemy?*

*O send out your light and your truth;  
let them lead me,  
let them bring me to your holy hill  
and to your dwelling!*

*Then I will go to the altar of God,  
to God my exceeding joy;  
and I will praise you with the lyre,  
O God, my God.*

*Why are you cast down, O my soul,  
and why are you disquieted within me?  
Hope in God whom again I shall praise,  
my help and my God.*

*Send out your light and your truth, let them lead me.*

## **The Second Reading**

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

Paul wrote: 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**

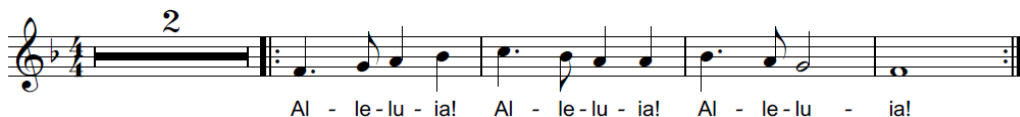
## Gradual Hymn

*Please stand*

**Hallelujah! Sing to Jesus — TiS 517** (*Tune: Hyfrydol*)

## The Gospel Reading

*Choir first, followed by the congregation*



*Jesus said: "Go, make disciples of all the nations;  
I am with you always; even to the end of time.*

*All sing together*



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 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**

*Ann Jobson*

*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*

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!**

*Please do not physically exchange the greeting of peace*

## **The Offertory**

### **Offertory Hymn**

**Hail, thou once despised Jesus — TiS 373** (*Tune: Ebenezer*)

*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.

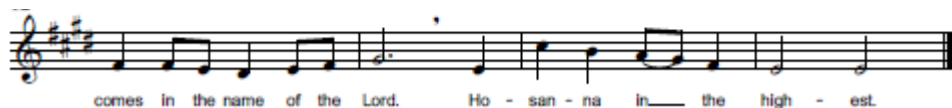
We give you thanks and praise for your Son,  
our Saviour Jesus Christ,  
who by the power of your Spirit was born of Mary  
and lived as one of us.

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

You have highly exalted him,  
And given him the name which is 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:





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.'

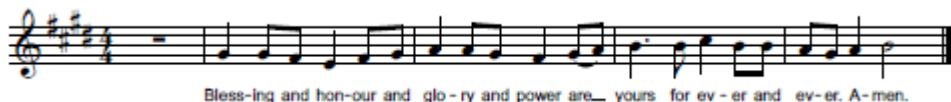
After supper he took the cup,  
and again giving you thanks  
he gave it to his disciples, saying,  
'Drink from this, all of you.  
This is my blood of the new covenant  
shed for you and for many  
for the forgiveness of sins.  
✠Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.'

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:

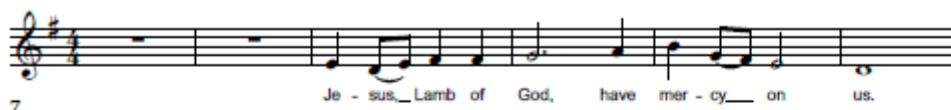
**Our Father in heaven,  
 hallowed be your Name, your kingdom come,  
 your will be done on earth as in heaven.  
 Give us today our daily bread.  
 Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.  
 Save us from the time of trial  
 and deliver us from evil.  
 For the kingdom, the power,  
 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*

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

### **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 who share this meal to continue his mission  
by living the good news we proclaim.

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**

**Lord, enthroned in heavenly splendour — TiS 520 vv. 1-2, 5-6**  
*(Tune: St Helen)*

## 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, Alleluia.

✠**In the name of Christ. Alleluia, Alleluia.**

## Postlude

*Guest Organist: Alistair Nelson*

# NOTICES

## THE ASCENSION OF OUR LORD

Today, in our 9am Eucharist, we will observe The Ascension of Our Lord.

## GIRLS' NIGHT OUT

Our monthly gathering takes place this Tuesday evening from 6pm at the Upper Duck, Hotel Mosman. Please let Paula Turner know if you plan to attend. All ladies welcome!

## MID-WEEK ACTIVITIES

Our mid-week activities continue as normal: 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. All are welcome.

## NEXT SUNDAY

We will observe The Day of Pentecost in our 9am Eucharist next Sunday, 28 May 2023. The Rt Revd Richard Hurford OAM KStJ, sometime Bishop of Bathurst, will preside and preach. During this service, Thomas and Madeleine Wood will participate in the liturgy of admission to their first communion.

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



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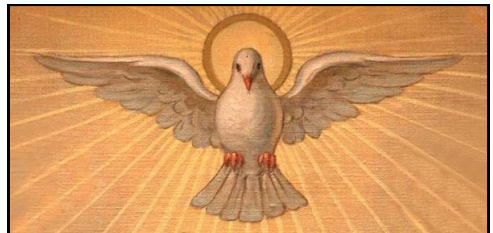
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## What's On This Week 21/05/2023

	9am	<b>ASCENSION</b> <i>Church</i>
<b>Tues</b>	6pm	Girls' Night Out <i>Upper Duck</i>
<b>Thurs</b>	10.30am	Study Group <i>Lower Hall</i>
	11.30am	Holy Eucharist <i>Chapel</i>
	12pm	Lunch <i>Café Jam</i>

## Next Sunday 28/05/2023

9am **PENTECOST**  
**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.



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