

# Anglican Parish of Avon

**Sunday 26 April**  
**The Third Sunday of Easter**

*Priest in Charge, The Reverend Dave Perryman.*

Peter replied. "Each of you must repent of your sins and turn to God, and be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins.



Then you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. This promise is to you, and to your children, and even to the Gentiles all who have been called by the Lord our God."

Acts 2 v38-39

*Welcome – Wunan Njinda to: -  
A Service of Holy Communion  
10am Holy Trinity Church, Stratford,  
via Zoom on line or 'phone-in'.*

*We acknowledge the Gunai Kurnai people as the original inhabitants of this land. We acknowledge their elders past and present and their children who are their hope for the future.*

## GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

### **Opening Hymn: 'Christ the Lord . . .' TiS 370**

1 Christ the Lord is risen today: Hallelujah!  
Let the whole creation say: Hallelujah!  
Raise your joys and triumphs high: Hallelujah!  
Sing now, heaven, and earth reply: Hallelujah!

2 Love's redeeming work is done; Hallelujah!  
fought the fight, the battle won; Hallelujah!  
vain the stone, the watch the seal: Hallelujah!  
Christ has burst the gates of hell. Hallelujah!

3 Lives again our glorious king; Hallelujah!  
where, O death, is now your sting? Hallelujah!  
Once he died our souls to save; Hallelujah!  
where your victory, O grave? Hallelujah!

4 Soar we now where Christ has led, Hallelujah!  
following our exalted Head; Hallelujah!  
made like him, like him we rise; Hallelujah!  
ours the cross, the grave, the skies. Hallelujah!

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### **Welcome**

### **Greeting**

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

**And also with you.**

Christ is risen. Alleluia!

**He is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

## The Sentence

‘Repent, and be baptised every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.’  
(Acts 2. 38–39)

## The 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 Confession

God shows great love for us in that while we were still sinners Christ died for us.

*Silence for self-reflection*

Jesus Christ, risen Master and triumphant Lord,  
we come to you in sorrow for our sins,  
and confess to you our weakness and unbelief.

We have lived by our own strength,  
and not by the power of your resurrection.  
In your mercy, forgive us.  
**Lord, hear us and help us.**

We have lived by the light of our own eyes,  
as faithless and not believing.  
In your mercy, forgive us.  
**Lord, hear us and help us.**

We have lived for this world alone,

and doubted our home in heaven.  
In your mercy, forgive us.  
**Lord, hear us and help us.**

## **The Absolution**

May God who loved the world so much  
that he sent his Son to be our Saviour  
forgive us our sins  
and make us holy to serve him in the world,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## **The Prayer of the Day**

O God,  
your Son made himself known to his disciples  
in the breaking of bread:  
open the eyes of our faith,  
that we may see him in his redeeming work;  
who is alive 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 Acts of the Apostles**

<sup>14</sup> But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them: ‘Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. <sup>36</sup> Therefore let the entire house of Israel know with certainty that God has made him both Lord and Messiah, this Jesus whom you crucified.’ <sup>37</sup> Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and to the other apostles, ‘Brothers, what should we do?’ <sup>38</sup> Peter said to them, ‘Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. <sup>39</sup> For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him.’ <sup>40</sup> And he testified with many other arguments and exhorted them, saying, ‘Save yourselves

from this corrupt generation.’<sup>41</sup> So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added.  
*Acts 2.14a, 36-41*

Hear the word of the Lord,  
**Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 116** – *We will say the Psalm together*

**1 I love the Lord, because he heard my voice:  
the voice of my supplication;**

**2 Because he inclined his ear to me:  
in the day that I called to him.**

**3 The cords of death encompassed me,  
the snares of the grave took hold on me:  
I was in anguish and sorrow.**

**4 Then I called upon the name of the Lord:  
‘O Lord, I beseech you, deliver me !’  
11 How shall I repay the Lord:  
for all his benefits to me?**

**12 I will take up the cup of salvation:  
and call upon the name of the Lord.**

**13 I will pay my vows to the Lord:  
in the presence of all his people.**

**14 Grievous in the sight of the Lord:  
is the death of his faithful ones.**

**15 O Lord, I am your servant,  
your servant and the child of your handmaid:  
you have unloosed my bonds.**

**16 I will offer you a sacrifice of thanksgiving:  
and call upon the name of the Lord.**

**17 I will pay my vows to the Lord:**

**in the presence of all his people,**

**18 In the courts of the house of the Lord:  
even in your midst, O Jerusalem. Praise the Lord.**

## **Early Talk**

## **The Gospel**

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke  
**Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ**

<sup>13</sup> Now on that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, <sup>14</sup> and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. <sup>15</sup> While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, <sup>16</sup> but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. <sup>17</sup> And he said to them, ‘What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?’ They stood still, looking sad. <sup>18</sup> Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, ‘Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?’ <sup>19</sup> He asked them, ‘What things?’ They replied, ‘The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, <sup>20</sup> and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. <sup>21</sup> But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. <sup>22</sup> Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, <sup>23</sup> and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. <sup>24</sup> Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see him.’ <sup>25</sup> Then he said to them, ‘Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! <sup>26</sup> Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?’ <sup>27</sup> Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures. <sup>28</sup> As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. <sup>29</sup> But they urged him strongly, saying, ‘Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over.’ So he went in to stay with them. <sup>30</sup> When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. <sup>31</sup> Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized

him; and he vanished from their sight. <sup>32</sup> They said to each other, ‘Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?’ <sup>33</sup> That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. <sup>34</sup> They were saying, ‘The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!’ <sup>35</sup> Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

*Luke 24.13-35*

For the Gospel of the Lord.

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

## **Sermon**

### **The Affirmation of The Resurrection**

Let us declare our faith in the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ:

**Christ died for our sins**

**in accordance with the Scriptures;**

**he was buried;**

**he was raised to life on the third day**

**in accordance with the Scriptures;**

**afterwards he appeared to his followers,**

**and to all the apostles:**

**this we have received,**

**and this we believe. Amen. we shall rise with him in glory**

**to the life that knows no end. Amen.**

## **The Prayers**

*Please sit or kneel for prayer as you are able.*

*Response:*

Risen God, in your mercy,

**Hear our prayers.**

*We pray specially today for the families, friends and all colleagues of the four police officers who tragically died in the course of duty on Wednesday evening. Loving God, embrace them with your courage, comfort and peace.*

*We give deep thanks for all police officers everywhere who stand between us and harm. Who protect us everyday in so many ways.*

### **A Prayer for Anzac Day**

We remember all Australians and New Zealanders who served in the army, navy and air force during theatres of war.

Make us good stewards of the freedom they won.  
God of peace, **hear our prayer.**

O God, our ruler and guide,  
In whose hands are the destinies of this and every nation,  
We give you thanks for the freedoms we enjoy in this land  
And for those who laid down their lives to defend them:  
We pray that we and all the people of Australia,  
Gratefully remembering their courage and their sacrifice,  
May have the grace to live in a spirit of justice, of generosity, and of peace;  
Through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
Who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
One God, for ever and ever. **Amen**

### **A prayer during this time of Covid 19**

Keep us, good Lord,  
under the shadow of your mercy  
in this time of uncertainty and distress.  
Sustain and support the anxious and fearful,  
and lift up all who are brought low;  
that we may rejoice in your comfort  
knowing that nothing can separate us  
from your love in Christ Jesus our Lord. **Amen**

### **We pray for:-**

- All who bring us hope and love and joy in this time of global upheaval. May they lift our spirits and call us together in solidarity.
- All who profess faith in Jesus Christ. May the coronavirus pandemic bear fruit in new ways of being church together.
- Our political, economic and social leaders as they discern the road to recovery. May they help us imagine and work for a new society of justice, compassion and peace.

- For medical scientists, doctors, nurses and all paramedical personnel caring for the sick. For the safety of all carers, and for bio-scientists' success in establishing a vaccine against Covid 19 as well as other treatments.
- Parents struggling with home schooling and for teachers at schools that are open. May they find the resources they need to meet these new challenges.
- All who are financially insecure but ineligible for government support. May ways be found to alleviate their plight.
- Those whose mental health is under serious threat from confinement and social isolation. May they find the resources they need to keep their peace of mind.
- The residents of aged care facilities. May they be well cared for as they suffer the pain of separation from loved ones.
- Communities around the nation devastated by the summer bushfires. May their struggle to recover continue to receive the support it deserves.
- The families and friends of recently deceased, especially those who have died from the coronavirus, . . . and for those whose anniversary of death occurs around this time. May they join the risen Lord and all the saints in the glory of eternal life.
- For Bishop Richard and Registrar Richard as they lead the Diocese through turbulent times.
- For Priest Dave, giving thanks for his ministry and leadership in keeping all in the parish connected in worship and for his pastoral caring for us and others.
- For Emma as her time for giving birth nears. Keep her safe Lord. We pray for a safe and uncomplicated delivery of Emma and Dave's infant daughter.
- The Parish of Paynesville: Edie Ashley.
- For successful resumption of our op shop and mainly music ministries when it's safe to do so. For team coordinators, Bev and John of the op shop, and May for mainly music. For all volunteers, supporters and families.

**\*We pray for the sick, the lonely, sad and suffering, and all who care for them.**  
 We pray especially at this time *for Marj, Brenda, Keith, Marion, Phillip, Peter, Ruth, Aileen, Peter T, Mark, Alice, Scarlet, Boyd, Brian, Jacob, Emma, Crystal, Pete, Bruce, Geoff, Daryl, Jan, Craig, Richard, Gail, Karen, Julie and Mick.*

*At the conclusion of the prayers:*

Accept our prayers through Jesus Christ our Lord, who taught us 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 Greeting of Peace**

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

Then were they glad when they saw the Lord.

**Alleluia!**

The peace of the risen Lord be always with you.

**And also with you.**

## **Offertory Prayer**

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 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.**

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 saying:  
**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

Lord, you are holy indeed, the source of all holiness;  
grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit,  
and according to your holy will,  
these gifts of bread and wine  
may be to us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ;

who, in the same night that he was betrayed,  
took bread and gave you thanks;  
he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;  
do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way, after supper  
he took the cup and gave you thanks;  
he gave it to them, saying:

Drink this, all of you;  
this is my blood of the new covenant,  
which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.  
Do this, as often as you drink it,  
in remembrance of me.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus:

**Dying you destroyed our death,  
rising you restored our life:  
Lord Jesus, come in glory.**

**And so, Father, calling to mind his death on the cross,  
his perfect sacrifice made once for the sins of the whole world;  
rejoicing in his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension,  
and looking for his coming in glory,  
we celebrate this memorial of our redemption.**

**As we offer you this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving,  
we bring before you this bread and this cup  
and we thank you for counting us worthy  
to stand in your presence and serve you.**

**Send the Holy Spirit on your people  
and gather into one in your kingdom  
all who share this one bread and one cup,  
so that we, in the company of all the saints,  
may praise and glorify you for ever,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord;  
by whom, and with whom, and in whom,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
all honour and glory be yours, almighty Father,  
for ever and ever. Amen.**

### **The Breaking of the Bread and Communion**

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.**

Draw near with faith, to feed on Christ in your hearts with thanksgiving.

*For those unable to receive Holy Communion this Sunday, you may like to practice the tradition of 'spiritual communion' as you watch and listen, the following prayer may be helpful:*

*O Lord Jesus Christ, through your tender mercy grant that as the hem of your garment, touched in faith, healed the woman who could not touch your body, so the soul of this your servant may be healed by like faith in you, whom I cannot now sacramentally receive. In union with the faithful at every altar-table in your Church I desire to be united with you and pray that you will come spiritually into my heart. Let nothing ever separate me from your love, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.*

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

Risen Christ,  
you filled your disciples with boldness and fresh hope:  
strengthen us through this meal to proclaim your risen life  
and fill us with your peace,  
to the glory of God the Father.

Father,  
**we offer ourselves to you  
as a living sacrifice  
though Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Send us out in the power of your Spirit  
to live and work to your praise and glory.**

## **Announcements**

### **Final Hymn: 'All my days . . .' MP 1024**

1 All my days I will sing this song of gladness,  
give my praise to the Fountain of delights;  
for in my helplessness You heard my cry  
and waves of mercy poured down on my life.

2 I will trust in the cross of my Redeemer,  
I will sing of the blood that never fails,  
of sins forgiven, of conscience cleansed,

of death defeated and life without end.

*Beautiful Saviour, wonderful Counsellor,  
clothed in majesty, Lord of history,  
You're the way, the truth, the life.  
Star of the morning, glorious in holiness,  
You're the risen One, heaven's champion,  
and You reign, You reign over all!*

3 I long to be where the praise is never ending,  
yearn to dwell where the glory never fades,  
where countless worshippers will share one song,  
and cries of 'Worthy!' will honour the Lamb!  
*Beautiful Saviour . . .*

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## **The Blessing**

God who has called you is faithful and risen!  
Go into the world with the joy of the resurrection,  
forgive generously,  
love extravagantly,  
and live abundantly.  
And the blessing of God,  
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,  
be upon you now and for ever. **Amen.**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia!  
**In the name of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia!**

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## **News and Notes**

**This coming Sunday, 3 April being the first Sunday of the month, is the All Age Family Worship at Holy Trinity.**

### **Dave requests:-**

Parishioners and friends to please email or text him with one thing we're currently thankful for . . . to be included in the Family Service. You may recall that when gathered in the Family Service we have been invited to mention

something we are thankful for during that week. This month we will do the same but of course via Zoom or Facebook.

Dave's phone number is:- **0401 035 379**

Email: [davidjrperryman@gmail.com](mailto:davidjrperryman@gmail.com)

**\*\*We're hoping to link with you all for the Family Service.**

**If you or anybody you know may wish to join with us on zoom, please contact Denise: ph. 0417100047 or email: [pdvranek@gmail.com](mailto:pdvranek@gmail.com)**

**\*\*Many parishioners have continued their offertory giving and given donations towards the life of the parish, in fact, the survival of the parish. We pray our op shop will soon be able to re-open.**

**Bible Studies will be zoomed from 7.30pm this Wednesday.**

All are welcome to join in either 'on-line' or by phone. We will continue the study of the Book of Revelation: Please pre read Sessions 2 and 3 for this week.

**Remember:**

**Wherever and whenever possible, Dave will be maintaining contact with parishioners by phone. He is always available to parishioners at any time:-**

**0401 035 379. Email:davidjrperryman@gmail.com**

**Your much needed Offertory can be given by:-**

1. Collection by Paul Wager. Please ring him on 0457 329 919 to make arrangements
2. Direct payment into the parish CBA account –
  - a. BSB 063526 Acct No 10493155. The account name is 'Anglican Parish of Avon' Please register it as 'offertory'
3. Leave your weekly giving envelope in Paul Wagers mailbox from where it it will be stored securely until it is banked on the first business day.
4. Where there is an account (cost to the parish), some may wish to cover that expense which is another way of giving.

**Please note:-**

**The site and ID for zoom or phone number and ID are the same for services, Bible Studies and Parish Council meetings.**

**\*Join Zoom Meeting OR Church Service**

**<https://zoom.us/j/9748706191> Meeting ID: 974 870 6191**

**\*Join by Phone: (03) 7018 2005 Meeting ID: 974 870 6191**

## **PARISH DIARY & HOLY TRINITY ROSTER**

- Tues 28 April** 7.30pm Parish Council Meeting. **To be zoomed.**  
**MAY** **Retiring Offertory: Leprosy Foundation (On hold)**
- Sun 3** Fourth Sunday of Easter.  
All Age Family Worship at Holy Trinity  
Justice Sunday
- Sun 10** Fifth Sunday of Easter.  
**MOTHERS DAY**  
Congregational Meeting at Holy Trinity (2) **Zoomed.**  
4pm Healing Service **Postponed.**
- Sat 16** Armed Forces Day.
- Sun 17** Sixth Sunday of Easter
- Mon 18 –** Sunday 24 National Volunteers Week  
Op Shop Volunteers Luncheon this week. **Postponed**
- Tues 19** Family Fun Fair Planning Meeting
- Thurs 21** World Day of Cultural Diversity.
- Fri 22** Kid's Movie Night **Postponed**
- Sat 23** Family Fun Fair **Postponed**
- Sun 24** Seventh Sunday of Easter.
- Tues 26** National Sorry Day
- 27 May to 3 June **The Week of Prayer for Reconciliation and National Reconciliation Week (NRW)**  
*The Week of Prayer for Reconciliation and National Reconciliation Week (NRW) are held each year between 27 May and 3 June. These dates commemorate two significant milestones in the reconciliation journey—the anniversaries of the successful 1967 referendum and the Mabo decision.*
- Tues 26** Parish Council Meets
- Wed 27** **Reconciliation Day. Anniversary of the 1967 Referendum**
- 27-3 June** **National Reconciliation Week**
- Thurs 28** 11am Family Fun Fair Debrief Meeting **Postponed**  
**Ascension Day**  
*\*\*In Australia, Week of Prayer for Christian Unity is celebrated between Ascension and the Day of Pentecost.*
- Sun 31** **Day of Pentecost**  
**Tim Collison. Leprosy Mission. Postponed**  
10am Combined Church Centres Worship at St Mary's. **???**  
7.30pm Ecumenical Service: Uniting Church. **???**

### **Holy Trinity Roster, 3 April. Fourth Sunday of Easter**

**Acts 2.42-47. Ps.23. 1 Peter 2.1-10. John 10.1-10**

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