

Anglican Parish of Avon

Sunday 10 May

The Fifth Sunday of Easter

Priest in Charge, The Reverend Dave Perryman.



**Happy
Mother's Day!**

**To all Mothers
and
Mother Figures**

**Welcome – Wunan Njinda to: -
A Service of Holy Communion
10am Holy Trinity Church, Stratford,
via Zoom, on line, Facebook 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: 'Hallelujah, sing to Jesus' – TiS 517

1 Hallelujah! sing to Jesus,
his the sceptre, his the throne;
hallelujah! his the triumph,
his the victory alone;
hark, the songs of peaceful Zion
thunder like a mighty flood:
'Jesus out of every nation
has redeemed us by his blood.'

2 Hallelujah! not as orphans,
are we left in sorrow now;
hallelujah! he is near us,
faith believes, nor questions how;
though the cloud from sight received him
when the forty days were o'er,
shall our hearts forget his promise,
'I am with you evermore'?

3 Hallelujah! bread of heaven,
and on earth our food, our stay;
hallelujah! here the sinful
flee to you from day to day;
intercessor, friend of sinners,
earth's redeemer, plead for me
where the songs of all the sinless
sweep across the crystal sea.

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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

'I am the way, and the truth, and the life,' says the Lord. 'No one comes to the Father except through me.'

(John 14. 6)

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.



JESUS ANSWERED,
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AND THE LIFE.
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The Confession

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

Silence for self-reflection

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

**Most merciful Father,
we confess that we have sinned in thought, word and deed.
We have not loved you with our whole
heart.
We have not loved our neighbours as
ourselves.
In your mercy forgive what we have been,
help us to amend what we are, and direct what we shall be;
that we may do justly,
love mercy,
and walk humbly with you, our God. Amen.**

The Absolution

Almighty God,
who in Jesus Christ has given us
a kingdom that cannot be destroyed,
forgive us our sins,
open our eyes to God's truth,
strengthen us to do God's will
and give us the joy of his kingdom,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Prayer of the Day

Ever living God,
whose Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life:
give us grace to love one another,
to follow in the way of his commandments,
and to share his risen life;
who 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 Acts of the Apostles

⁵⁵ But filled with the Holy Spirit, he gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. ⁵⁶ 'Look,' he said, 'I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!' ⁵⁷ But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. ⁵⁸ Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him; and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. ⁵⁹ While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, 'Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.' ⁶⁰ Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, 'Lord, do not hold this sin against them.' When he had said this, he died. *Acts 7.55-60*

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

Psalm 31 – *We will say the Psalm together*

**1 To you, Lord, have I come for shelter:
let me never be put to shame.**

**2 O deliver me in your righteousness:
incline your ear to me and be swift to save me.**

**3 Be for me a rock of refuge, a fortress to defend me:
for you are my high rock and my stronghold.**

**4 Lead me and guide me for your name's sake:
bring me out of the net that they have secretly laid for me,
for you are my strength.**

**5 Into your hands I commit my spirit:
you will redeem me, O Lord God of truth.**

**17 All my days are in your hand:
O deliver me from the power of my enemies
and from my persecutors.**

18 Make your face to shine upon your servant:

and save me for your mercy's sake.

Early Talk

The Gospel

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ

¹ 'Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. ² In my Father's house there are many dwelling-places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? ³ And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. ⁴ And you know the way to the place where I am going.' ⁵ Thomas said to him, 'Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?' ⁶ Jesus said to him, 'I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. ⁷ If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.' ⁸ Philip said to him, 'Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.' ⁹ Jesus said to him, 'Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, "Show us the Father"? ¹⁰ Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. ¹¹ Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. ¹² Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. ¹³ I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. ¹⁴ If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.

John 14.1-14

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.**

The Prayers

Please sit or kneel for prayer as you are able.

Response:

Risen God, in your mercy,
Hear our prayers.

A Prayer for Mothers on Mothers' Day.

Lord, thank you for all mothers.

For the new ones, who endure sleepless nights with infants in arms.

For the busy ones, who juggle the pressures of home and family life.

For the steadfast ones, who nurture and care for our special vulnerable children.

For the patient ones, who always seek to forgive and engage with their pre-teens.

For the persistent ones, who cleverly find new ways to connect with their mini- adults.

For the mother aunts, who step in to cradle and care for nieces and nephews.

For all grandmas, who love and support their precious grandchildren.

For the foster mums that are called to gather and cover the fragile ones.

For those whose desire to be a mother has not been fulfilled.

For the Sunday mums who care for our children and lead them in faith.

For the mums who give far beyond their own resources, who overcome disability to cherish and love.

Thank you, Lord for all our beautiful mothers. Help us to support them and keep them in our prayers. May you bless them now on this their special day. Amen.

We pray for your wisdom, help and guidance for:-

- All who profess faith in Jesus Christ. May the coronavirus pandemic bear fruit in new ways of being church together.
- All who are suffering from the Covid 19 infection and for the families and friends of those who have died.
- 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.
- All who are financially insecure. 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.
- 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 all.
- 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 Sale: Susanna Pain, Nikolai Blascow. Heather Toms, Brian Norris, Kerrie Schmidt, Lyn Williams.
- The Diocese of Tasmania: Diocesan Bishop Richard Condie, Bishop Chris Jones.

- For soon and 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 White, Brenda, Keith, Marion, Phillip, Peter, Ruth, Aileen, Peter T, Mark, Alice, Scarlet, Boyd, Brian, Jacob, Emma, Crystal, Pete, Bruce, Geoff, Daryl, Jan, Richard, Gail, Karen, Julie and Mick.*

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.

And now we thank you
for these gifts of bread and wine;
may we who receive them,
as Jesus said,
share his body and his blood.

On the night he was betrayed, he took bread
and gave you thanks.
He broke the bread and gave it to his friends, and said,
'Take and eat. This is my body given for you.
Do this in remembrance of me.'

After supper he took the cup
and gave you thanks.
He shared the cup with them and said,
'This is my blood poured out
so that sins may be forgiven.
Do this in remembrance of me.'

Let us proclaim the mystery faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

**You have gathered us together
to feed on Christ
and to remember all he has done for us:**

**Fill us with your Spirit
that we may follow Jesus
in all we do and say,
working for justice and bringing your peace
to this world that you have made.**

**Accept our prayers through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Blessing and honour and glory and power
are yours 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

Eternal God,
whose Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life:
grant us to walk in his way,
to rejoice in his truth,
and to share his risen life;
who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

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: 'Amazing Grace' – MP 1151

1 Amazing grace! How sweet the sound
that saved a wretch like me;
I once was lost, but now am found,
was blind, but now I see.

2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
and grace my fears relieved;
how precious did that grace appear
the hour I first believed.

*My chains are gone, I've been set free,
my God, my Saviour has ransomed me.
And like a flood His mercy reigns,
unending love, amazing grace.*

3 The Lord has promised good to me,
His word my hope secures;
He will my shield and portion be
as long as life endures.

My chains are gone...

4 The earth shall soon dissolve like snow,
the sun forbear to shine.

But God who called me here below
will be forever mine.

My chains are gone...

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The Blessing

The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting

covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you what is pleasing in his sight; 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

Happy Mother's Day to all Mothers, Grandmothers, God Mothers, Foster Mothers and all Mother figures. We pray that even in the current situation of "lock down", Mothers will be able to connect with family and feel the warmth of love and peace.

Mothers:- "Love is patient; love is kind. Love is not jealous; is not proud; is not conceited; does not act foolishly; is not selfish; is not easily provoked to anger; keeps no record of wrongs; takes no pleasure in unrighteousness, but rejoices in the truth; love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, and endures all things." (*I Corinthians 13:4-7*).

"One's Mother is the heartbeat in the home; and without her, there seems to be no heart throb" (Leroy Brownlow).

The current Bible Studies, adeptly led by Dave, are challenging and intensely interesting. The study book: *For Everyone, Bible Study Guides, REVELATION* 2011, Written by Tom Wright is an excellent study. The weekly pre-session study leads on to thoughtful and quite probing interpretation of John's writings by those gathered on Zoom. The gathering includes the contribution of 2 studiers from other parishes.

Bible Studies via Zoom seems to work very well.

Studies will continue this Wednesday 13 at 7.30pm on Zoom. Sessions 6 & 7.

Please speak to Dave or Denise if you wish to join.

The Gippsland Anglican is available on-line for down-loading as circulated this week. Please let Denise or Dave know if you require hard copies and they will be printed off (A4) and delivered with the weekly Bulletin.

As announced last week, after prayerful research and discernment re the best model etc, **Parish Council resolved to adopt the conduct of a Prayer Chain in the parish.**

This is a specially, humble and discreet ministry for God's people.

Kerrie Smith, the coordinator writes:-

"I am starting a prayer chain, if you would like to be involved with this ministry, please contact Kerrie on 51456783. There is only two requirements, prayer and confidentiality".

Holy Trinity Church Services

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

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 Sunday 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

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Retiring Offertory: Leprosy Foundation (On hold)

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. **Definitely Coming.**

10am Combined Church Centres Worship at St Mary's. ???

7.30pm Ecumenical Service: Uniting Church. ???

Holy Trinity Roster, 17 May, Sixth Sunday of Easter

Acts 17.22-31. Ps.66.7-19. 1 Peter 3.8-22. John 14. 15-21.

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