

Anglican Parish of Avon

Sunday 19 April
The Second Sunday of Easter

Priest in Charge, The Reverend Dave Perryman.

HE GAVE US NEW BIRTH

into a Living Hope
through the Resurrection
of Jesus Christ from the Dead

1 Peter 1:3

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*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: 'I have decided' – MP 272

1 ///I have decided to follow Jesus,///
no turning back, no turning back.

2 ///The world behind me, the cross before me,///
no turning back, no turning back.

3 ///Though none go with me, I still will follow,///
no turning back, no turning back.

4 ///Will you decide now to follow Jesus?///
no turning back, no turning back.

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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

'Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.'
(1 Peter 1. 3)

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

Almighty Risen Christ,
for whom no door is locked, no entrance barred:
open the doors of our hearts,
that we may seek the good of others
and walk the joyful road of sacrifice and peace,
to the praise of God the Father. **Amen.**

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

The First Reading

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles

¹⁴ 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.

²² ‘You that are Israelites, listen to what I have to say: Jesus of Nazareth, a
man attested to you by God with deeds of power, wonders, and signs that God
did through him among you, as you yourselves know—

²³ this man, handed over to you according to the definite plan and
foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of those outside
the law.

²⁴ But God raised him up, having freed him from death, because it was
impossible for him to be held in its power.

²⁵ For David says concerning him,

“I saw the Lord always before me,
for he is at my right hand so that I will not be shaken;

²⁶ therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced;
moreover, my flesh will live in hope.

²⁷ For you will not abandon my soul to Hades,
or let your Holy One experience corruption.

²⁸ You have made known to me the ways of life;
you will make me full of gladness with your presence.”

²⁹ ‘Fellow Israelites, I may say to you confidently of our ancestor David that he
both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day.

³⁰ Since he was a prophet, he knew that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would put one of his descendants on his throne.

³¹ Foreseeing this, David spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, saying, “He was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh experience corruption.”

³² This Jesus God raised up, and of that all of us are witnesses.

Acts 2.14a, 2.22-32

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

Psalm 16 – *We will say the Psalm together*

**1 Preserve me, O God:
for in you have I taken refuge.**

**2 I have said to the Lord, You are my lord:
and all my good depends on you.**

**3 As for those who are held holy on the earth:
the other gods in whom people delight,**

**4 Though the idols are many that they run after:
their offerings of blood I will not offer,
nor take their name upon my lips.**

**5 The Lord is my appointed portion and my cup:
you hold my lot in your hands.**

**6 The share that has fallen to me is in pleasant places:
and a fair land is my possession.**

**7 I will bless the Lord who has given me counsel:
at night also he has instructed my heart.**

**8 I have set the Lord always before me:
he is at my right hand, and I shall not fall.**

**9 Therefore my heart is glad and my spirit rejoices:
my flesh also shall rest secure.**

**10 For you will not give me over to the power of death:
nor suffer your faithful one to see the Pit.**

**11 You will show me the path of life:
in your presence is the fulness of joy,
and from your right hand flow delights for evermore.**

Early Talk

The Gospel

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

¹⁹ When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, ‘Peace be with you.’ ²⁰ After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. ²¹ Jesus said to them again, ‘Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.’ ²² When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, ‘Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³ If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.’ ²⁴ But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵ So the other disciples told him, ‘We have seen the Lord.’ But he said to them, ‘Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.’ ²⁶ A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, ‘Peace be with you.’ ²⁷ Then he said to Thomas, ‘Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.’ ²⁸ Thomas answered him, ‘My Lord and my God!’ ²⁹ Jesus said to him, ‘Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.’ ³⁰ Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. ³¹ But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

John 20.19-31

For the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Sermon

The Affirmation of Faith

Let us stand and together affirm the faith of the Church:

**We believe in God the Father,
God almighty, by whose plan
earth and heaven sprang to being,
all created things began.**

**We believe in Christ the Saviour,
Son of God in human frame,
virgin-born, the child of Mary
upon whom the Spirit came.**

**Christ, who on the cross forsaken,
like a lamb to slaughter led,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
he descended to the dead.
We believe in Jesus risen,
heaven's king to rule and reign,
to the Father's side ascended
till as judge he comes again.**

**We believe in God the Spirit;
in one Church, below, above:
saints of God in one communion,
one in holiness and love.
So by faith, our sins forgiven,
Christ our Saviour, Lord and friend,
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:-

***For wisdom and calm during this time of Covid 19 Virus**

(Based on prayer from Anglican Church of Sydney)

Risen Lord, you are the hope and healer of your people.

We pray for all who have been infected by Covid 19. For healing and freedom from complications. Please comfort those who are mourning the loss of loved ones or living in fear of this disease.

***For medical scientists and carers:** for the work of those who are seeking a vaccine for the coronavirus, for safety and strength for those who are caring for and treating the sick.

Please give to governing authorities wisdom in their management of this crisis, and give to your people your peace beyond understanding, generous and wise hearts and a renewed trust in your sovereign goodness and glory.

Turn the hearts of many now experiencing fear and anxiety that they may find that peace which is the fruit of the death and resurrection of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, in whose name we pray, **Amen.**

***For our Bishop, Richard,** as he leads the spiritual ministry and pastoral care of the diocese during this strange and unfamiliar journey. For Leanne and their children.

***For our Registrar, Richard Connelly,** giving thanks for his management of the diocese and parishes during challenging times.

***Our Minister Dave,** giving thanks for his ministry and leadership among us, especially during these turbulent times. For Your guidance as we support Dave and give ministry to others.

We give thanks for Dave's IT skills as we continue in 'new way' of church.

***For Emma** in her 3rd trimester of pregnancy, for safe delivery of their baby, and for 3 their boys. Bless them and keep them all safe.

***For the Parish of Omeo:** Thelma Langshaw. **The Parish of Orbost:** Bevel Lunson, Barbara.

***For all who are impacted by the closure of our op shop.** for the volunteers that work there, for the coordinators and most of all, for the community that the op shop has served in countless ways (some known and many unknown), since 1998. For the community that has served **us** so very well.

For our mainly music children and families during this time of mainly music in recess.

***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.

But chiefly are we bound to praise you
because you raised him gloriously from the dead.
For he is the true paschal lamb who was offered for us,
and has taken away the sin of the world.
By his death he has destroyed death,
and by his rising to life again he has restored to us everlasting life.

And so, in the joy of this Passover,
earth and heaven resound with gladness,
while angels and archangels and the powers of all creation sing for ever
the hymn of your glory:

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.

We praise and bless you, loving Father,
through Jesus Christ, our Lord;
and as we obey his command,
send your Holy Spirit,
that broken bread and wine outpoured
may be for us the body and blood of your dear Son.

On the night before he died he had supper with his friends
and, taking bread, he praised you.

He broke the bread, gave it to them and said:

Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.

When supper was ended he took the cup of wine.
Again he praised you, gave it to them and said:
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.

So, Father, we remember all that Jesus did,
in him we plead with confidence his sacrifice
made once for all upon the cross.
Bringing before you the bread of life and cup of salvation,
we proclaim his death and resurrection
until he comes in glory.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus:
**Dying you destroyed our death,
rising you restored our life:
Lord Jesus, come in glory.**

**Lord of all life,
help us to work together for that day
when your kingdom comes
and justice and mercy will be seen in all the earth.**

**Look with favour on your people,
gather us in your loving arms
and bring us with all the saints
to feast at your table in heaven.**

**Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory are yours, O loving 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

Lord God our Father,
through our Saviour Jesus Christ
you have assured your children of eternal life
and in baptism have made us one with him:
deliver us from the death of sin
and raise us to new life in your love,
in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,
by the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ.

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.**

Announcements

Final Hymn: 'Have faith in God' – MP 1214

1 O Lord, You lead me
by the still waters,
quietly restoring my soul.
You speak words of wisdom,
the promise of glory,
the power of the presence of God.

*Have faith in God,
let your hope rest on the faith
He has placed in your heart.
Never give up,
never let go of the faith
He has placed in your heart.*

2 O Lord, You guide me
through all the darkness,
turning my night into day;
You'll never leave me,
never forsake me,
the power of the presence of God.
Have faith in God . . .

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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!

News and Notes

Greetings everybody!

What a joyous occasion was Easter Day, the Resurrection of our Lord . . . Allelulia!

Whilst unable to physically celebrate together, thanks to Dave and his helpers, we were able to connect and celebrate together through modern media; even to celebrating the first Eucharist of Easter together using our intincted wagers.

The excitement and love of Easter was still evident.

We are delighted to advise that the Reverend Heather Toms has agreed to lead worship in the parish whilst Dave is on paternal leave.

Not only that, but we will be able to continue streaming services. Dave will set up the cameras etc, Denise will do the Bulletins as usual, we will prepare the Bulletin packs, and Bev and John and Denise and Peter will continue to deliver them.

We expect that Dave will be on leave for Sundays 24 (May), 7, 14 (June).

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

Bible Studies will be zoomed from 7.30pm this Wednesday.

All are welcome to join in either 'on-line' or by phone. We will be commencing a study of the Book of Revelation.

Treasurer Paul says:-

1 That he is willing to collect offertory from parishioners' homes.

Please ring Paul on 0457 329 919 for details if you wish to take advantage of this service.

2 Please reassure parishioners that their money donated to our Missions will be paid in full to the respective Missions.

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 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

APRIL

mainly music is in temporary recess until further notice.

*Fridays 9am Morning Prayers **on hold***

*Wednesdays 7.30pm, Bible Studies **zoomed***

School holidays: Sat. 28 March to Mon. 13 April, or as advised by Government.

Retiring Offertory: BCA – on hold.

Tues 21 Parish Council Reports due.

**Thurs 23 St Mary's Anniversary. Licensed 23/4/1922
The Bards 454th Birthday (1564)**

Fri 24 Family Movie Night. **Postponed.**

**Sat 25 ANZAC Day. Dawn and 9am services in the Stratford
Memorial Park. **Not open to the public.****

**Sun 26 Third Sunday of Easter.
Shakespeare celebrations have been cancelled**

Tues 28 Parish Council Meeting. **To be zoomed.**

MAY

**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

Holy Trinity Roster, 26April. Third of Sunday of Easter

**Acts 2.14a, 36-41. Ps.116.1-4,11-18. 1 Peter 1.13-25. Luke 24.13-35 or
Matt 28.8-15a**

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