

CHORAL EUCHARIST

10:30am 24 May 2020

The Seventh Sunday of Easter

Ascension Sunday



St Peter's Cathedral strives to be a Christ-centred, sacramental, inclusive, thinking, mission-oriented, faith community.

The Cathedral resides on the lands of the Kaurna people whom we acknowledge as the original custodians of the Adelaide Region.

St Peter's
nurturing spirit and mind
CATHEDRAL

When the handbell rings, please stand to sing the Introit Hymn

[Click here to listen to the Choir sing the Hymn](#) – feel free to sing along:

Hymn: #223 [Miles Lane]

All hail the power of Jesu's name

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| 1. All hail the power of Jesu's name;
let all angels prostrate fall;
bring forth the royal diadem
to crown him, crown him, crown
him, crown him Lord of all. | 2. Crown him, ye morning stars of light,
who fixed this floating ball;
now hail the Strength of Israel's might,
and crown him Lord of all. |
| 3. Crown him, ye martyrs of your
God, who from his altar call;
praise him whose way of pain ye
trod, and crown him Lord of all. | 4. Ye seed of Israel's chosen race,
ye ransomed of the fall,
hail him who saves you by his grace,
and crown him Lord of all. |
| 5. Sinners, whose love can ne'er forget
the wormwood and the gall,
go spread your trophies at his feet,
and crown him Lord of all. | 6. Let every tribe and every tongue
to him their hearts enthral,
lift high the universal song
and crown him Lord of all. |

Blessed be God, Father Son and Holy Spirit

Blessed be God's Kingdom, now and for ever

Christ is risen. Alleluia! **He is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Go and make disciples of all nations,' Jesus commands; 'I am with you always, to the close of the age.'

Matthew 28:19-20

Please kneel/sit

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 Choir sings the Kyrie

Kyrie eleison

Christe eleison

Kyrie eleison

Lord, have mercy

Christ, have mercy

Lord, have mercy

Christ has entered heaven itself, there to appear before God on our behalf.

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 Choir sings the Gloria (A Prayer Book for Australia words)

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's people on earth. Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

The Collects

O God, the King of glory, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven: we pray you, leave us not comfortless, but send your Holy Spirit to strengthen us, and exalt us to the same place where our Saviour Christ has gone before; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

O God, you withdraw from our sight that you may be known by our love: help us to enter the cloud where you are hidden, and to surrender all our certainty to the darkness of faith in Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Please sit for the first reading: Acts 1:6-14

So when they had come together, they asked him, 'Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?' ⁷ He replied, 'It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. ⁸ 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.' ⁹ When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. ¹⁰ While he was going and they were gazing up towards heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. ¹¹ They said, 'Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up towards 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.'

¹² Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day's journey away. ¹³ When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying, Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. ¹⁴ All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

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

The Choir sings Psalm 68:1-10, 32-35

[Listen to the Choir sing the Psalm chant by George Arnold: verses 1-6 and 13-14](#)

God shall arise, and his enemies shall be scattered:
those that hate him shall flee before his face.
As smoke is dispersed, so shall they be dispersed:
as wax melts before a fire, so shall the wicked perish at the presence of God.
But the righteous shall be glad and exult before God:
they shall rejoice with gladness.
O sing to God, sing praises to his name:
glorify him that rode through the deserts,
him whose name is the Lord, and exult before him.
He is the father of the fatherless, he upholds the cause of the widow:
God in his holy dwelling place.
He gives the desolate a home to dwell in,
and brings the prisoners out into prosperity:
but rebels must dwell in a barren land.
O God, when you went out before your people:
when you marched through the wilderness,
The earth shook, the heavens poured down water:
before the God of Sinai, before God, the God of Israel.
You showered down a generous rain, O God:
you prepared the land of your possession when it was weary.
And there your people settled:
in the place that your goodness, O God, had made ready for the poor.
Sing to God, you kingdoms of the earth:
O sing praises to the Lord,
To him that rides upon the highest heavens, that were from the beginning:
who utters his voice, which is a mighty voice
Ascribe power to God, whose majesty is over Israel:
and his might is in the clouds.
Terrible is God who comes from his holy place:
the God of Israel who gives power and strength to his people. Blessed be God.

Second reading: 1 Peter 5

Now as an elder myself and a witness of the sufferings of Christ, as well as one who shares in the glory to be revealed, I exhort the elders among you ² to tend the flock of God that is in your charge, exercising the oversight, not under compulsion but willingly, as God would have you do it – not for sordid gain but eagerly. ³ Do not lord it over those in your charge, but be examples to the flock. ⁴ And when the chief shepherd appears, you will win the crown of glory that never fades away. ⁵ In the same way, you who are younger must accept the authority of the elders. And all of you must clothe yourselves with humility in your dealings with one another, for ‘God opposes the proud, but gives grace to the humble.’

⁶ Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, so that he may exalt you in due time. ⁷ Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you. ⁸ Discipline yourselves; keep alert. Like a roaring lion your adversary the devil prowls around, looking for someone to devour. ⁹ Resist him, steadfast in your faith, for you know that your brothers and sisters throughout the world are undergoing the same kinds of suffering. ¹⁰ And after you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, support, strengthen, and establish you. ¹¹ To him be the power for ever and ever. Amen.

¹² Through Silvanus, whom I consider a faithful brother, I have written this short letter to encourage you, and to testify that this is the true grace of God. Stand fast in it. ¹³ Your sister church in Babylon, chosen together with you, sends you greetings; and so does my son Mark. ¹⁴ Greet one another with a kiss of love. Peace to all of you who are in Christ.

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

Please stand to sing the Gradual Hymn

[Click here to listen to the Choir sing the Hymn](#) – feel free to sing along:

Hymn: #116 [Abridge]	Be thou my guardian and my guide
1. Be thou my guardian and my guide, and hear me when I call; let not my slippery footsteps slide, and hold me lest I fall.	2. The world, the flesh, and Satan dwell around the path I tread; O save me from the snares of hell, thou quickener of the dead.
3. And if I tempted am to sin, and outward things are strong, do thou, O Lord, keep watch within, and save my soul from wrong.	4. Still let me ever watch and pray, and feel that I am frail; that if the tempter cross my way, yet he may not prevail.

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John:

John 17:1-11

All sing:



After Jesus had spoken these words, he looked up to heaven and said, 'Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, ² since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. ³ And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. ⁴ I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. ⁵ So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed.

⁶ 'I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. ⁷ Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; ⁸ for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. ⁹ I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. ¹⁰ All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. ¹¹ And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one.

This is the Gospel of the Lord

All sing:



[Click here to watch the video - The Rev'd Peter Jin reads the Gospel](#)

[Listen to the choir sing the motet](#)

Thomas Mudd - Let thy merciful ears

Let thy merciful ears, O Lord,
be open to the prayers of thy humble servants;
and that they may obtain their petitions
make them to ask such things as shall please thee;
through Jesus Christ our Lord, our Lord,
Amen.

Children are invited to follow the Gospel procession down the aisle to the altar where their cross will be collected, then go to the Cynthia Poulton Hall for Cathedral Kids. They will return in time for Communion.

Please sit for the Sermon: The Rev'd Dr Lynn Arnold AO

[Click here to watch The Rev'd Dr Lynn Arnold AO's video sermon](#)

[Full sermon text available here](#)

Silence may follow

Please stand for the Creed

Let us together affirm the faith of the Church.

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.

Please kneel/sit for the prayers (written by Wendy Dawes)

Let us pray for the world and for the Church

Loving Lord, in our prayers today, we praise the ascended Jesus, for he reigns in glory over all the world. As he told the apostles to be witnesses, may we similarly be inspired to spread your Gospel message in word and deed.

Jesus Christ, ascended and glorified, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

In this strange Easter season, where we face an unseen 'enemy', may we let go of anxiety, but be alert to danger, assured that you will restore us.

Jesus Christ, ascended and glorified, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We give thanks for the 'restored' environment in which we live – the clearer skies as the smoke is driven away and birds sing in praise of the quiet. May we sing your praises from the rooftops as your Creation smiles.

Jesus Christ, ascended and glorified, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Lord, we give thanks for those in authority in our country – where difficult decisions have needed to be made, we have been led calmly through the problems associated with the COVID-19 pandemic. May we see the enemy scattered, driven away until it is no more, so that once more we may live freely again.

Jesus Christ, ascended and glorified, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for our Church here at St. Peter's, for Frank and Jenny, Anthony and a team who have continued to feed us with your word through difficult circumstances. Grant them continual vision as they lead us in regular worship, and music so that, with the, we feel 'together' in Christ.

Jesus Christ, ascended and glorified, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We praise the ascended Jesus, who welcomes the needy and the lonely. At this time, when many have lost jobs, or feel distant from family and friends, fill them with hope. Give us the right words as we offer them love and understanding, and grant a voice to those who feel they are unheard, and acceptance to those who feel unwanted.

Jesus Christ, ascended and glorified, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Loving God, you heal the sick and look with compassion on those who suffer. We ask a blessing on the doctors, nurses, and emergency workers who work so hard to care for the sick not only here but all over the world. This illness which knows no boundaries has brought medical staff to its knees in so many countries, and we pray you will lift the anxieties from their shoulders and give them rest.

Jesus Christ, ascended and glorified, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for the researchers who seek to find a vaccine for this virus, so that lives may return to a new 'normal'.

Jesus Christ, ascended and glorified, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We praise the ascended Jesus, for you call all to eternal glory. Hear our prayer for all who have died in the faith. We give thanks that we may now bid farewell to the dying, after earlier restrictions made mourning so painful. As we see more freedom in meeting together, let us show our love to those friends who are grieving.

Jesus Christ, ascended and glorified, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

May we all be witnesses in our present world, and when our work is done, may we enter eternal life.

Jesus Christ, ascended and glorified, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Please stand for the Greeting of Peace

We are the body of Christ. **His Spirit is with us.**

The peace of the Lord be always with you. **And also with you.**

Please remain standing to sing the Offertory Hymn

[Listen to the organ accompaniment online here](#) – feel free to sing the words for yourself!

Hymn: #759 [Ein' Feste Burg]

Our God stands like a fortress rock

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| <p>1. Our God stands like a fortress rock
with walls that will not fail us;
he helps us brace against the shock
of fears which now assail us.
The enemy of old
in wickedness is bold;
this seems his victory hour,
he fears no earthly power
and arms himself with cunning.</p> <p>3. And though the world seems full of
ill, with hungry devils prowling,
Christ's victory is with us still,
we need not fear their howling.
The tyrants of this age
strut briefly on the stage:
their sentence has been passed.
We stand unharmed at last,
a word from God destroys them.</p> | <p>2. We win no battles through our might,
we fall at once, dejected;
the righteous one will lead our fight,
by God himself directed.
You ask, 'Who can this be?'
Christ Jesus, it is he,
eternal King and Lord,
God's true and living word,
no-one can stand against him.</p> <p>4. God's word and plan, which they pretend
is subject to their pleasure,
will bind their wills to serve God's end,
which we, who love him, treasure.
Then let them take our lives,
goods, children, husbands, wives,
and carry all away;
theirs is a short-lived day,
ours is the lasting kingdom.</p> |
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Please remain standing

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.**

[Click here to watch the video thanksgiving](#)

Celebrant: The Very Rev'd Frank Nelson

The Lord be with you.

Lift up your hearts.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

And also with you.

We lift them to the Lord.

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 and rising to new life, 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 saying:

Sanctus & Benedictus (A Prayer Book for Australia words)

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.

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 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.'

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.

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

We remember his death on the cross.

We proclaim the resurrection to new life.

We await Christ's coming in glory.

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:

Blessing and honour and glory and power are yours for ever and ever, Amen.

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.

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.**

The gifts of God for the people of God.

Jesus Christ is holy,

Jesus Christ is Lord,

to the glory of God the Father.

Agnus Dei (A Prayer Book for Australia words)

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, grant us your peace.

The body of our Lord Jesus Christ, which was given for you, preserve your body and soul to everlasting life. Take and eat this in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your heart by faith with thanksgiving.

The blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, which was shed for you, preserve your body and soul to everlasting life. Drink this in remembrance that Christ's blood was shed for you, and be thankful.

Please kneel/sit for the prayers after Communion

Let us pray

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.

**Most loving God, you send us into the world you love. Give us grace to go
thankfully and with courage in the power of your Spirit. Amen.**

The Blessing

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.**

Stay in the peace of Christ. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Please stand to sing the Post-Communion Hymn

[Click here to listen to the Choir sing the Hymn](#) – feel free to sing along:

Hymn: #232 [St Magnus]

The head that once was crowned with thorns

1. The head that once was crowned with thorns is crowned with glory now:
a royal diadem adorns
the might Victor's brow.
2. The highest place that heaven affords
is his, is his by right,
the King of kings, and Lord of lords,
and heaven's eternal Light;
3. The joy of all who dwell above,
the joy of all below,
to whom he manifests his love,
and grants his name to know.
4. To them the cross, with all its shame,
with all its grace, is given:
their name, and everlasting name,
their joy, the joy of heaven.
5. They suffer with their Lord below,
they reign with him above;
their profit and their joy to know
the mystery of his love.
6. The cross he bore is life and health,
though shame and death to him;
his people's hope, his people's wealth,
their everlasting theme.

You are invited to listen reflectively to the organ postlude:

J.S. Bach (1685-1750) – *Heut' triumphieret Gottes Sohn*, BWV 630 from *Orgelbüchlein*

[Listen to Anthony Hunt play the postlude online here](#)

FOR YOUR PRAYERS

A prayer for all affected by coronavirus

Keep us, good Lord, under the shadow of your mercy. Sustain and support the anxious, be with those who care for the sick, and lift up all who are brought low; that we may find comfort knowing that nothing can separate us from your love in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Amen.

International

The Anglican Communion around the world;
Archbishop of Canterbury, Most Revd Justin Welby,
and all primates and bishops; members of the Anglican
Consultative Council; the Secretary General, The Most Rev'd Dr
Josiah Idowu Fearon; the staff at the Anglican Communion Office
in London and the UN offices in Geneva and New York

National

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Diocese of Willochra

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Gerald Moore (Vicky);

Diocese of The Murray

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Immediate Prayer

Pamela S, Fiona H

All who are ill at this time (*Please help us to keep this list up to date by emailing new requests for prayer, or letting us know when no longer needed*)

Those working on the 'front-line' in our health services

Year's Mind

24th Tom Ledley Swale;

25th Norman Crawford, Alexander Maurice Ramsay,
Gordon Frank George, John William Hall;

26th Sally Linn, Brian Mills Urlwin;

27th James Edward Rogers;

28th Reginald Alfred William Haire, Keith Malcolm Lindsay;

30th Keith Edward Rossiter, Reginald Allan Biggs, Joyce Lewis

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