

Welcome to St James

5th May 2024 - Sixth Sunday of Easter - Yr B

Joh 15:12 This is my commandment, That ye love one another, as I have loved you.



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Jn 13:35 "By this all will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another."

**Sunday
Service of Holy
Communion**

7.30am



**Ven Mark
Carlyon**

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

We acknowledge and pay respect to the Jarawair, Gaibal and western Wakka Wakka peoples, the Traditional Custodians and Ancestors of this land. We acknowledge their continued survival and spiritual connection to country and surrounding land, sky and water. We pay our respects to their Elders, past and present, and to everyone who is here today, and may we learn from and nurture each other in the spirit of reconciliation.

Look for the symbols:



Please stand as you are able



Please sit



Time to sing



INTROIT HYMN - TIS 246

CHRIST IS THE WORLD'S LIGHT

French Church Melody from 'Paris Antiphoner' 1681 harm. Ralph Vaughan Williams 1872-1958

**1. Christ is the world's light,
he and none other:
born in our darkness,
he became our brother;
if we have seen him,
we have seen the Father:
Glory to God on high.**



**2. Christ is the world's peace,
he and none other:
no one can serve him and
despise his brother;
who else unites us,
one in God the Father?
Glory to God on high.**



**3. Christ is the world's life,
he and none other:
sold once for silver,
murdered here, our brother;
he who redeems us,
reigns with God the Father:
Glory to God on high.**



**4. Give God the glory,
God and none other:
give God the glory, Spirit,
Son and Father;
give God the glory,
God in Man my brother:
Glory to God on high.**

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GATHERING GOD'S PEOPLE

Blessed be God,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

**Blessed be God's Kingdom,
now and forever.**



SENTENCE:

Jesus said, 'You did not choose me, but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit.'

John 15.16



The priest:

Christ is risen. Alleluia.

He is risen indeed. Alleluia.



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 minister introduces the confession with these words.

‘Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God, the Lord is one; you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength.’



Jesus said, 'This is the great and first commandment.

And a second is like it: you shall love your neighbour as yourself.'



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

Silence may be kept.

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



**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 us and set us free
from all our sins,
strengthen us in all goodness
and keep us in eternal life,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**



Lord have mercy,

Christ have mercy,

Lord have mercy.



This Hymn of Praise (Gloria in excelsis) is said or sung.

**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 COLLECT OF THE DAY:

Let us pray.

Loving God,
your Son has chosen us
and called us to be his friends:
give us grace to keep his commandments,



to love one another,
and to bear fruit which will abide;
through him who is the true vine,
the source of all our life,
Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**



MINISTRY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING: Acts 10.44-48

While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had



been poured out even on the Gentiles, for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, ‘Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?’ So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ.



Then they invited him to stay for several days.

Hear the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God



Psalm 98

1 O sing to the Lord a new song: for he has done marvellous things;

2 His right hand and his holy arm: they have got him the victory.



3 The Lord has made known his salvation: he has revealed his just deliverance in the sight of the nations.

4 He has remembered his mercy and faithfulness towards the house of Israel: and all the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.



5 Shout with joy to the Lord, all the earth: break into singing and make melody.

6 Make melody to the Lord upon the harp: upon the harp and with the sounds of praise.



7 With trumpets and with horns:
cry out in triumph before the Lord,
the king.

**8 Let the sea roar, and all that fills
it: the good earth and those who
live upon it.**



9 Let the rivers clap their hands:
and let the mountains ring out
together before the Lord;

**10 For he comes to judge the
earth: he shall judge the world with
righteousness, and the peoples
with equity.**



**Response: Glory to God, Father,
Son and Holy Spirit,
as in the beginning
so now and forever. Amen.**



SECOND READING: 1 John 5.1-2

Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments.



For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, for whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith. Who is it that conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?



This is the one who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ, not with the water only but with the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one that testifies, for the Spirit is the truth. There are three that testify: the Spirit and the water and the blood, and these three agree.



If we receive human testimony, the testimony of God is greater; for this is the testimony of God that he has testified to his Son. Those who believe in the Son of God have the testimony in their hearts. Those who do not believe in God have made him a liar by not believing in the testimony that God has given concerning his Son.



And this is the testimony: God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life.

Hear the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.



GRADUAL HYMN – TiS 448

Blest are the pure in heart

RANCONIA 66.86 Melody by William Henry Havergal 1793-1870 from a chorale by Johann Balthasar König 1691-1758.

**1. Blest are the pure in heart,
for they shall see our God;
the secret of the Lord is theirs,
their soul is Christ's abode.**



**2. The Lord who left the heavens
our life and peace to bring,
to dwell with us in lowliness,
our pattern and our King:**



**3. still to the lowly soul
he will himself impart,
and for his cradle and his throne
chooses the pure in heart.**



**4. Lord, we your presence seek;
this blessing now renew:
give us a pure and lowly heart,
a temple fit for you.**

John Keble 1792-1866 (vv. 1,3) and others CCLI#70156

 The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

**✠ The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to John, Chapter 15 verses
9-17**

All - Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

As the Father has loved me, so I have
loved you; abide in my love.



If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.



‘This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one’s life for one’s friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have



called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name.



I am giving you these commands so
that you may love one another.

For the Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.



The Sermon



A time of reflection may follow.



AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Nicene Creed is said.

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, 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.**

**Let us pray for the world and for the
Church.**

The prayers are offered.





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 forever. Amen.**



Jesus said:

I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.

John 6.35



Let us pray:

**We do not presume,
To come to your table, merciful Lord
Trusting in our own righteousness,
But in your manifold and great
mercies,
We are not worthy so much as to
gather up the crumbs under your
table.**



**But you are the same Lord
Whose nature is always
to have mercy.**

**Grant us, therefore gracious Lord,
so to eat the flesh of your dear Son
Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood,
That we may evermore dwell in him,
And he in us. Amen.**



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.

All may exchange a sign of peace.



THE OFFERTORY HYMN - TIS 226

Thou art the way: by thee alone

METZLER 86.86 Richard Redhead 1820-1901

**1. Thou art the way: by thee alone
from sin and death we flee;
and they who would the Father seek
must seek him, Lord, by thee.**



**2. Thou art the truth: thy word alone
true wisdom can impart;
thou only canst inform the mind
and purify the heart.**



**3. Thou art the life: the rending tomb
proclaims thy conquering arm;
and those who put their trust in thee
nor death nor hell shall harm.**



**4. Thou art the way, the truth,
the life: grant us that way to know,
that truth to keep, that life to win,
whose joys eternal flow.**

George Washington Doane 1799-1859 *alt CCLI#70156*



PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

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.**



Merciful God, we thank you
for these gifts of your creation,
this bread and wine,
and we pray that by your Word and Holy
Spirit, we who eat and drink them
may be partakers of Christ's body and
blood.



On the night he was betrayed Jesus took bread; and when he had given you thanks he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying,
'Take, eat. This is my body given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.'



After supper, he took the cup,
and again giving you thanks
he gave it to his disciples, saying,
'Drink from this, all of you.'



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



Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.



Therefore we do as our Saviour has commanded:
proclaiming his offering of himself made once for all upon the cross, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension,



and looking for his coming again,
we celebrate,
with this bread and this cup,
his one perfect and sufficient
sacrifice
for the sins of the whole world.



Renew us by your Holy Spirit,
unite us in the body of your Son,
and bring us with all your people
into the joy of your eternal kingdom;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
with whom, and in whom,
in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,



we worship you, Father,
in songs of never-ending praise:

**Blessing and honour
and glory and power
are yours forever and ever. Amen.**



THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD AND THE COMMUNION

We who are many are one body,
for we all share in the one bread.



**Jesus, Lamb of God,
have mercy on us.**

**Jesus, bearer of our sins,
have mercy on us.**

**Jesus, redeemer of the world,
grant us your peace.**



The gifts of God for the people of God.
Come let us take this holy sacrament of
the body and blood of Christ in
remembrance that he died for us, and
feed on him in our hearts by faith with
thanksgiving.

All are invited to the altar for communion, or for a blessing. Gluten free wafers are available on request.





THE SENDING OUT OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Eternal God, giver of life,
in the breaking of the bread
we know the risen Lord.

May we who celebrate this holy feast
walk in his risen light and bring new
life to all creation.



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.**



Weekly
Announcements



THE MISSIONAL HYMN - TiS 470

Rejoice in God's saints

Later form of Gernam traditional melody, 'Maria zu leiben' from the Paderborn Gesangbuch 1765

**1. Rejoice in God's saints,
today and all days!
A world without saints
forgets how to praise.
Their faith in acquiring
the habit of prayer,
Their depth of adoring,
Lord, Help us to share.**



**2. Some march with events
to turn them God's way;
Some need to withdraw,
the better to pray;
Some carry the gospel
through fire and through flood:
Our world is their parish:
their purpose is God.**



**3. Rejoice in those saints,
unpraised and unknown,
Who bear someone's cross,
or shoulder their own:
They share our complaining,
our comforts, our cares:
What patience in caring,
what courage, is theirs!**



**4. Rejoice in God's saints,
today and all days!
A world without saint
forgets how to praise.
In loving, in living,
they prove it is true:
Their way of self-giving,
Lord, leads us to you.**

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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 almighty,
the Father, the Son,
and the Holy Spirit,
be among you
and remain with you always.
Amen.



THE DISMISSAL

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
Alleluia, alleluia.

All: In the name of Christ. Amen.
Alleluia, alleluia.

Please join us for morning tea!

