

*The Anglican Parish of Christ Church,
St Kilda*



The Ascension of the Lord

May 16, 2021

Parish Eucharist

9 a.m.

***Our Liturgy this morning will be celebrated with the help of
The Canterbury Singers, under the direction of Mr Keith Fullard***

In the Name of the + Father, and of the Son, & of the Holy Spirit.

Introit Antiphon

*Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking in the sky?
The Lord will return, just as you have seen him ascend, alleluia.*

Entrance Hymn

Christ, above all glory seated, King triumphant, strong to save!
Dying, you have death defeated, buried, you have spoiled the grave.
You have gone where now is given what no mortal might could gain,
on th'eternal throne of heaven in your Father's pow'r to reign.

Then will kingdoms all adore you, heav'n above and earth below,
while the depths of hell before you trembling and defeated bow.
We will praise you, Lord and Saviour, and implore your grace and love;
hear our pray'r and help us always seek the things that are above.

Lord, when you again in glory on the clouds of heav'n shall shine,
we, your Church, shall stand before you, brought from all the days of time.
In your faithfulness confiding, Jesus, we shall all adore:
praise and glory, thanks and honour, pow'r and strength forevermore!

Aeterne Rex altissime; Hyfrydol (Pritchard 19th c.) NEH

The Penitential Rite

In order to celebrate these Holy Mysteries well, let us call to mind our sins:

Lord, you ascended to the Father
and gave us the gift of the Spirit:
Lord, have mercy.

Christ, by the power of your cross,
you draw all creatures to yourself:
Christ, have mercy.

Lord, you are the king of the universe
and your dominion lasts for ever:
Lord, have mercy.

The Choir sings the Kyrie eleison

Absolution

May almighty God have mercy upon us, forgive us + our sins,
and bring us to everlasting life. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen**

The Choir sings the Gloria in Excelsis

*Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his 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 sins 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 Appointed Prayer / Collect

Let us pray.

God, our Father,
make us joyful in the ascension of your Son Jesus Christ.
May we follow him into the new creation
for his ascension is our glory and our hope.
Grant this through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen.**

The Liturgy of the Word. (all sit)

First reading

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles

In my earlier work, Theophilus, I dealt with everything Jesus had done and taught from the beginning until the day he gave his instructions to the apostles he had chosen through the Holy Spirit, and was taken up to heaven. He had shown himself alive to them after his Passion by many demonstrations: for forty days he had continued to appear to them and tell them about the kingdom of God. When he had been at table with them, he had told them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for what the Father had promised. 'It is' he had said 'what you have heard me speak about: John baptised with water but you, not many days from now, will be baptised with the Holy Spirit.'

Now having met together, they asked him, 'Lord, has the time come? Are you going to restore the kingdom to Israel?' He replied, 'It is not for you to know times or dates that the Father has decided by his own authority, but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you, and then you will be my witnesses not only in Jerusalem but throughout Judaea and Samaria, and indeed to the ends of the earth.'

As he said this he was lifted up while they looked on, and a cloud took him from their sight. They were still staring into the sky when suddenly two men in white were standing near them and they said, 'Why are you men from Galilee standing here looking into the sky? Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven, this same Jesus will come back in the same way as you have seen him go there.'

Acts 1:1-11

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

Psalm

God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord.

All peoples, clap your hands,
cry to God with shouts of joy!
For the Lord, the Most High, we must fear,
great king over all the earth.

God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord.

God goes up with shouts of joy;
the Lord goes up with trumpet blast.
Sing praise for God, sing praise,
sing praise to our king, sing praise.

God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord.

God is king of all the earth, / sing praise with all your skill.
God is king over the nations; / God reigns on his holy throne.

God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord.

Second reading

A Reading from the Letter of St Paul to the Church in Ephesus

May the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, give you a spirit of wisdom and perception of what is revealed, to bring you to full knowledge of him. May he enlighten the eyes of your mind so that you can see what hope his call holds for you, what rich glories he has promised the saints will inherit and how infinitely great is the power that he has exercised for us believers. This you can tell from the strength of his power at work in Christ, when he used it to raise him from the dead and to make him sit at his right hand, in heaven, far above every Sovereignty, Authority, Power, or Domination, or any other name that can be named not only in this age but also in the age to come. He has put all things under his feet and made him, as the ruler of everything, the head of the Church; which is his body, the fullness of him who fills the whole creation.

Ephesians 1:17-23

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

Hymn

Praise him as he mounts the skies, Alleluia!
Christ, the Lord of Paradise! Alleluia!
Cry hosanna in the height,
As he rises out of sight! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!
Now at last he takes his throne, Alleluia!
From all ages his alone! Alleluia!
With his praise creation rings:
Lord of lords and King of kings! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!
Christians, raise your eyes above! Alleluia!
He will come again in love, Alleluia!
On that great and wondrous day,
When this world will pass away! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!
At his word new heavens and earth, Alleluia!
Will in glory spring to birth! Alleluia!
Joy of angels, joy of men,
Come, Lord Jesus, come again! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!


James Quinn; Chislehurst (Sydney Nicholson 20th c.) NEH

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia! **Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**
Go and teach all people my gospel.
I am with you always, until the end of the world.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

The Holy Gospel

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**
The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke
Glory + to you, Lord Jesus Christ

 Jesus said to his disciples:
‘You see how it is written that the Christ would suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, and that, in his name, repentance for the forgiveness of sins would be preached to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses to this.

‘And now I am sending down to you what the Father has promised. Stay in the city then, until you are clothed with the power from on high.’

Then he took them out as far as the outskirts of Bethany, and lifting up his hands he blessed them. Now as he blessed them, he withdrew from them and was carried up to heaven. They worshipped him and then went back to Jerusalem full of joy; and they were continually in the Temple praising God.

Luke 24:46-53

This is the Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Homily

Nicene Creed

Let us stand and 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 & the Son is worshipped & 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.

Prayer of the Faithful *(all sit or kneel)*

Praise the Lord, all you people

Laudate, omnes gentes, laudate Dominum; laudate, omnes gentes, laudate Dominum;
Laudate, omnes gentes, laudate Dominum; laudate, omnes gentes, laudate Dominum;
(Concluding with)

Father, we make our prayer through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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**

Offertory Hymn

The head that once was crowned with thorns is crowned with glory now
a royal diadem adorns the mighty Victor's brow.

The highest place that heav'n affords is his, is his by right,
the King of kings and Lord of lords, and heav'n's eternal Light:

The joy of all who dwell above, the joy of all below,
to whom he manifests his love, and grants his name to know.

To them the cross, with all its shame, with all its grace, is giv'n;
their name an everlasting name, their joy the joy of heav'n

They suffer with the Lord below, they reign with him above;
their profit and their joy to know the myst'ry of his love.

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.

Thomas Kelley (19th c.); St Magnus (Jeremiah Clarke 17th c.)NEH

The Eucharistic Prayer

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.

Father, all-powerful and everliving God,
we do well always and everywhere to give you thanks,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

In his risen body, he plainly showed himself to his disciples
and was taken up to heaven in their sight
to claim for us a share in his divine life.

Therefore with angels and archangels,
and with all the company of heaven, we praise your Name for ever singing:

The Choir sings:

*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.*

[the prayer continues]

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:
The Choir sings: *Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.*

[the prayer continues]

..... in songs of never-ending praise:

The Choir sings: *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 forever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

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.**

Agnus Dei

The Choir sings: *Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the earth: have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the earth: have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the earth: grant us your peace.*

Holy Communion

The Gifts of God for the People of God

**Those who are baptised in the Name of the Trinity,
and are communicant members of their own Churches,
are welcome to receive Holy Communion at our altar.**

During Holy Communion, the Cantor, and then the Choir, will sing.

Post Communion Antiphon and Prayer

I, the Lord, am with you always, until the end of the world, alleluia.

Let us pray.

Father,
in the Eucharist, we touch the Divine Life you give to the world.
Help us to follow Christ with love to eternal life
where he is Lord for evermore.

**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.**

Dismissal Hymn

You servants of God, your Master proclaim,
and publish abroad his wonderful name;
the name all-victorious of Jesus extol;
his kingdom is glorious and rules over all.

God rules in the height, almighty to save;
though hid from our sight, his presence we have;
the great congregation his triumph shall sing,
ascribing salvation to Jesus our King.

"Salvation to God, who sits on the throne!"
let all cry aloud, and honour the Son;
the praises of Jesus the angels proclaim,
fall down on their faces and worship the Lamb.

Then let us adore and give him his right:
all glory and power, all wisdom and might,
all honour and blessing, with angels above
and thanks never-ceasing, and infinite love.

Charles Wesley 18th c.; Paderborn (18th c.)NEH

The Solemn Blessing for the Feast of the Ascension

May almighty God, bless you on this day
when his only Son ascended into heaven
to prepare a place for you.

Amen

After his Resurrection, Christ was seen by his disciples.

When he appears as judge,
may you be pleasing for ever in his sight.

Amen

You believe that Jesus has taken his seat in majesty
at the right hand of the Father.

May you have the joy of experiencing
that his is also with you to the end of time,
according to his promise.

Amen



May almighty God bless you:
the Father, + the Son and the Holy Spirit

Amen

Go in the peace of Christ, alleluia, alleluia.

Thanks be to God, alleluia, alleluia.

Intercession

For the Church:

In the Anglican Communion, we pray for the Anglican Church of Korea

We pray for our fellow Christians in Africa and China,
under severe persecution because of the faith;

In this Diocese, for Philip our Archbishop, his Regional bishops and Archdeacons;
for this Parish of St. Kilda - for Fr. Turi, the Parish Council and our congregation.

For the World:

We pray for maturity and respect within the media;
for integrity and compassion in government;
for an end to violence in the Ukraine
for the sub-continent of India, combatting their COVID crisis .

For Christ Church Mission and the Community Centre
(for all volunteers & the Management Committee).

For the Sick: for those suffering from the coronavirus or as the result of military/civil violence; for John (often sleeps on-site), Joe (from Acland Grange), Ruaumoko, Robert, Charles, Harley, Clementine, Beatrice, Andre, Aaron, Kathryn, Danny Allan, Byron, Elizabeth, Jo, Henry, Bill, Sam, Hugh, Bridget, Mary & Brian and their carers, Joan & Henry, David, Leigh, Lynette, Anthony, Helen, Jeannette, Jeremy, Danni, Heinz, Rowena & for those we name in our hearts.

The Communion of Saints:

With the universal Church, we honour and invoke
the Blessed Virgin Mary, who rejoiced in the Ascension of her Son;
St Dunstan, Archbishop of Canterbury;
St Helena, protector of the Holy Places.

For the Departed:

those who have died recently,
& those whose Year's Mind occurs at this time.

Rest eternal + grant them, good Lord & let everlasting light shine upon them

Next Sunday May 23, 2021

The Feast of Pentecost



9.00am Parish Eucharist

*The Community of Christ Church St Kilda acknowledges
the Yaluk-ut Weelam Clan of the Boon Wurrung People
traditional stewards of the land on which we meet.*

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