



*Fifth Sunday of Easter*  
*28 April 2024*



**8am & 10am Preaching and Presiding :**  
The Rev'd Canon Jan Joustra

*Christ Church Mass – Philip Matthias (b.1954) TiS 757*

*Welcome to St Mary's North Melbourne.*

*Thank you for joining us in worship.*

*Please join in saying the text marked in **bold**  
and singing the musical responses and hymns.*

## INTRODUCTION

Separated from Jesus the vine, we can bear no fruit and will eventually wither and die. Fruitfulness in spreading God's kingdom depends on acceptance of Jesus' word, and continued contact with him through the Christian community, the sacraments, and the intimacy of prayer.

## Hymn TiS

The musical notation is written on a treble clef staff in 3/4 time with a key signature of one flat (Bb). The melody consists of quarter and eighth notes, often beamed together. Chords are indicated above the staff: F, C, Bb, C7, F, C, G7, C, F, Gm, F7, Bb, Gm, C7, F. The piece concludes with a double bar line.

I am the Light whose brightness shines  
on every pilgrim's way,  
and brings to evil's darkest place  
the glorious light of day.

I am the Gate that leads to life  
along the narrow way,  
the Shepherd who will tend my sheep  
that none are lost or stray.

I am the Well from whose fresh springs  
life-giving water flows,

and on each side the tree of life  
with leaves for healing grows.

I am the Bread, God's gift from heaven,  
sent down to satisfy  
that hunger which cries out for food;  
who eats shall never die.

I am the Vine whose branches grow  
united in one root;  
who dwell in me, and I in them,  
shall live and bear much fruit.

I am the Resurrection life,  
the power of God whereby  
whoever truly trusts in me  
shall live and never die.

I am the Way, the Truth, the Life,  
and truth shall set you free  
to seek and find the way to life  
and live that life in me.

SP 281 Robert Willis (b. 1947)

Richmond Melody by Thomas Haweis (1734-1820) harmonised by Samuel Webbe the younger (c. 1770-1843)

## PRAYERS OF PREPARATION

In the name of God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**He is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

*[At 10am] The choir sings the Vidi aquam as all are sprinkled with  
water from the baptismal font.*

*Antiphons and responses:*

Cantor then All.

Springs of wa - ter, bless the Lord.\_\_\_\_\_

Cantor then All.

Give him glo\_\_\_ ry and praise for\_\_\_ ev - er

Springs of water bless the Lord.  
**Springs of water bless the Lord.**  
 Give him glory and praise for ever.  
**Give him glory and praise for ever.**

#### 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.**

#### INVITATION TO CONFESSION

God so loved the world that he gave his only Son Jesus Christ to save us from our sins, to be our advocate in heaven, and to bring us to eternal life.

Let us confess our sins in penitence and faith, confident in God's forgiveness.

**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.**

## GLORIA

**Gloria 2**

Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

Lord God, heav'n - ly King, al - migh - ty God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we

praise you for... your glo - ry. Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther,

Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us; you are

seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer. For you a - lone are the

Ho - ly One: you a - lone are the Lord: you a - lone are the Most High,

Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

From Christ Church Mass - Philip Matthias (b. 1954)

**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

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**

#### THE LITURGY OF THE WORD *Please sit for the readings*

#### FIRST READING

##### **A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.**

Then an angel of the Lord said to Philip, "Get up and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." (This is a wilderness road.) So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. Then the Spirit said to Philip, "Go over to this chariot and join it." So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, "Do you understand what you are reading?" He replied, "How can I, unless someone guides me?" And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this: "Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter, and like a lamb silent before its shearer, so he does not open his mouth. In his humiliation justice was denied him. Who can describe his generation? For his



For yours is the kingdom, O Lord:  
And you are the ruler over the nations.

As for those who sleep in the grave,  
How shall they worship you:  
All those who go down into the dust,  
How shall they bow before you? *Response.*

But I shall live through you,  
And my children shall serve you:  
They shall tell of you to the  
Generations that are yet to come.  
To a people as yet unborn they shall make known:  
The saving deeds you have done. *Response.*

## SECOND READING

### **A reading from the First Letter of St John.**

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us.

By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Saviour of the world. God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. So we have known and believe the love that God has for us.

God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgment, because as he is, so are we in this world. There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. We love because he first loved us. Those who say, "I love God," and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not



love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen. The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also. (*1 John 4:7-21*)

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

### HYMN TIS 459

The musical notation consists of two staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The first staff has a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody is written on a five-line staff. Above the staff, the chords D, Bm, Em, A, D, E, and A are indicated. The second staff also has a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp. The melody continues on a five-line staff. Above the staff, the chords D, B, Em, D, G, A, and D are indicated. The piece ends with a double bar line.

In Christ there is no east or west,  
in him no south or north,  
but one great fellowship of love  
throughout the whole wide earth.

In Christ shall true hearts everywhere  
their high communion find,  
his service is the golden cord  
close-binding humankind.

Join hands, then, people of the faith,  
whate'er your race may be;  
who serves my Father as his child  
is surely kin to me.

In Christ now meet both east and west,  
in him meet south and north,  
all Christlike souls are one in him  
throughout the whole wide earth.

## THE GOSPEL



Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

**Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.**

Live in me and let me live in you, says the Lord;  
my branches bear much fruit.

**Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.**

The Lord be with you

**And also with you.**

A reading from the Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to  
St John.

**Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

“I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower. He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples.  
*(John 15:1-8)*

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

SERMON

## THE NICENE CREED

**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.**

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Let us pray for the world and for the Church.

*Intercessions and thanksgivings may end with an appropriate response, for example:*

Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

*The prayers conclude with the following:*

Almighty God, you have promised to hear our prayers.

**Grant that what we have asked in faith  
we may by your grace receive,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## THE PEACE

The risen Lord came and stood among his disciples and said,  
'Peace be with you!'. Then they were glad when they saw the Lord.

The peace of Christ be always with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

*The congregation share a sign of God's peace saying to one another  
'Peace be with you' and then return to their seats.*

## Hymn TiS 153

The musical score is written on five staves in treble clef with a 3/4 time signature. The notes are as follows:

- Staff 1: C4, D4, E4, F4, G4, A4, B4, C5
- Staff 2: C4, D4, E4, F4, G4, A4, B4, C5
- Staff 3: C4, D4, E4, F4, G4, A4, B4, C5
- Staff 4: C4, D4, E4, F4, G4, A4, B4, C5
- Staff 5: C4, D4, E4, F4, G4, A4, B4, C5

Chords indicated above the notes:

- Staff 1: C, Am, F, C, Am, Dm
- Staff 2: C, G, C, Am, F, C, Am
- Staff 3: Dm, C, G, Bb, Dm, Gm, C7, F
- Staff 4: G, G7, Am, E7, Am, C, Am
- Staff 5: Bb, C7, F, Dm, C, F, G7, C

God is love, let heav'n adore him;  
God is love, let earth rejoice;  
let creation sing before him,  
and exalt him with one voice.  
God, who laid the earth's foundation,  
he who spread the heavens above,  
and who breathes through all creation,  
God is love, eternal Love.

God is love, and gently enfolding  
all the world in one embrace,  
with unfailing grasp is holding  
every child of every race.  
And when human hearts are breaking  
under sorrow's iron rod,  
then they find that self same aching  
deep within the heart of God.

God is love, and, though with blindness  
 sin afflicts our human hearts,  
 God's eternal lovingkindness  
 holding, guiding, grace imparts.  
 Sin and death and hell shall never  
 o'er us final triumph gain;  
 God is love, so love for ever  
 o'er the universe must reign.

Timothy Rees 1874–1939 *alt.*  
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## THE PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS

Blessèd are you, Lord God of all creation, through your goodness we  
 have this bread to offer, fruit of the earth and work of human hands, it  
 will become for us the bread of life.

**Blessèd be God for ever.**

Blessèd are you, Lord God of all creation, through your goodness we  
 have this wine to offer, fruit of the vine and work of human hands, it  
 will become for us the cup of salvation.

**Blessèd be God for ever.**

## EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

*Sursum Corda*

<p><i>Celebrant</i></p>  <p>The Lord be with you.</p>	<p><i>People</i></p>  <p>And also with you.</p>
<p><i>Celebrant</i></p>  <p>Lift up your hearts.</p>	<p><i>People</i></p>  <p>We lift them to the Lord.</p>
<p><i>Celebrant</i></p>  <p>Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.</p>	<p><i>People</i></p>  <p>It is right to give our thanks and praise.</p>

All glory and honour be yours always and everywhere,  
mighty Creator, ever-living God.

We give you thanks and praise for 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.

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 singing:

Lively  $\text{♩} = 96$   
*Organ* *All*

*f* Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord,  
God of pow'r and might, Heav'n and earth are  
full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.  
*mf* Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. *f* Ho -  
san - na in the high - est.

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessèd 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:

Acclamation



Bless - ing and hon - our and glo - ry and pow'r are... yours, for ev - er and ev - er. A - men.

*From Christ Church Mass - Philip Matthias (b. 1954)*

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

Our Fa - ther in hea - ven, Hal - lowed be your name.

5 Your king - dom come your will be done on earth as in hea - ven.

9 Give us this day our dai - ly bread, for - give us our sins as

13 we for - give those who sin a - gainst us. Save us from the time of trial. and de -

17 li - ver us from e - vil. For the king - dom the power and the glo - ry are

21 yours now and for - ev - er. A - men, a - men, a - men, a -

26 men, A - men, a - men, a - men, a - men.

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

As 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.**

*The priest breaks the consecrated bread, saying:*

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

Agnus Dei 2

Je - sus, Lamb of God: have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, bear - er of our sins: have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, re-deem-er of the world: grant us your peace, grant us your peace.

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**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 INVITATION

Jesus is the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world.  
Happy are those who are called to his supper.  
**Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,**  
**but only say the word, and I shall be healed.**

## COMMUNION

### THE ANTHEM

*A New Commandment. William Mundy (c.1529-1591). Text John 13:34*

## POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

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. Amen

**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. Amen.**

Em A Em Am Bm Em /

Em A Em Am Bm Em /

Em B Em B /

Em A Em Am B7 Em

## HYMN TIS 382

1. Now the green blade rises  
from the buried grain,  
wheat that in the dark earth  
many days has lain:  
love lives again,  
that with the dead has been:

*Love has come again,  
like wheat that springs  
up green.*

2. In the grave they laid him,  
Love whom hate had slain,  
thinking that he never  
would awake again,  
laid in the earth,  
like grain that sleeps unseen.  
Love has come again, ...

3. Up he sprang at Easter,  
like the risen grain,  
he who for the three days  
in the grave had lain,  
raised from the dead  
my living Lord is seen:  
Love has come again, ...

4. When our hearts are wintry,  
grieving, or in pain,  
then your touch can call us  
back to life again —  
fields of our hearts  
that dead and bare have been:  
Love has come again, ...

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### THE BLESSING

Most loving God, you send us into the world you love.

**Give us grace to go thankfully and with courage in the power of the Spirit.**

God the Father, by whose glory Christ was raised from the dead, strengthen you by his life-giving Spirit to walk with him in the paths of righteousness and peace; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be amongst you, and remain with you always. Amen.

### DISMISSAL

Go in the peace of Christ. Alleluia! Alleluia!

**Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

### *Postlude*

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## In Our Prayers

Elsdon, Fiona, Fr Shane

Recently Departed: Michael Robert Stout

Years Mind: James Carnegie, James Paul Wang

	Sunday, 5 May 2024 5th SUNDAY OF EASTER
8:00am Reader	Andrew McKinley
10:00am Readers	Gladys Asitewa Michael Golding
Serving Team	Alice Christofi Anne Sunderland
Welcome	Sam Miller
Introduction & Intercession	Audrey Statham
Video/AV	Paul Eikelboom
Kids Corner & Sunday School	Rosie Moloney
Morning Tea	Helen McCallum David Keuneman

## **Save the Date! Craft Fair & Vicar's Garage Sale**

**Saturday, 4 May 2024**

St Mary's Craft fair and Vicar's Garage sale will take place on Saturday 4th May in the large hall. If you can contribute to making any baked goods, preserves, jams, etc. please contact Marion.

### **AVE**

The next edition of our **AVE publication is projected to be out for Pentecost**, which falls just after the middle of May. Please consider offering an article or item for inclusion.

Thank you for those already promised, and in some cases received. We actively encourage more again, so please let us know if you think you have something to offer.

Could we please ask for articles and items to be submitted as soon as possible, but by **Thursday May 9th** at the very latest. This will give us a week to edit and compile the edition to appear by Pentecost weekend. Discuss and send things to Rhondda or to David.

### **Safe Ministry Training – Level 1**

Harriet (our Safe Ministry Officer) will be facilitating Level 1 Safe Ministry Training after the 10am services on 28<sup>th</sup> April, and 5<sup>th</sup> May. This is a requirement from the Diocese for volunteers and Please sign up using the list at the back of the church for one of the two dates if you need to complete this training, or speak to Harriet if you are unsure. Thank you to all for your commitment to ensuring this place remains safe and welcoming for all members of the community.

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**PLEASE REPORT ABUSE CALL 1800135 246**