

**SIXTIETH ANNIVERSARY
EUCHARIST**

**CHURCH
OF THE
ASCENSION**



SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

9.30AM

12 MAY 2024

PARISH PRIEST REVEREND ANTHONY FROST

PREACHER & CELEBRANT

THE RIGHT REVEREND DR PAUL BARKER

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

The Right Reverend Dr Paul Barker

Bishop of the Jumbunna Episcopate in the Diocese of Melbourne

Bishop Paul is President of the Eucharist together with Fr Anthony Frost

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Ascension Cake	Pat Eadon

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GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

ENTRANCE HYMN

**Crown Him with many crowns, the Lamb upon His throne.
Hark! How the heavenly anthem drowns all music but its own.**

**Awake, my soul, and sing of Him who died for thee,
And hail Him as thy matchless King through all eternity.**

**Crown him the Lord of life, who triumphed o'er the grave
and rose victorious in the strife, for those he came to save:
his glories now we sing, who died and rose on high
who died eternal life to bring, and lives that death may die.**

**Crown Him the Lord of peace, whose power a sceptre sways
From pole to pole, that wars may cease, absorbed in prayer and praise.
His reign shall know no end, and round His pierced feet
Fair flowers of paradise extend their fragrance ever sweet.**

**Crown him the Lord of Heaven, enthroned in worlds above,
Crown him the King to whom is given the wondrous name of Love.
Crown him with many crowns, as thrones before him fall
Crown him, you kings, with many crowns, for he is King of all.**

**Crown Him the Lord of years, the Potentate of time,
Creator of the rolling spheres, ineffably sublime.
All hail, Redeemer, hail! For you have died for me;
Your praise shall never, never fail throughout eternity.**

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All remain standing

SENTENCE FOR TODAY

**“Go make disciples of all nations”, Jesus commands;
“I am with you always, to the end of the age.”**

ACCLAMATION

Bishop Paul

Christ is risen, Alleluia

He is risen indeed, Alleluia!

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

WELCOME

Fr Anthony

THE PRAYER OF PREPARATION

We pray together

**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 TWO GREAT COMMANDMENTS

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.'

THE KYRIES

We sing together

**Lord have mercy, Lord have mercy, Lord have mercy.
Christ have mercy, Christ have mercy, Christ have mercy.
Lord have mercy, Lord have mercy, Lord have mercy.**

THE GLORIA

**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

Almighty God,
your Son Jesus Christ ascended to the throne of heaven
That he might rule over all things as Lord:
keep the Church in the unity of the Spirit
 and in the bond of peace;
and bring all creation to worship at his feet,
who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

We continue to pray for the growth of God's Church:

**God of mission,
Who alone brings growth to your Church,
Send your Holy Spirit to give
Vision to our planning,
Wisdom to our actions,
Joy to our worship,
And power to our witness.
Help our church to grow in numbers,
In spiritual commitment to you,
And in service to our local community,
Through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.****

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

Please be seated

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Read by Bruce Tudball

In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus did and taught from the beginning until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. After his suffering he presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them over the course of forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for the promise of the Father. 'This', he said, 'is what you have heard from me; for John baptised with water, but you will be baptised with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.' So when they had come together, they asked him, 'Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?' He replied, 'It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. 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.' When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up towards heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. 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.'

Acts 1: 1-11

Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 93

The Lord is king, and has put on robes of glory:

**the Lord has put on his glory,
he has girded himself with strength.**

He has made the world so firm:

that it cannot be moved.

Your throne is established from of old:

you are from everlasting.

The floods have lifted up, O Lord,

the floods have lifted up their voice:

the floods lift up their pounding.

But mightier than the sound of many waters,
than the mighty waters or the breakers of the sea:
the Lord on high is mighty.

Your decrees are very sure:

and holiness, O Lord, adorns your house for ever.

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Ephesians

Read by Elizabeth Waite

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love towards all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

Ephesians 1: 15-23

Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE GRADUAL 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 heaven 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 given,
their name an everlasting name,
their joy the joy of heaven.**

THE GOSPEL READING

Read by Fr Anthony

The Lord be with you

And also with you

The Gospel of our lord Jesus Christ according to Mark

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.

And Jesus said to them, 'Go into all the world and proclaim the good news to the whole creation. The one who believes and is baptized will be saved; but the one who does not believe will be condemned. And these signs will accompany those who believe: by using my name they will cast out demons; they will speak in new tongues; they will pick up snakes in their hands, and if they drink any deadly thing, it will not hurt them; they will lay their hands on the sick, and they will recover.' So then the Lord Jesus, after he had spoken to them, was taken up into heaven and sat down at the right hand of God. And they went out and proclaimed the good news everywhere, while the Lord worked with them and confirmed the message by the signs that accompanied it.

Mark 16. 15-20

For the gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

**They suffer with their Lord below,
they reign with him above,
their profit and their joy to know
the mystery 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.**

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THE SERMON

Bishop Paul

Followed by a time of silent reflection

THE NICENE CREED

Let us stand together and 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.**

The congregation kneels or sits

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Let us pray for the church and the world;
First, thanking our ascended Lord
Whom we have worshipped here in Burwood East for these past 60 years,
And then, bringing our prayers to him, the Lord of the Church.

Ascended Lord, all creation sings your praise.
For this church of the Ascension we ask that you receive the
thanksgivings which we raise to you -

The response to each prayer of thanks to God is:
Ascended Lord, **we give you thanks and praise.**

Lord of the Church we rejoice in your glorious Ascension.
For this Church of the Ascension we ask that you hear
the intercessions which we raise to you -

The response to each prayer for the Church is:
Lord of the Church, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Lord of the Church, you have promised to hear our prayers;
**Grant that what we ask in faith
we may by your grace receive,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

THE PREPARATION

Jesus said: A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another, even as I
have loved you. John 13.24.

**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 CONFESSION

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.

Pause for reflection

We say together

**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.**

THE ABSOLUTION

Bishop Paul

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.**

Please stand

THE GREETING OF PEACE

Bishop Paul

We are the body of Christ.

His spirit is with us.

The peace of the Risen and Ascended Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

You are invited to greet those around you

THE OFFERTORY HYMN

**I cannot tell why he, whom angels worship
should set His love upon the sons of men,
or why, as Shepherd, He should seek the wanderers
to bring them back, they know not how or when.
But this I know that He was born of Mary
when Bethlehem's manger was His only home
and that He lived at Nazareth and laboured,
and so the Saviour, Saviour of the world, is come.**

**I cannot tell how silently He suffered,
as with His peace he graced this place of tears
or how His heart upon the Cross was broken,
the crown of pain to three and thirty years.
But this I know, he heals the broken-hearted.
and stays our sin, and calms our lurking fear,
and lifts the burden from the heavy laden,
for yet the Saviour, Saviour of the world, is here.**

**I cannot tell how he will win the nations,
how he will claim His earthly heritage,
how satisfy the needs and aspirations
of East and West, of sinner and of sage.
But this I know, all flesh shall see His glory,
and he shall reap the harvest He has sown,
and some glad day His sun shall shine in splendour
when he the Saviour, Saviour of the world, is known.**

**I cannot tell how all the lands shall worship
when, at His bidding, every storm is stilled,
or who can say how great the jubilation
when all our hearts with peace and love are filled.
But this I know, the skies will thrill with rapture
and myriad, myriad human voices sing
and earth to heaven, and heaven to earth, will answer
at last the Saviour, Saviour of the world, is King!**

William Young Fullerton, 1857-1932.

All remain standing

THE 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 forever.

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
and rising to new life,
he offered a 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 shall bow
and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord.

And now we give thanks for this Parish
in which you bless your family
as we come to you today.

Here you reveal your presence
by sacramental signs,
and make us one with you
through the unseen body of grace.

Therefore with angels and archangels,
and with all the company of heaven,
we proclaim your great and glorious name,
for every praising you and singing:

**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 Father, we thank you
for these gifts of your creation, this bread and this wine,
and we pray that we who eat and drink them
in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit
in obedience to our saviour Christ
in remembrance of his death and passion
may be partakers of his body and his 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 which is 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
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.'

Let us proclaim the mystery of Christ.

**Christ has died;
Christ is risen;
Christ will come again. Alleluia!**

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,
by the power 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.**

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.

Agnus Dei

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.

Invitation to communion:

Alleluia!

Come, let us celebrate the feast.

Away with sin and sorrow.

Draw near with faith, to feed on Christ in your hearts with thanksgiving.

Alleluia!

All baptised members of any Christian Church are welcome to come forward and receive communion; if you only wish a blessing, please stand with your hands at your side

DURING COMMUNION: La Califfa by Ennio Morricone (1928-2020)

POST COMMUNION HYMN

**Sent forth by God's blessing, our true faith confessing,
the people of God from his table take leave.
The Supper is ended: may now be extended
the fruits of this service in all who believe.
The seed of his teaching, our hungry souls reaching,
shall blossom in action for all humankind.
His grace shall incite us, his love shall unite us
to work for his kingdom, his purpose to find.**

**With praise and thanksgiving to God ever-living,
the tasks of our everyday life we will face,
our faith ever sharing, in love ever caring,
embracing as neighbours all those of each race.
One feast that has fed us, one light that has led us,
unite us as one in this life that we share.
Then may all the living, with praise and thanksgiving
give honour to Christ and his name that we bear.**

Omer Westendorf 1916-97alt.

Please stand

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

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.

**Living God, make us apostles of the risen Christ.
Give us joyful hearts, words of hope,
and grace to recognise the Lord Jesus when he meets us,
wherever we are on the road.**

Please be seated

NOTICES

Please stand

THE BLESSING

Bishop Paul

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.**

THE DISMISSAL HYMN

**Lord, enthroned in heavenly splendour,
First begotten from the dead,
You alone, our strong defender,
Lifting up Your people's head.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Jesus, true and living Bread!**

**Here our humble homage pay we,
here in loving reverence bow;
here for faith's discernment pray we,
lest we fail to know you now.
Alleluia! Alleluia! You are here, we ask not how.**

**Though the lowliest form now veils you
as of old in Bethlehem,
here as there your angels hail you,
branch and flower of Jesse's stem.
Alleluia! Alleluia! We in worship join with them.**

**Paschal Lamb, your offering, finished
once for all when you were slain,
in its fullness undiminished
shall for evermore remain.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Cleansing souls from every stain.**

**Great High Priest of our profession
through the veil you entered in;
by your mighty intercession
grace and mercy can you win.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Only sacrifice for sin.**

**Life-imparting heavenly manna,
stricken rock with streaming side,
heaven and earth with loud hosanna
worship you, the Lamb who died.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Risen, ascended, glorified!**

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DISMISSAL

Go in the peace of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia!
Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!

POSTLUDE: Highland Cathedral by Michael Korb and Ulrich Roeber (composed 1982)

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Everyone is warmly invited to continue the celebration of the
Ascension of our Lord Jesus Christ
and of our 60th Anniversary over a sumptuous Morning Tea in the Hall.

You are most welcome to return to the Narthex and Church to view the
“Sixty Years in the Making” displays.
These displays will remain in the Church until 2nd June.

The DVD of past Parish events will be shown in the Narthex during morning tea.

Priests at the Ascension

Fr John Wight*	1964 - 1966
Fr Ian Herring	1966 – 1970
Fr Philip Newman	1970 – 1974
Fr Brian Audsley	1975 – 1978
Fr Roger Sharr	1979 – 1982
Fr Max Hazel	1982 – 1985
Fr John Young	1985 – 1996
Fr Paul Black	1997 – 2001
Fr John Gumbley	2002 – 2008
Rev Robyn Boyd	2008 – 2013
Fr Philip Murphy	2015 – 2017
Fr Anthony Frost	2019 –

Churchwardens

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Parish Council

Aggie Canterbury, Keith Hall,
Michael Jellis, Augustus Luo,
Anne Orchard, C Joanne Waite,
Peter Wharton

*12th May 1964 – Public meeting called by Fr John Wight, Vicar at St Michael & All Angels, Bennettswood.

28th June 1964 - First service at East Burwood State School conducted by Fr John Wight.

17th July 1964 - Parish named Church of the Ascension of our Lord Jesus Christ

3rd March 1966 – Parish separated from Bennettswood.

*We acknowledge the traditional custodians of this land,
the Wurundjeri people of the Kulin nation.
We pay our respects to their elders, past, present, and emerging.*

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Pew sheet: Please send all items for inclusion in next week's pewsheets to Ron McKenzie by 5:00pm Thursday evening (r.mckenzie@novatechsolutions.com.au.)

Baptism, Marriage & funerals by arrangement

Weekly services

Sunday

8:00am Eucharist

9:30am Eucharist

Godzone children's program during 9.30 am service (during school term)

Tuesday

Fr Anthony's day of rest!

Wednesday

10:00am Eucharist

Friday

10:00am – Noon. Drop-in for cuppa and chat.

Commitment to Child Safety: At the Church of the Ascension we follow Christ in being a caring Church welcoming of all, extending his love and invitation of new life. In ministry to children, young people and vulnerable adults we are committed to providing an environment that is physically, emotionally and spiritually safe and supportive.

We have a zero-tolerance approach to Child abuse or abuse of vulnerable people. This includes a culture of child-safety and of inclusivity for people of cultural and/or linguistically diverse backgrounds, people of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander background, people with disability or any other specific group.

Read the full **Commitment to Child Safety** document on our website: www.ascensionchurch.org.au