

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

"Seeking God, Serving with love, Sharing hope"

# Welcome to Church

# Sentence for Today

Jesus revealed his glory, and his disciples believed in him. John 2.11.



For those who have children with them, there is a children's corner in the church for the little ones. During school term, children who are pre-school age and above can attend 'Godzone' - Special Children's Activities - shortly after we begin the 9.30am service.

#### **ORDER OF SERVICE**

# Before each service we enter a time of silence as we prepare ourselves for worship.

#### Entrance hymn: TiS 422 "Come, Holy Spirit, come"

Come, Holy Spirit, come! Inflame our souls with love, transforming every heart and home with wisdom from above. Let none of us despise the humble path Christ trod, but choose, to shame the worldly wise, the foolishness of God.

All-knowing Spirit, prove the poverty of pride, by knowledge of the Father's love in Jesus crucified. And grant us faith to know the glory of that sign, and in our very lives to show the marks of love divine.

Give us the tongues to speak the word of love and grace to rich and poor, to strong and weak, in every time and place. Enable us to hear the words that others bring, interpreting with open ear the special song they sing.

Come with the gift to heal the wounds of guilt and fear, and to oppression's face reveal the kingdom drawing near. Where chaos longs to reign, descend, O holy dove, and free us all to work again the miracles of love.

Come, Holy Spirit, dance within our hearts today, our earthbound spirits to entrance, our mortal fears allay.

#### And teach us to desire, all other things above, that self-consuming holy fire, the perfect gift of love.

Michael Lindsay Forster 1946-

# Acclamation

Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Blessed be God for ever.

The Lord be with you. And also with you.

## Welcome

## **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.

# 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.'

*Kyries:* Lord have mercy, Christ 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 Prayer of the Day:

Bountiful God, whose Son revealed his glory at Cana of Galilee: help us to believe and obey, so that, as our Saviour promised, we may be filled with the wine of new life and show forth his joy and love; who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.** 

Prayer in a time of pandemic disease:

Keep us, good Lord, under the shadow of your mercy in this time of uncertainty and dis-ease. Sustain and support the anxious and fearful, and lift up all who are brought low; that we may rejoice in your comfort knowing that nothing can separate us from your love in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen

# The ministry of the Word:

# The first reading: Isaiah 62.1-5

For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest, until her vindication shines out like the dawn, and her salvation like a burning torch. The nations shall see your vindication, and all the kings your glory; and you shall be called by a new name that the mouth of the Lord will give. You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the Lord, and a royal diadem in the hand of your God. You shall no more be termed Forsaken, and your land shall no more be termed Desolate; but you shall be called My Delight Is in Her, and your land Married; for the Lord delights in you, and your land shall be married.

For as a young man marries a young woman, so shall your builder marry you, and as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride, so shall your God rejoice over you.

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

#### Psalm 36.5-10

Your unfailing kindness, O Lord, is in the heavens: and your faithfulness reaches to the clouds. Your righteousness is like the strong mountains: and your justice as the great deep; you, O Lord, save both man and beast. How precious, O God, is your enduring kindness: the children of Adam shall take refuge under the shadow of your wings. They shall be satisfied with the good things of your house: and you will give them drink from the river of your delights. For with you is the well of life: and in your light shall we see light. O continue your merciful kindness toward these who know you: and your righteous dealing to those that are true of heart.

## The second reading: 1 Corinthians 12.1-11

Now concerning spiritual gifts, brothers and sisters, I do not want you to be uninformed. You know that when you were pagans, you were enticed and led astray to idols that could not speak. Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking by the Spirit of God ever says 'Let Jesus be cursed!' and no one can say 'Jesus is Lord' except by the Holy Spirit. Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

For the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gradual hymn: TiS 212 "Christ, whose glory fills the skies"

Christ, whose glory fills the skies, Christ the true, the only light, sun of righteousness, arise, triumph over shades of night; dayspring from on high, be near; day-star, in my heart appear.

Dark and cheerless is the morn if you seem not close to me; joyless is the day's return, till your mercy's beams I see, till they inward light impart, glad my eyes, and warm my heart.

#### The Gospel reading:

The Lord be with you. And also with you.

The gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to John, chapter 2 beginning at verse 1

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

On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, 'They have no wine.' And Jesus said to her, 'Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come.' His mother said to the servants, 'Do whatever he tells you.' Now standing there were six stone water-jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to them, 'Fill the jars with water.' And they filled them up to the brim. He said to them, 'Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward.' So they took it. When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom and said to him, 'Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now.' Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

For the gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Visit then this soul of mine; pierce the gloom of sin and grief; fill me, radiancy divine; scatter all my unbelief; more and more yourself display, shining to the perfect day.

Charles Wesley 1707-88 alt.

The Sermon

The 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 for the world to come. Amen.

# The Prayers of the People:

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

# Preparation

God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. John 3.16

# Prayer of Approach:

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.

## Invitation to Confession:

Christ the Son of God has been revealed as a light to the nations.

Let us bring our darkness to his light, confessing our sins in penitence and faith.

#### **Confession:**

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.

# Absolution:

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 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: TiS 526 "Lord Jesus Christ"

Lord Jesus Christ You have come to us You are one with us, Mary's Son. Cleansing our souls from all their sin. Pouring Your love and goodness in. Jesus our love for you we sing, Living Lord.

Lord Jesus Christ Now and every day Teach us how to pray, Son of God. You have commanded us to do This in remembrance Lord of you Into our lives your power breaks through, Living Lord.

Lord Jesus Christ You have come to us Born as one with us, Mary's Son. Led out to die on Calvary, Risen from death to set us free, Living Lord Jesus help us see You are Lord.

Lord Jesus Christ I would come to you Live my life for you, Son of God. All your commands I know are true, Your many gifts will make me new, Into my life your power breaks through, Living Lord.

Patrick Robert Norman Appleford 1925-

#### 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.

You anointed him as Messiah, the light of the nations, and revealed him as the hope of all who thirst for righteousness and peace.

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.

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

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.'

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith.

#### 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 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:

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:

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.

#### The Communion

Post communion hymn: TiS 746 "The heavens shall declare"

The heavens shall declare the glory of His name All creation bows at the coming of the King Every eye shall see, every heart will know Every knee shall bow, every tongue confess Holy, holy, holy is the Lord See the coming of the King, holy is the Lord

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Geoffrey William Bullock 1955-

#### Prayer after Communion:

God of the nations, we thank you for nourishing us with this holy sacrament. Guide us by your presence, that we may bring your light to those who dwell in darkness, and establish your justice in the earth.

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.

#### Notices

#### The Blessing:

May Christ the Son of God be manifest to you, that your lives may be a light to the world; and the + blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you always. **Amen.** 

Final Hymn: TiS 143 "Immortal, invisible, God only wise"

Immortal, invisible, God only wise, in light inaccessible hid from our eyes, most blessèd, most glorious, the Ancient of Days, almighty, victorious, your great name we praise.

Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light, nor, wanting, nor wasting, but ruling in might; your justice like mountains high soaring above, your clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.

You give life to all, Lord, to both great and small, in all life now living, the true life of all; we blossom and flourish as leaves on a tree, then wither: but ever unchanged you will be.

Great Father of glory, pure Father of light, your angels adore you, all veiling their sight; of all your rich graces this grace, Lord, impart take the veil from our faces, the veil from our heart.

All praise we would render: reveal to our sight what hides you is only the splendour of light; and so let your glory, Almighty, impart, through Christ in the story, your Christ to the heart.

Walker Chalmers Smith 1824-908 alt.

Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. In the name of Christ. Amen

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**WELCOME TO CHURCH...** We are delighted that you are worshipping with us today, please take Communion, whatever your denomination and come and worship with us again. If you are visiting, please make yourself known to Fr. Anthony or to one of our welcomers following the service and do stay for a cuppa and chat!

## **NOTICES**

#### Wednesday 10:00am Eucharist will recommence this week!

**Front meeting room:** The big cleanout of books and other disused items from the many nooks and crannies around the church buildings occurred on Thursday from 10:00 to noon on very warm humid day! A big big thank you to Sue and her grandsons Matthew & Cooper; Jo, Josh, Daniel and Sam; Robin & Michael, Ros, Aggie, Peter W, Barrie, Keith, Russell; Heath & Ava & Oscar, Ron and Fr Anthony (who snapped up a few more books as they were going into the skip!). A very successful operation, the skip was overflowing but the lids were locked with a little help from Josh pressing down on them. The carpet will be laid tomorrow.

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#### SAINTS AND HOLY MEN AND WOMEN FOR THIS WEEK

MondayAntony of Egypt, abbot (d. 356)TuesdayCONFESSION OF PETERFridayAgnes, martyr at Rome, virgin (d. 304)SaturdayVincent, deacon and martyr (d. 304)

#### SCRIPTURE READINGS

#### Wednesday:

1 Samuel 17.32-51 Psalm 144.3-10 Mark 3.1-6 Next Sunday: Third Sunday after Epiphany

Nehemiah 8.1-3, 5-6, 8-10 Psalm 19 1 Corinthians 12.12-31 Luke 4.14-21

#### WE THANK GOD FOR HIS MANY BLESSINGS, LET US PRAY EACH DAY FOR THE CHURCH

Sun 16 The Church of England; The Diocese of Brisbane (Abp Phillip Aspinall, Regional Bps Jeremy Greaves, Cameron Venables, John Roundhill, Clergy & People); Firbank Grammar School (Jenny Williams, Principal; Christine Croft, chaplain); Bellarine Anglican Parish (David Willsher); St Thomas' Moonee Ponds – Pastoral Service (Bp Genieve Blackwell); Holy Trinity Hampton – Pastoral Visit (Bp Paul Barker).

*Mon 17* The Diocese of Bunbury (Bp Ian Coutts, Clergy & People); Calling Melbourne2Prayer Group (Jill Firth, Rachel McDougall, Jamie Miller, Philip Trouse); Bellarine Gateway Bellarine (Elizabeth Breakey).

*Tue 18* The Diocese of Canberra & Goulburn (Bp Mark Short, Asst Bps Stephen Pickard, Carol Wagner, Clergy & People); Children's & Families' Ministry; St Stephen's Belmont (Shirley Littras).

Wed 19 Ministry to the Defence Force (Bishop Grant Dibden, Chaplains & Members of the Defence Forces); Converge International (Jenny George, CEO, and Chaplains); St John's Bentleigh (David Powys); St John's Malvern - Pastoral Visit (Bp Brad Billings). *Thurs 20* The Diocese of Gippsland (Bp Richard Treloar, Clergy & People); Geelong Grammar School (Rebecca Cody, Principal; Gordon Lingard, Howard Parkinson, Chaplains); Christ Church Berwick Anglican Church (Wayne Schuller, Reece Kelly, Samuel Creek); St John's Malvern - Pastoral Visit (Bp Brad Billings). *Fri 21* The Diocese of Grafton (Bp Murray Harvey, Clergy & People); Chinese Ministry (Richard Liu, Missioner); St Agnes' Black Rock (Jennifer Furphy, Bruce Everett).

Sat 22 Ministry with the Aboriginal people of Australia (Bp Chris McLeod, National Aboriginal Bishop, Aboriginal Clergy & People); Archdeaconry of Stonnington (Howard Langmead); St Alfred's Blackburn North (Peter MacPherson, Nick Curtis, Mike McNamara, Mark Simon).

#### **AUSTRALIA & NEW ZEALAND**

Families, healthcare & emergency workers in these continuing uncertain and unsettling times.

#### THE WORLD

Containment of the coronavirus pandemic, those suffering and the medical staff. A compassionate outcome in Afghanistan and for Afghanistan Asylum Seekers.

#### THE ASCENSION COMMUNITY

Each other and God's presence in the events of the week

Those in special need of : Helen Daniels, Estelle Carman (and daughter Sue), Jean & Alan Close (and daughter Sally), Carole, Pauline Le Riche (Kym's sister), Glenys and Brian Howell, Barbara Stark, Lyle Mansfield, Julie Munday, Stanley & Rose Joseph, Marie Cleaver (Judithe's friend), Geoffrey (Josh's father), Gwen McMahon, David Wood, Fanny (Aggie's sister), Joy (Jan Wheeler's sister), Heather, Dave Ritchie (and Joy), Kaye Smith, Graeme Harding (Barrie's brother), Shirley and Alan Wagner (and daughter Elizabeth), Pat Ludwick, Don Lambourne, and others known to us...

We continue to hold the families of Peggy Horman, Joan Bird, Philip Stanley, Ethel Lloyd, and Jo Condie in our prayers for God's comfort and peace.

Those at the Peter James Centre and Burwood Lodge Those working in Health and Aged Care settings

#### **Ourselves - as we are strengthened through the power** of the Holy Spirit in love and prayer for one another

#### It is not so true that "Prayer changes things" as that praver changes me, and I change things.

"My Utmost for His Highest" by Oswald Chambers

#### **ROSTERS:**

	<u>8:00am</u>	<u>9:30am</u>
Welcomers	Sue Tregear	Pat Ludwick & Joanne Waite
Reader	Kym Le Riche	Ros Smith
Servers	Sue Tregear	Sue Tregear
Liturgical Assistant		Ron McKenzie
Intercessions	Fr Anthony	Cath Ortlieb
Music		Heath McKenzie & Josh Waite
Morning Tea		Barrie Harding & Jan Mansfield
Sacristan	Sue Tregear	
Printing	Alma Brand	
Flowers	Bashilika Dassanayake	
Garden	Augustus Luo	



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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 pewsheet to Ron McKenzie by 5:00p.m. Thursday evening (<u>r.mckenzie@novatechsolutions.com.au</u>.)

	Baptism, Marriage & funerals by arrangement
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
	3:00 – 3:45pm. Midweek Meditation
Friday	10:00am – Noon. Drop-in for coffee and chat.

<u>Commitment to Child Safety:</u> 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 <u>Commitment to Child Safety</u> document on our website: www.ascensionchurch.org.au.