
ANGLICAN CHURCH *of the* ASCENSION

19th January 2025

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

EAST BURWOOD



“Seeking God, Serving with love, Sharing hope”

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

Welcome to Church

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



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 111 *“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”*

**Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation;
O my soul, praise him, for he is your health and salvation.
Come all who hear,
brothers and sisters draw near,
praise him in glad adoration.**

**Praise to the Lord who in all things is wondrously reigning
and, as on wings of an eagle, uplifting, sustaining:
have you not seen
all that is needed has been
sent by his gracious ordaining?**

**Praise to the Lord, who will prosper our work and defend us;
surely his goodness and mercy shall daily attend us:
ponder anew
what the Almighty can do
as with his love he befriends us.**

**Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him!
All that has life and breath, come now with praises before him.
Let the Amen
sound from his people again:
gladly for ever adore him.**

Joachim Neander 1650-80

tr. Catherine Winkworth 1827-78 and others

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.**

We pray together for hope:

God of Hope

**You call on us to be your witness in this uncertain world;
By your Spirit awaken in us
a true vision of your kingdom,
a greater certainty of our salvation, and
a deeper dedication to your service;
that through our words and actions the same Spirit may**

**bring many who are lost to be found,
and for them to celebrate the hope
that we can only have in Jesus Christ,
in whose name we pray. Amen.**

The ministry of the Word:

The first reading: Isaiah 61 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.*

Sermon – followed by a time of silent reflection

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 of the world to come. Amen.

The prayers of the people:

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Response: God of Hope, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

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 grace of God has dawned upon the world with healing for all.
Let us bring our weaknesses and infirmities to him, 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"

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| <p>1. 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.</p> <p>2. 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.</p> | <p>3. 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.</p> <p>4. 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.</p> |
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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 a one true sacrifice for sin
and obtained an eternal deliverance for his people.

Therefore with angels and archangels,
And all the company of heaven,
We proclaim your great and glorious name,
For ever 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.

Blesséd is the one 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 413 "Holy Spirit, come, confirm us"

**Holy Spirit, come, confirm us
in the truth that Christ makes known;
we have faith and understanding
through your helping gifts alone.**

**Holy Spirit, come, console us,
come as advocate to plead;
loving Spirit stand beside us,
grant in Christ the help we need.**

**Holy Spirit, come, renew us,
come yourself to make us live;
holy, through your loving presence,
holy, through the gifts you give.**

**Holy Spirit, come, fulfill us,
you the love of Three in One;
Holy Spirit of the Father,
Holy Spirit of the Son**

William Brian Foley 1919-2000

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 blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
almighty, victorious, your great name we praise.**

**Unresting, unchanging, 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.

NOTICES

Again we warmly welcome Fr Walter McEntee as he takes the services today and on Wednesday, he is with us again next Sunday as Fr Anthony takes some annual leave to spend time with Kym visiting family and friends in NSW. Fr Anthony will be back in the parish on Wednesday 29th January.

Please contact Fr Walter (0484 110 701) or the wardens for any pastoral issues.

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SAINTS AND HOLY WOMEN AND MEN FOR THIS WEEK

Tuesday Agnes, martyr at Rome, virgin (d. 304)

Wednesday Vincent, deacon and martyr (d. 304)

Friday Companions of Paul, including Timothy, Titus and Silas

Saturday CONVERSION OF PAUL THE APOSTLE

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Wednesday:

Hebrews 7.1-3, 15-17

Psalms: 110.1-4

Mark 3.1-6

Next Sunday: THIRD SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY

Nehemiah 8.1-3, 5-6, 8-10

Psalms 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 19 St Mark's Camberwell (Vaughn Spring, Angus Monro, David Shannon); The Diocese of The Murray (Bp Keith Dalby, Clergy & People); Anglican Criminal Justice Ministry Chaplaincy (Rob Ferguson, Senior Chaplain & Chaplains); The Church in the Province of the West Indies (Bp Howard Gregory); St Martin's Hawksburn – Pastoral service (Abp Philip Freier);

Mon 20 South Camberwell Anglican Church (David Huynh); The Diocese of The Northern Territory (Bp Greg Anderson, Clergy & People); Beaconhills College (Stephen McGinley, Principal; Peggy Kruse, Chaplain);

Tue 21 St Paul's Canterbury (Rachel McDougall); The Diocese of Wangaratta (Bp Clarence Bester, Clergy & People); Anglican Early Childhood Services;

Wed 22 St Jude's Carlton (John Forsyth, Amy Brown, Samuel Oldland, Michael Phillips, Natalie Rosner, Stephen Sonneman, Alexander Zunica); The Diocese of Willochra (Bp Jeremy James, Clergy & People); Archdeaconry of Kew (Megan Curlis - Gibson); The Parish of St Thomas' Langwarrin w St Peter's, Pearcedale – Commissioning service (Bp Paul Barker);

Thu 23 St Michael's Carlton North (Incumbency vacant); Anglicare Australia (Bp Chris Jones, Chair; Kasy Chambers, Exec Director); Camberwell Girls' Grammar School (Debbie Dunwoody, Principal; Helen Creed, Chaplain);

Fri 24 The Anglican Church Caroline Springs (Jonathan Smith, Monica Kuol); Theological Colleges, Church Schools & Church Kindergartens; Anglican Historical Society (Wendy Dick, Chair);

Sat 25 Casey Anglican Dinka Congregation AAC (Peter Alier Jongroor); Mission Agencies of the Anglican Church of Australia; Anglican Media (Jenan Taylor, Acting Editor).

AUSTRALIA & NEW ZEALAND

Reconciliation and justice for our First Nations People. Those impacted by the state of the economy and recent natural disasters.

THE WORLD

A compassionate outcome for all Asylum Seekers. Productive and harmonious relationships among Pacific neighbours. Peace in the Holy Lands, Middle East, Eastern Europe and Africa. All affected by climate change - wisdom and leadership to prevent further environmental damage.

THE ASCENSION COMMUNITY

Please hold in your daily prayers any individual parish members who may be on your heart, and for an awareness of God's presence in the events of the week.

Those in special need of prayer: *Estelle Carman, Don Lambourne, Douglas Mortimer, Jean & Alan Close, Glenys Howell, Kaye & Carole Smith, Pauline & Edith Le Riche, Lyle & Jan Mansfield, Stanley & Rose Joseph, Pam & Tony, Marie Cleaver (Judithe's friend), Shirley & Alan Wagner, Joy (Jan Wheeler's sister), Fanny (Aggie's sister) & Clifford, Pat Ludwick, Gerald (Pat Eadon's brother), Beverley Frost, Heather & Ron, Andrew Harding, Tim Youings and others known to us who are in special need of prayer.*

Those at the Peter James Centre and Burwood Lodge

Those working in Health and Aged Care settings

Our local Schools, Colleges, and Universities

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

ROSTERS:

	<u>8:00am</u>	<u>9:30am</u>
Welcomers	Sue Tregear	Daniel Waite & Heather McKenzie
Reader	Sue Tregear	Ros Smith
Server	Sue Tregear	Ron McKenzie
Liturgical Assistant		Joanne Waite
Intercessions	Fr Walter	Joy Ritchie
Music		Dawn Joseph
Morning Tea		Natalie & Cath Ortlieb
Sacristan	Judithe Atkinson	
Printing	Barrie Harding	
Flowers	Aggie Canterbury	

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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 5:00p.m. Thursday evening (r.mckenzie@novatechsolutions.com.au.)

Baptism, Marriage & funerals by arrangement

Sunday 8:00am Eucharist
9:30am Eucharist
'Godzone' children's program during 9.30 am service (during school term)

Wednesday 10:00am Eucharist

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

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