



28th April 2024 - Fifth Sunday of Easter - Yr B

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.



**Sunday
Service of
Holy
Communion**

8.30am



**Rev Andrew
Osbourne**

Look for the symbols:

Please stand as you are able



Please sit



Time to sing





THE INTROIT HYMN - (TIS 152)



The sounds in God's world all agree (Stop
Still And Listen) TIS 176

*The sounds in God's world all agree,
He made it up so beautifully
More there is to hear when we
Stop still and listen very carefully*



Listen to the surf, listen to the surf

**The breakers crash while the sea
swell bends**

**Some of god's big things never
seem to end**

**How great that the maker of the
sea wants to be our friend**



***The sounds in God's world all
agree, He made it up so beautifully
More there is to hear when we
Stop still and listen very carefully***



Listen to the owl, listen to the owl

**Lying in the night thinking who's out
there**

**There's the hoot of an owl in the night
somewhere**

**It's good to know we're safely in
God's care**



***The sounds in God's world all
agree, He made it up so beautifully
More there is to hear when we
Stop still and listen very carefully***



**Listen to the wind, listen to the
wind**

**It whispers and it rustles, it howls
and it whines**

**Where it goes who can find? Let's
listen for the wind of God**

Stirring in our mind



***The sounds in God's world all
agree, He made it up so beautifully
More there is to hear when we
Stop still and listen very carefully***



ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY



The priest:

We acknowledge and pay respect to the Jarawair, Gaibal and western Wakka Wakka peoples, the Traditional Custodians and Ancestors of this land. We acknowledge their continued survival and spiritual connection to country and surrounding land, sky and water. We pay our respects to their Elders, past and present, and to everyone who is here today, and may we learn from and nurture each other in the spirit of reconciliation.



GATHERING GOD'S PEOPLE

The priest:

Blessed be God,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

**Blessed be God's Kingdom,
now and forever.**



*The LA reads **THE SENTENCE:***

In this is love, not that we loved God but that God loved us. Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another.

1 John 4.10.11



The priest:
Christ is risen. Alleluia.
He is risen indeed. Alleluia.

Words of welcome



The LA:

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 minister introduces the confession with these words.

‘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.'



Christ our Passover Lamb has been offered for us, therefore we come to celebrate the festival.

Silence may be kept.

Let us confess our sins in penitence and faith, with a sincere and a true heart.



**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 Priest:

Almighty God,
who has promised forgiveness to all
who turn to him in faith:
pardon us and set us free
from all our sins,
strengthen us in all goodness
and keep us in eternal life,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**



The LA leads:

Lord have mercy.

Christ have mercy.

Lord have mercy.



**Glory, glory to God in the highest,
Peace, 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 upon us;
You are seated at
the right hand of the Father:
Receive our prayer.**



**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 OF THE DAY:



Let us pray.

O God,
form the minds of your faithful people,
that we may love what you command
and desire what you promise,
so that, amid the many changes of
this world,



heal us and we shall be whole,
and lead us that we
may be with you,
where you live and reign
with the Father and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
Amen.



Children's Time

Children are invited forward for a short story.





MINISTRY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING: Acts 8.26-40

Then an angel of the Lord said to Philip, 'Get up and go towards 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 life is taken away from the earth.'

The eunuch asked Philip, 'About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?' Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus



As they were going along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, 'Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?' He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him.



When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing.

But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he was passing through the region, he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.



Hear the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God



Psalm 22.26-32

26 From you springs my praise in the great congregation:

I will pay my vows in the sight of all that fear you;

27 The meek shall eat of the sacrifice and be satisfied:

**and those who seek the Lord shall praise him—
may their hearts rejoice for ever!**



28 Let all the ends of the
earth remember
and turn to the Lord:
and let all the families of
the nations worship before him.



**29 For the kingdom is the Lord's:
and he shall be ruler over the nations.**

30 How can those who sleep in the
earth do him homage:
or those that descend to the dust
bow down before him?



**31 But he has saved my life for himself:
and my posterity shall serve him.**

32 This shall be told of my Lord to
a future generation:
and his righteousness declared to
a people yet unborn,
that he has done it.



**Response: Glory to God, Father,
Son and Holy Spirit,
as in the beginning
so now and forever. Amen.**



SECOND READING: 1 John 4.7-21

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 judgement, 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.

Hear the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.



GRADUAL HYMN (MP792)



THIS IS MY COMMANDMENT (SisS2 61/266)

Composer Unknown

**This is my commandment that you
love one another**

That your joy may be full.

**This is my commandment that you
love one another**



That your joy may be full.

**that your joy may be full, that
your joy may be full.**

**This is my commandment that
you love one another**

That your joy may be full.



Halle Halle Halle lu-jah
Halle Halle Halle lu-jah
Halle Halle Halle lu-jah
Hallelujah Hallelujah



The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

**[?] The Gospel of our Lord Jesus
Christ according to John, Chapter 10
verses 11-18**

All - Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

I am the true vine, and my Father
is the vine-grower. 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.

For the Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.



Halle Halle Halle lu-jah
Halle Halle Halle lu-jah
Halle Halle Halle lu-jah
Hallelujah Hallelujah



The Sermon



A time of reflection may follow.



AFFIRMATION OF FAITH



LA:

Let us together affirm the faith of the Church.

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the almighty.
Maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is seen and unseen.**



**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God, begotten,
not made,
of one being with the Father;
through him all things were made.**



**For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit
and the virgin Mary,
and became truly human.
For our sake he was crucified
under Pontius Pilate, 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 world and for the Church.

The prayers are offered.





The Intercessor or LA:

Accept our prayers through Jesus Christ
our Lord who taught us to pray:

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
Your kingdom come,
Your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.**

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins

As we forgive those who sin against us

**Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.**





The LA

Jesus said:

I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.

John 6.35



Let us pray:

**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 GREETING OF PEACE



The priest:

We are the body of Christ!

Whose spirit is with us.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

Please greet each other with as sign of God's peace.



OFFERTORY HYMN (TIS 10)



I Cannot Tell (Londonderry Air) (SoF 205)

John Barnard | William Young Fullerton

**1. 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**



**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**



**2. 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**



3. 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**



**4. 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 the hearts of men with 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.**



PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

The priest:

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 priest:

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,
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,
Forever 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,
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.'



We 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 forever and ever. Amen.**



The priest:

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.



**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 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.





COMMUNION



This is God's table – everyone is invited! You are welcome to participate as your faith and conscience allows. Please sanitise your hands as you approach in one line to the altar.

Gluten free wafers are available – please come forward first.

If you do not wish to receive the common cup, return to your seat.

If you prefer to receive a blessing, holding your hands behind your back will let the priest know.

You are of course welcome to remain in your seat and enjoy this time of peace.



COMMUNION HYMN (Source 988)



Let There Be Love (S 317/MP 411/SiS 117/3₂₂)

Dave Bilbrough

**Let there be love shared among
us, Let there be love in our eyes
May now Your love sweep this
nation,**



**Cause us O Lord to arise
Give us a fresh understanding,
Of brotherly love that is real
Let there be love shared among
us, Let there be love**



POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

The priest: Let us pray...

Eternal God, giver of life,
in the breaking of the bread
we know the risen Lord.

May we who celebrate this holy feast
walk in his risen light and bring new
life to all creation.



**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.**





Weekly Announcements



NOTICES AND BIRTHDAYS



Happy birthday to you,

May Jesus bless you.

May he guide you and keep you.

Happy birthday to you.





MISSIONAL HYMN (TiS 147)



There's a sound on the wind (Battle Hymn) (SoP 547)

Graham Kendrick

**1. There's a sound on the wind like a
victory song**

**Listen now let it rest on your soul
It's a song that I learned from a heavenly
King**

It's the song of a battle royal



**2. There's a loud shout of
victory that leaps from our hearts
As we wait for our conquering King
There's a triumph resounding from
dark ages past
To the victory song we now sing**



Chorus

***Come on heaven's children,
the city is in sight***

***There will be no sadness on
the other side***



**3. There'll be crowns for the conquerors
and white robes to wear**

There will be no more sorrow or pain

**And the battles of earth shall be lost in
the sight**

Of the glorious Lamb that was slain



**4. Now the King of the ages approaches
the earth**

He will burst through the gates of the sky

**And all men shall bow down to His
beautiful name**

We shall rise with a shout we shall fly



Chorus:

***Come on heaven's children, the city
is in sight***

***There will be no sadness on the
other side***



**Now the King of the ages approaches the
earth
He will burst through the gates of the sky
And all men shall bow down to His
beautiful name
We shall rise with a shout we shall fly-y-y.**

THE BLESSING

The priest declares God's blessing:

The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you what is pleasing in his sight;



and the blessing
of God almighty,
the Father, the Son,
and the Holy Spirit,
be among you
and remain with you always.
Amen.



DISMISSAL



Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia.

All: In the name of Christ. Amen.

Alleluia, alleluia.

Please join us for morning tea!

