

Welcome to St James

**28th April 2024 - Fifth Sunday of Easter - Yr B
Together with the Patronal Festival of St James' Church**

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
7.30am
†
Ven Mark
Carlyon**

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

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.

Look for the symbols:



Please stand as you are able



Please sit



Time to sing



INTROIT HYMN - TiS 153

God is Love, let heaven adore him

ABBOT'S LEIGH 87.87 d Cyril Vincent Taylor 1907-91

**1. God is love, let heav'n adore him;
God is love, let earth rejoice;
let creation sing before him,
and exalt him with one voice.**



**God, who laid the earth's
foundation,
he who spread the heavens
above,
and who breathes through all
creation
God is love, eternal Love.**



**2. God is love, and gently enfolding
all the world in one embrace,
with unfailing grasp is holding
every child of every race.**



**And when human hearts are
breaking
under sorrow's iron rod,
then they find that selfsame
aching
deep within the heart of God.**



**3. God is love, and, though with
blindness
sin afflicts our human hearts,
God's eternal lovingkindness
holding, guiding, grace imparts.**



**Sin and death and hell shall never
o'er us final triumph gain;
God is love, so love for ever
o'er the universe must reign.,
grace imparts.**

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GATHERING GOD'S PEOPLE

Blessed be God,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

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



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.



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**



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.**



Lord have mercy,

Christ have mercy,

Lord have mercy.



This Hymn of Praise (Gloria in excelsis) is said or sung.

**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 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.**



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 – TiS 114

Blessed be the everlasting God

ISHOPTHORPE 86.86 Melody attrib. Jeremiah Clarke c. 1673-1707 Harmony © Australian Hymn Book Co.

**1. Blessed be the everlasting God,
the Father of our Lord,
be his abounding mercy praised,
his majesty adored.**



**2. When from the dead he raised
his Son,
to reign with him on high,
he gave our souls a lively hope
that they should never die.**



**3. There's an inheritance divine
reserved against that day,
that's uncorrupted, undefiled,
and cannot waste away.**



**4. Saints by the power of God are
kept
till the salvation come;
we walk by faith as strangers
here
till Christ shall call us home**

Isaac Watts 1674-1748 alt. from 1 Peter 1:3-5
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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.



The Sermon



A time of reflection may follow.



AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Nicene Creed is said.

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.**

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

The prayers are offered.





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.**



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

We are the body of Christ!

His Spirit is with us.

The peace of the Lord be always with
you.

And also with you.

All may exchange a sign of peace.



THE OFFERTORY HYMN - TIS 217

Love divine, all loves excelling

LOVE DIVINE 87.87 John Stainer 1840-1901

**1. Love divine, all loves excelling,
joy of heaven, to earth come down,
fix in us thy humble dwelling,
all thy faithful mercies crown:**



**Jesus, thou art all compassion,
pure unbounded love thou art;
visit us with thy salvation,
enter every trembling heart.**



**2. Come, almighty to deliver,
let us all thy life receive;
suddenly return, and never,
never more thy temples leave:**



**thee we would be always blessing,
serve thee as thy hosts above,
pray, and praise thee, without
ceasing,
glory in thy perfect love.**



**3. Finish then thy new creation,
pure and spotless let us be,
let us see thy great salvation,
perfectly restored in thee:**



**changed from glory into glory,
till in heaven we take our place,
till we cast our crowns before thee,
lost in wonder, love and praise.**

Charles Wesley 1707-88 alt. CCLI#70156



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.
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, 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
Hosanna in the highest.**



Merciful God, we thank you
for these gifts of your creation,
this bread and wine,
and we pray that by your Word and Holy
Spirit, we who eat and drink them
may be partakers of Christ's body and
blood.



On the night he was betrayed Jesus took bread; and when he had given you thanks he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying,
'Take, eat. This is my body given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.'



After supper, he took the cup,
and again giving you thanks
he gave it to his disciples, saying,
'Drink from this, all of you.'



This is my blood of the new
covenant
shed for you and for many for the
forgiveness of sins.
Do this, as often as you drink it, in
remembrance of me.'



Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.



Therefore we do as our Saviour has commanded:
proclaiming his offering of himself made once for all upon the cross, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension,



and looking for his coming again,
we celebrate,
with this bread and this cup,
his one perfect and sufficient
sacrifice
for the sins of the whole world.



Renew us by your Holy Spirit,
unite us in the body of your Son,
and bring us with all your people
into the joy of your eternal kingdom;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
with whom, and in whom,
in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,



we worship you, Father,
in songs of never-ending praise:

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



THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD AND THE COMMUNION

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.

All are invited to the altar for communion, or for a blessing. Gluten free wafers are available on request.





THE SENDING OUT OF GOD'S PEOPLE

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



THE MISSIONAL HYMN - TiS 595

O Jesus I have promised

John Ernest Bode (1869)

**1. O Jesus, I have promised
to serve you to the end;
be Thou forever near me,
my Master and my Friend;**



**I shall not fear the battle
if you art by my side,
nor wander from the pathway
if you will be my Guide.**



**2 Still let me feel you near me,
the world is ever near;
I see the sights that dazzle,
the tempting sounds I hear;**



**my foes are ever near me,
around me and within;
but, Jesus, draw me nearer,
and shield my soul from sin.**



**3 O let me hear you speaking
in accents clear and still,
above the storms of passion,
the murmurs of self-will;**



**Lord speak to reassure me,
to hasten or control!
O speak, and make me listen,
True Guardian of my soul!**



**4. Lord, let me see your footmarks
And in them plant my own;
That I may follow boldly
And in your strength alone;**



**O guide me, call me, draw me,
Uphold me to the end;
And then in heaven receive me,
My Saviour and my friend.**



THE 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.



THE 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!

