

# 2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER

7<sup>th</sup> April 2024



**GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME** 奉主名相聚

*Please all stand*

**PROCESSIONAL HYMN 360 PART 2**

**SIGN OF THE CROSS**

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

**Blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

**GREETING**

The Lord be with you. **And also with you!**

Alleluia! Christ is risen. **He is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

**PRAYER OF PREPARATION** 洁心祷文

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** 大诫命

“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.”

**KYRIE ELEISON** 垂怜经

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

**GLORIA IN EXCELSIS (THE HYMN OF PRAISE)** 荣归主颂

**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 / COLLECT 本日祝文**

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Let us pray.

**Risen Christ, whose absence leaves us in despair but whose presence is  
overwhelming: breathe on us with your abundant life, that where we cannot  
see, we may have courage to believe that we may be raised with you. Amen.**

### **THE PRAYER FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL 为儿童主日学祷告**

## **THE LITURGY OF THE WORD 圣言礼仪**

*Please be seated for the reading*

### **FIRST READING 第一段经文**

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles Acts 4:32-37

Now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common. With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold. They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need. There was a Levite, a native of Cyprus, Joseph, to whom the apostles gave the name Barnabas (which means 'son of encouragement'). He sold a field that belonged to him, then brought the money, and laid it at the apostles' feet.

Hear the word of the Lord, **thanks be to God.**

### **PSALM 诗篇 133 APBA**

- 1 Behold how good and how lovely it is:  
    when families live together in unity.
- 2 It is fragrant as oil upon the head,  
    that runs down over the beard:  
    fragrant as oil upon the beard of Aaron,  
    that ran down over the collar of his robe.
- 3 It is like a dew of Hermon:  
    like the dew that falls upon the hill of Zion.
- 4 For there the Lord has commanded his blessing:  
    which is life for evermore.

## SECOND READING      第二段经文

A reading from the First Letter of St John, 1:1-2:2.

We declare to you what was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands, concerning the word of life— this life was revealed, and we have seen it and testify to it, and declare to you the eternal life that was with the Father and was revealed to us— we declare to you what we have seen and heard so that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. We are writing these things so that our joy may be complete.

This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in him there is no darkness at all. If we say that we have fellowship with him while we are walking in darkness, we lie and do not do what is true; but if we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

Hear the word of the Lord, **thanks be to God.**

## GRADUAL HYMN 691

### THE GOSPEL (Please stand) 福音书

Alleluia, **Alleluia.**

You believe in me, Thomas, because you have seen me; happy those who have not seen me, but still believe!      (*cf John 20:29*)

**Alleluia.**

The Lord be with you! **And also with you!**

A reading from the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St John 20:19-31.

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

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, ‘Peace be with you.’ After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, ‘Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.’ When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, ‘Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the

sins of any, they are retained.’ But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, ‘We have seen the Lord.’ But he said to them, ‘Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.’ A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, ‘Peace be with you.’ Then he said to Thomas, ‘Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.’ Thomas answered him, ‘My Lord and my God!’ Jesus said to him, ‘Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.’ Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

This is the Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

## SERMON

### THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH 信经

Please stand as we affirm our faith in the words of the Nicene Creed, each in our preferred language.

**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.**

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

*please kneel/sit*

Trusting in the divine mercy of our Lord, let us place before our Lord and saviour the needs and petitions that burden us and the world.

*(At the end of each section)* Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

*Conclude the prayer with:*

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.**

## PRAYER OF APPROACH 谦恭近主文

[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.**

## INVITATION TO CONFESSION 认罪

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

*Silence.*

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.**

## ABSOLUTION 上帝的赦免

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 PEACE 问安

The risen Christ came and stood among his disciples and said, 'Peace be with you.' Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Alleluia. *cf John 20.19*

The peace of the Lord be always with you. **And also with you.**

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

## THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT 圣餐礼

*Please all stand*

### OFFERTORY HYMN 393

*The offering is collected during the hymn. The gifts of the people, Bread and Wine and collection of money, are brought to the Lord's Table.*

### THE GIFTS OF THE PEOPLE ARE BLESSED:

Yours, Lord, is the greatness,  
the power, the glory, the splendour, and the majesty;  
**for everything in heaven and on earth is yours.**  
**All things come from you, and of your own do we give you.**

Blessèd are you, Lord God of all creation:  
through your goodness we have this bread to offer,  
which earth has given and human hands have made.  
It will become for us the bread of life.

**Blessèd be God for ever.**

Blessèd are you, Lord God of all creation:  
through your goodness we have this wine to offer,  
fruit of the vine and work of human hands.  
It will become for us the cup of salvation.

**Blessèd be God for ever.**

### THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER 感恩祷告 (Easter II)

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 thanks and praise.**

All glory and honour ..... 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.**  
**Blessèd is he who comes in the name of the Lord, Hosanna in the highest.**

Merciful God, ..... 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 for ever and ever. Amen.**

### THE LORD’S PRAYER 主祷文

As Christ has taught us, we are confident to pray, each in our preferred language:

**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.**

### BREAKING THE CONSECRATED BREAD 擘饼

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 (LAMB OF GOD) 羔羊颂

**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 INVITATION 邀请

The gifts of God for the people of God.

**Jesus Christ is holy, Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.**

### COMMUNION 领受圣餐

*God invites everyone to gather around his table. We extend an invitation to all  
baptised Christians to come forward and receive this Holy Sacrament. Others are  
welcome to come forward to receive a blessing by crossing arms over the chest.*

### COMMUNION HYMN 649

## THE SENDING OUT OF GOD'S PEOPLE 差派神的子民

### POST COMMUNION PRAYER 圣餐后的祷告

Lord God our Father, through our Saviour Jesus Christ you have assured your children of eternal life and in baptism have made us one with him: deliver us from the death of sin and raise us to new life in your love, in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, by the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

**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. Amen**

### ANNOUNCEMENTS 报告

#### THE BLESSING 祝福

God, who through the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ has given us the victory, give you joy in your faith; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be amongst you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

#### DISMISSAL 差遣

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Go. Alleluia! Alleluia!

**In the name of Christ. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

#### DISMISSAL HYMN 361

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# Parish Link

## Notices & Information

### Second Sunday of Easter

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### Years Mind

Jess Hodges, Samuel Scott, Barbara Morris, Harry Laugher, Joe Plumridge, and Marjorie Adair, whose anniversaries occur at this time.

The Parish of St Thomas', Langwarrin w. St Peter's, Pearcedale (James Connor); The Diocese of Bendigo (Bp Matt Brain, Clergy & People); Police Force Chaplains (Drew Mellor & other Chaplains) and members of the Police Force; Pastoral services: St John's Highton (Bp Kate Prowd); St Nicholas' Mordialloc (Bp Paul Barker); St Andrew's Aberfeldie – Confirmation service (Bp Genieve Blackwell). whose anniversaries occur at this time.

### Daily Readings

Monday	Acts 4.23-31	Ps 2.1-8	John 3.1-8
Tuesday	Acts 4.32-32	Ps 93	John 3.7-15
Wednesday	Acts 5.17-26	Ps 34.1-8	John 3.16-21
Thursday	Acts 5.27-33	Ps 34.11-18	John 3.31-36
Friday	Acts 5.34-42	Ps 27.1-5	John 6.1-15
Saturday	Acts 6.1-7	Ps 33.17-21	John 6.16-21

### Prayer Points

**The Church:** The Parish of St Thomas', Langwarrin w. St Peter's, Pearcedale (James Connor); The Diocese of Bendigo (Bp Matt Brain, Clergy & People); Police Force Chaplains (Drew Mellor & other Chaplains) and members of the Police Force; Pastoral services: St John's Highton (Bp Kate Prowd); St Nicholas' Mordialloc (Bp Paul Barker); St Andrew's Aberfeldie – Confirmation service (Bp Genieve Blackwell).

**The Parish:** Pray for those ill or in hospital.

**The World:** Pray for an end to war in Gaza and Ukraine.

**The Nation:** Pray for farmers and rural communities struggling with droughts or floods.

### Prayer of the Week

Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ is the resurrection and the life of all who put their trust in him: raise us, we pray, from the death of sin to the life of righteousness;

that we may ever seek the things which are above, where he reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## **ABM Pew Reflections**

On this Sunday some years ago, I celebrated the eucharist for Iranian Christians in a refugee detention centre. The doors were locked because we had been made afraid of them. This place of torture was designed to keep out all signs of hope and compassion. But guards and razor wire could not keep the risen Lord out. Bread was broken, Christ had risen and was present with the world's most vulnerable people. • We pray for refugees, that that may find a safe home.

## **TESSELAARS BULB DRIVE**

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**Last Date for orders April 11.** Contact Hilary on 0400 635 600 for more information.

## **ROSTER AVAILABILITY**

Michele is putting together a new roster to cover the May – August period. Naturally, always looking for volunteers, Flower Arrangers, Sidespersons, Servers, Readers, Intercessors, Counting and help with Morning Tea. If you are on the roster already you will be included in the next roster unless you advise Michele accordingly in the next week or so. If you would like to offer your services, please see/speak to Michele asap. Email: [themitchells01@bigpond.com](mailto:themitchells01@bigpond.com) /Phone: 0408 531 045.

**THE SIXTH ROBIN SHARWOOD LECTURE** by Ms Mandy Tibbey, barrister.

***Church Law and Anti-Discrimination Law: do these need to collide?***

**Date:** Wednesday 15 May 2024 **Time:** 7.30pm, followed by light refreshments

**Location:** The Craig Auditorium, Gateway Building, Trinity College

100 Royal Parade, Parkville VIC 3052.

**Cost:** Free, but bookings are essential.

**RSVP:** By 5pm, Friday 10 May 2024 [Click here to RSVP](#)

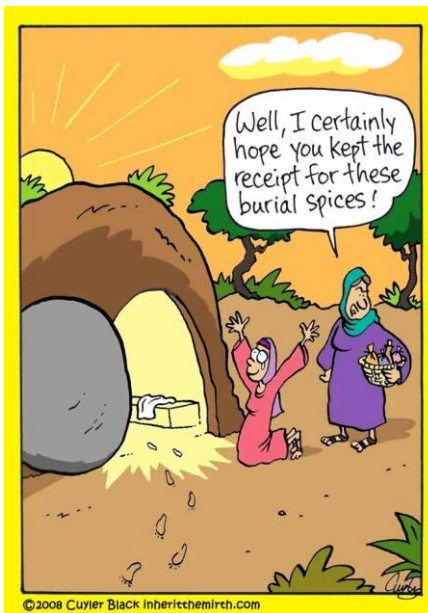
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## **THANK YOU**

Thanks to all those who assisted in Easter Sunday service and preparation – the flowers were beautiful. Thanks especially to Irene for controlling the PowerPoint presentation, to Laura and Lisa in the sanctuary and to the family of Walden and Wilson who brought up the elements.

## **TO MAKE YOU SMILE...**

Day after day the atheist college professor would taunt his students with the same question. "Have you ever seen God??" Three times he asked. When no one dared answer, he always concluded, "Well, it is quite obvious there is no God." One day a Christian student had had enough. The girl said to the class, "Have you ever seen our professor's brain?" Three times she asked it. When no one answered, she concluded, "Well, it is quite obvious that our professor has no brain."



### REPORTING CHILD ABUSE

All child safety concerns must be reported to Kooyoora Professional Standards  
1800 135 246

#### OUR INFORMATION

**FIRST AID KIT** – Located in the office and kitchen.

**TOILETS** – Located in the Church Hall and in the church building through the church doors front right.

**WHEELCHAIR** – Located near the toilet for the disabled upstairs.

**FIRE & EMERGENCY** – Please make yourself aware of the nearest escape route in the event of an emergency or fire.

**OH&S** – Please ensure that any incidents/accidents are reported to the Vicar or Wardens and incident report completed.

#### Mission Statement

Sharing the Good News  
Telling the story afresh  
Expressing God's love  
Serving the community  
Nurturing and sharing faith  
Equipping to serve

#### Vision

To ensure that there continues to be a living, committed, communal Anglican presence of liturgical celebration, nurture and outreach in Box Hill.

<b>ROSTER</b>	<b>Today 7.04.24</b>	<b>Next week 14.04.24</b>
SIDESPEOPLE	Michele M, Barbara P	Rob K, Dianne A
SERVERS	Rosemary S, Judy J, Kim C	Michele M, Elizabeth B, Kim C
READERS	Elizabeth B, Garry P	Martin F, Rosemary S
INTERCESSOR	Elizabeth B	Judy J
COUNTING	Garry P, Lyn B	Charles B, Margaret R
MORNING TEA	<b>Elizabeth B</b> , Laurence L, Lyn B	<b>Rosemary S</b> , Peter W, Barbara M

## Week Ahead

### SUNDAY 7.04.24

#### Second Sunday of Easter

8.00am, 9.30am Eucharist  
11.30am Mandarin service  
1.00pm Badminton, *hall*  
2.00pm Dinka service

### MONDAY 8.04.24

Vicar's day off

6.30-9.00pm Narc Anon *Undercroft*  
6.30-8.30pm Celestial Tai Chi, *hall*

### TUES 9.04.23

9.00am-1.00pm Office open  
9.00 onwards Parish People@Work  
6.00-8.00pm Bellydancing (*holidays*)

### WED 10.04.24

9.30-11.30am Playgroup, (*holidays*)  
10.30am Eucharist  
10.00-11.30am Tai Chi (*holidays*)  
10.30am Eucharist

### THU 11.04.24

Rev'd Esther's day off  
6.30-9.30pm Crossways ESL, *hall*

### FRI 12.04.2

8.00am-1.00pm Office open  
5.30pm Chinese prayer

### SAT 13.04.24

10.30am-1.30pm Sat School (*holidays*)

### SUN 14.04.24

8.00am Eucharist, 9.30am Eucharist  
11.30am Mandarin service  
1.00pm Badminton, *hall*  
2.00pm Dinka service

## For the Diary

### April 9

Parish Council Meeting, 7.30pm, U'croft

### April 11

Last day for Tesselaar bulb orders

### April 17

U&I Designs Fashion Show and Sale  
1.30pm Undercroft. All welcome

### April 20

Bible study resumes  
Saturdays, 10.00am

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