

# Fifth Sunday of Easter

*10 May 2020 Morning Prayer, Second Order  
A Prayer Book for Australia*

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## Gathering in God's name

'I am the way, and the truth, and the life,' says the Lord. 'No one comes to the Father except through me.'

John

14.6

Christ is risen. Alleluia.

**He is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

This is the day that the Lord has made;

**Let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

*The Minister*

Friends in Christ,

we come together to meet with God,

and to take our part in the building up of his Church.

We will lift up our hearts in thanks and praise,

hear from God's holy word,

and pray for this world, and for ourselves.

The Bible tells us to approach God confidently,  
through our Lord Jesus Christ.

As we do so, we must confess our sins,  
seeking forgiveness through God's boundless  
goodness and mercy.

The risen Jesus said that the Scriptures had been fulfilled in his suffering and resurrection and now repentance and forgiveness was to be announced in his name to all nations in the power of the Spirit.

*Luke 24: 47,49*

*Silence may be kept*

*The Minister continues*

So let us draw near to God with sincerity and confidence, and pray together,

**God of all mercy,  
we humbly admit that we need your help.  
We have wandered from your way.  
We have sinned in thought, word and deed,  
and have failed to do what is right.  
You alone can save us.  
Have mercy on us,  
wipe out our sins and teach us to forgive others.  
Bring forth in us the fruit of your Spirit  
that we may live the new life to your glory.  
This we ask in the name of Jesus our Saviour. Amen.**

*The Minister stands and declares God's forgiveness.*

God desires that none should perish,  
but that all should turn to Christ, and live.  
In response to his call we acknowledge our sins.  
God pardons those who humbly repent, and truly believe the gospel.  
Therefore we have peace with God, through Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, free from sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed. *1 Peter 2:24*

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.  
**His steadfast love endures for ever!**  
Grace and peace be with you  
**and also with you.**  
Come, let us sing to the Lord,  
**shout to the rock of our salvation.**  
Serve the Lord with gladness,  
**come before his face with songs of joy.**

## The Ministry of the Word

*The Minister says*

Heavenly Father,  
give us wisdom and understanding.  
As we listen to your Word,  
may we know you better, love you more,  
and learn to please you in all we do;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## New Testament Reading: 1 Peter 2: 11 - 3: 7

Beloved, I urge you as aliens and exiles to abstain from the desires of the flesh that wage war against the soul. <sup>12</sup>Conduct yourselves honourably among the Gentiles, so that, though they malign you as evildoers, they may see your honourable deeds and glorify God when he comes to judge.

<sup>13</sup> For the Lord's sake accept the authority of every human institution, whether of the emperor as supreme, <sup>14</sup>or of governors, as sent by him to punish those who do wrong and to praise those who do right. <sup>15</sup>For it is God's will that by doing right you should silence the ignorance of the foolish.

<sup>16</sup>As servants of God, live as free people, yet do not use your freedom as a pretext for evil. <sup>17</sup>Honour everyone. Love the family of believers. Fear God. Honour the emperor.

<sup>18</sup> Slaves, accept the authority of your masters with all deference, not only those who are kind and gentle but also those who are harsh. <sup>19</sup>For it is to your credit if, being aware of God, you endure pain while suffering unjustly. <sup>20</sup>If you endure when you are beaten for doing wrong, where is the credit in that? But if you endure when you do right and suffer for it, you have God's approval. <sup>21</sup>For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you should follow in his steps.

<sup>22</sup> 'He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth.'

<sup>23</sup>When he was abused, he did not return abuse; when he suffered, he did not threaten; but he entrusted himself to the one who judges justly. <sup>24</sup>He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, free from sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed.

<sup>25</sup>For you were going astray like sheep, but now you have returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

<sup>3</sup>Wives, in the same way, accept the authority of your husbands, so that, even if some of them do not obey the word, they may be won over without a word by their wives' conduct, <sup>2</sup>when they see the purity and reverence of your lives. <sup>3</sup>Do not adorn yourselves outwardly by braiding your hair, and by wearing gold ornaments or fine clothing; <sup>4</sup>rather, let your adornment be the inner self with the lasting beauty of a gentle and quiet spirit, which is very precious in God's sight.

<sup>5</sup>It was in this way long ago that the holy women who hoped in God used to adorn themselves by accepting the authority of their husbands. <sup>6</sup>Thus Sarah obeyed Abraham and called him lord. You have become her daughters as long as you do what is good and never let fears alarm you.

<sup>7</sup> Husbands, in the same way, show consideration for your wives in your life together, paying honour to the woman as the weaker sex, since they too are also heirs of the gracious gift of life—so that nothing may hinder your prayers.

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

## The Holy Gospel: John 14:1-14

‘Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. <sup>2</sup>In my Father’s house there are many dwelling-places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? <sup>3</sup>And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. <sup>4</sup>And you know the way to the place where I am going.’

<sup>5</sup>Thomas said to him, ‘Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?’ <sup>6</sup>Jesus said to him, ‘I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. <sup>7</sup>If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.’

<sup>8</sup> Philip said to him, ‘Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.’ <sup>9</sup>Jesus said to him, ‘Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, “Show us the Father”? <sup>10</sup>Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works.

<sup>11</sup>Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. <sup>12</sup>Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father.

<sup>13</sup>I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. <sup>14</sup>If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.

Hear the Word of the Lord  
**Thanks be to God**

## The Sermon

# Hymn: Church of God, Elect and Glorious

*HFTC 504 Text: J.E. Seddon Tune: Hyfrydol*

Church of God, elect and glorious,  
holy nation, chosen race;  
called as God's own special people,  
royal priests and heirs of grace:  
know the purpose of your calling,  
show to all his mighty deeds;  
tell of love which knows no limits,  
grace which meets all human needs.

God has called you out of darkness  
into his most marvellous light;  
brought his truth to life within you,  
turned your blindness into sight.  
Let your light so shine around you  
that God's name is glorified;  
and all find fresh hope and purpose  
in Christ Jesus crucified.

Once you were an alien people,  
strangers to God's heart of love;  
but he brought you home in mercy,  
citizens of heaven above.  
Let his love flow out to others,  
let them feel a Father's care;  
that they too may know his welcome  
and his countless blessings share.

Church of God, elect and holy,  
be the people he intends;  
strong in faith and swift to answer  
each command your master sends:  
royal priests, fulfil your calling  
through your sacrifice and prayer;  
give your lives in joyful service  
sing his praise, his love declare.

## The Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,**

creator of heaven and earth.

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose from the dead;  
he ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father;  
from there he will come to judge  
the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## The Ministry of Prayer

*The Minister says*

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us join together in the prayer which Jesus gave us.

**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 Minister continues*

Be exalted, Lord, above the heavens,  
**let your glory cover the earth.**  
Keep our nation under your care,  
**and guide us in justice and truth.**  
Let your way be known on earth,  
**your saving power among all nations.**  
Send out your light and your truth,  
**that we may tell of your saving works.**  
Have mercy on the poor and oppressed.  
**Hear the cry of those in need.**  
Hear our prayers, O Lord,  
**for we put our trust in you.**

## The Collect of the Day

Everliving God, whose Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life: give us grace to love one another, to follow in the way of his commandments, and to share his risen life; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## Prayers

*A Minister*

Let your requests be made known unto God.  
**In everything give thanks.**

*Prayers and thanksgivings may be offered*

*For the whole created order, especially ...*

*For the nations and peoples of the earth ...*

*For those in authority in this land ...*

*For the Church, its leaders and members ...*

*For our community, families and friends ...*

*For those who are in need ...*

*For particular situations ...*

*After each prayer the following or similar responses may be used.*

Father, hear our prayer,  
**through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

*A Minister continues*

Lord, you have given us grace to agree in these our prayers, and you have promised that when two or three ask together in your name you will grant their requests. Fulfil now, Lord, our desires and prayers as may be best for us. Grant us, in this life, knowledge of your truth and in the age to come, life eternal. **Amen.**

## The Sending Out of God's People

Eternal God and Father,

**by whose power we are created,  
and by whose love we are redeemed:  
Guide and strengthen us by your Spirit,  
that we may give ourselves to your service,  
and live this day in love to one another  
and to you;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*The Minister says one of the following*

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God,  
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,  
be with us all. **Amen.**

*Or*

May the Lord bless you and keep you;  
May the Lord make his face to shine upon you,  
and be gracious to you.  
May the Lord lift up his countenance upon you,  
and give you peace. **Amen.**

*The Minister says*

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

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