

# Sixth Sunday of Easter

*17 May 2020 Morning Prayer, Second Order*

*A Prayer Book for Australia*

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## Gathering in God's name

The resurrected Jesus Christ has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

*1 Peter 3:18,22*

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.**

Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. *1 Peter 3:18*

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 3: 8-22

Finally, all of you, have unity of spirit, sympathy, love for one another, a tender heart, and a humble mind. <sup>9</sup>Do not repay evil for evil or abuse for abuse; but, on the contrary, repay with a blessing. It is for this that you were called—that you might inherit a blessing. <sup>10</sup>For

‘Those who desire life

and desire to see good days,  
let them keep their tongues from evil  
and their lips from speaking deceit;

<sup>11</sup> let them turn away from evil and do good;  
let them seek peace and pursue it.

<sup>12</sup> For the eyes of the Lord are on the righteous,  
and his ears are open to their prayer.

But the face of the Lord is against those who do evil.’

<sup>13</sup> Now who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? <sup>14</sup>But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, <sup>15</sup>but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defence to anyone who demands from you an account of the hope that is in you; <sup>16</sup>yet do it with gentleness and reverence. Keep your conscience clear, so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. <sup>17</sup>For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God’s will, than to suffer for doing evil.

<sup>18</sup>For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, <sup>19</sup>in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, <sup>20</sup>who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight people, were saved through water. <sup>21</sup>And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you—not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, <sup>22</sup>who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

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

## The Holy Gospel: John 14: 15-21

'If you love me, you will keep my commandments. <sup>16</sup> And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you for ever. <sup>17</sup> This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

<sup>18</sup> 'I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. <sup>19</sup> In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. <sup>20</sup> On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you.

<sup>21</sup> They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them.'

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

## The Sermon: The Suffering life

# Hymn: May the mind of Christ my saviour

*AHB 537*

*Text: Kate Barclay Wilkinson*

*Tune: St Leonard's*

May the mind of Christ my saviour  
live in me from day to day,  
by his love and power controlling  
all I do and say.

May the word of God dwell richly  
In my heart from hour to hour,  
so that all may see I triumph  
only through his power.

May the peace of God my Father  
rule my life in everything,  
that I may be calm to comfort  
sick and sorrowing.

May the love of Jesus fill me  
as the waters fill the sea,  
him exalting, self abasing -  
this is victory!

May I run the race before me  
strong and brave to face the foe,  
looking only unto Jesus,  
as I onward go.

## 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

O God, you have prepared for those who love you joys beyond our understanding: pour into our hearts such love for you, that, loving you above all else, we may obtain your promises that exceed all we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and 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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