

The Fourth Sunday of Easter

Sunday 21st April 2024



Good Shepherd by Jorge Cocco

All Souls Presider: The Reverend Trevor Fisher Preacher: The Reverend Vivienne Pyle

Please be aware that this service is live-streamed to the Internet.

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

Processional Hymn

- 1. Seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness, and all these things shall be added unto you; allelu, alleluia.

 Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, allelui, alleluia.
- 2. You shall not live by bread alone, but by ev'ry word that proceeds from the mouth of God; allelu, alleluia.

 Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, allelu, alleluia
- 3. Ask and it shall be given unto you, seek and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you; allelu, alleluia.

 Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, allelu, alleluia

Gathering and Welcome

In the name of God:

Creator, Redeemer and Giver of life. Amen.

The risen Christ meets us at the tomb, and turns our tears to joy.

For your love and goodness we give you thanks, O God.

Christ comes through our locked doors, and turns our fear to courage.

For your love and goodness we give you thanks, O God.

Christ comes to daily life and work, and turns our failure to new vision.

For your love and goodness we give you thanks, O God.

Christ breaks the bread, and turns our despair to hope. For your love and goodness **we give you thanks, O God.**

Grace to you and peace from God our Creator, the love at our beginning and without end, in our midst and with us.

God is with us, here we find new life.

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Rite of Repentance

In silence before God we confess our sins.

God of the empty tomb and our empty hearts, when we are afraid to speak our faith in the world, forgive us and help us to find our voice.

When we are confined by our hurts, touch us with your wounded hands and set us free.

When we are locked behind our doubts and fears, pass through our barricades, open our hearts, and give us peace.

Absolution

Christ comes with healing light into our locked places and shadowy hurts, resurrecting our spirits and breathing into us new life. As God's own forgiven people, go to bring peace, forgiveness, and new life to the world in the name of Jesus Christ.

Amen.

Peruvian Gloria



Cantor: Glory to God, glory to God, glory O Creator.

All: Glory to God, glory to God, glory O Creator.



Cantor: To God be glory forever.

All: To God be glory forever.



Cantor: Alleluia, amen.

All: Alleluia, amen.



All: Alleluia, amen. Alleluia, amen!

Cantor: Glory to God, glory to God, glory be to Jesus.

All: Glory to God, glory to God, glory be to Jesus.

Cantor: To God be glory forever.

All: To God be glory forever.

Cantor: Alleluia, amen.

Alleluia, amen. Alleluia, amen. Alleluia, amen.

Cantor: Glory to God, glory to God, glory Holy Spirit.

All: Glory to God, glory to God, glory Holy Spirit.

Cantor: To God be glory forever.

All: To God be glory forever.

Cantor: Alleluia, amen.

Alleluia, amen. Alleluia, amen. Alleluia, amen.

Sentence

'I am the good shepherd,' says the Lord: 'I know my own and my own know me.'

John 10:14

Collect

We are your people, O God –
the sheep of your pasture,
the flock you have gathered.
Lead us beside still waters;
teach us the way of righteousness;
and feed us at your table;
through Jesus Christ, our good shepherd. Amen

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

Acts 4:5 - 12

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church. **Thanks be to God.**

1 John 3:16 - 24

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church. **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual Hymn

- 1. The Lord's my shepherd, I'll not want;
 He makes me down to lie
 In pastures green, he leadeth me
 The quiet waters by.
- 2. My soul he doth restore again;
 And me to walk doth make
 Within the paths of righteousness
 E'en for his own name's sake.
- 3. Yea, though I walk in death's dark vale Yet will I fear no ill:

 For thou art with me; and thy rod And staff me comfort still.

- 5. Goodness and mercy all my life Shall surely follow me: And in god's house for evermore My dwelling-place shall be.

Gospel Reading

The Holy Gospel according to John. **Praise and glory to God. Alleluia!**

John 10:11 - 18

This is the Gospel of Christ.

Praise to Christ, the Word. Alleluia!

Sermon

The Affirmation of Faith

You, O God, are supreme and holy. You create our world and give us life. Your purpose overarches everything we do. You have always been with us. You are God.

You, O God, are infinitely generous, good beyond all measure.
You came to us before we came to you.
You have revealed and proved your love for us in Jesus Christ, who lived and died and rose again.

You are with us now. You are God.

You, O God, are Holy Spirit. You empower us to be your gospel in the world. You reconcile and heal; you overcome death. You are our God. We worship you.

The Prayers of the People

Let us pray for the Church and for the world, giving thanks for God's goodness.

Bidding: God of goodness and mercy,

Response: Hear our prayer.

THE MINISTRY OF THE SACRAMENT

The Peace

The peace of God be with you all. **In God's justice is our peace.**

E te whānau / Brothers and sisters, Christ calls us to live in unity. We seek to live in the Spirit of Christ.

Offertory Hymn

- Be still, for the presence of the Lord, the Holy One, is here; come, bow before him now, with reverence and fear.
 In him no sin is found, we stand on holy ground.
 Be still, for the presence of the Lord, the Holy One, is here.
- 2. Be still, for the glory of the Lord is shining all around; he burns with holy fire, with splendour he is crowned. How awesome is the sight, our radiant King of Light! Be still, for the glory of the Lord is shining all around.

3. Be still, for the power of the Lord is moving in this place, he comes to cleanse and heal, to minister his grace.

No work too hard for him, in faith, receive from him; be still, for the power of the Lord is moving in this place.

Preparation of the Gifts

Holy One, bless our offerings and transform them into healing for the wounded, hope for the disheartened, courage for the frightened, and faith for the embittered. In the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving

Please remain standing or sitting throughout the Great Thanksgiving as is your custom

Christ is risen!

He is risen indeed.

Lift up your hearts We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Glorious God,
we give you thanks and praise,
for on this day creation sings,
Christ is risen from the dead!
He has burst forth from the tomb
to break the tangles of despair and death.
Love is come again.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with the eternal chorus of rejoicing who forever sing:

Holy, holy, holy, Lord, God of power, Giver of life, heaven and earth declare your splendour. Praise, glory, and love are yours.

All-embracing God, we give thanks for Jesus, the risen Lord of life, who rose victorious from the grave and made the whole creation new.

He broke bread with sinners, fed the hungry, and healed the oppressed, then he poured out his life in death that we might live in love. Christ is risen from the dead.

Love is come again.

We thank you that on the night before he died for us our Lord Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said,

Take, eat: This is my body, which is given for you. Do this to remember me.

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them and said,

Drink this all of you:
This is my blood poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins.
Whenever you drink it,
do this to remember me.

Christ is risen from the dead. Love is come again. Recalling his life, death, and glorious resurrection, we offer you these gifts of bread and wine, and our lives in thanks and praise.

Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may be for us the body and blood of our Saviour Jesus Christ. Breathe your Spirit upon the whole earth, that we may proclaim good news to all the world and rise together as children of your new creation.

Then bring us to that new heaven here on earth, O God, where death and pain are no more and you dwell with us forever.

Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ, by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, we worship you eternally in songs of pure unbounded praise. **Amen.**

As Christ teaches us we pray:

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done
on earth as in heaven.
Give us this day 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.

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ. We who are many are one body, for we all share the one bread.

The Invitation

Come God's people, come to receive Christ's heavenly food.

Communion will be administered from a standing station

Prayer After Communion

We praise you, O God, and give you thanks that you have given us such joy, such grace, and such hope, in the resurrection of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Let our lives be proof of that good news.

Let all our words and actions, our love and service bear witness to your resurrection power; for the sake of our living Lord, Jesus Christ. Amen

Notices

BLESSING

May the goodness and mercy of God follow you all the days of your life, and, at your life's end, may you dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

Recessional Hymn

- 1. Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart; naught be all else to me, save that thou art; thou my best thought in the day and the night, waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.
- 2. Be thou my wisdom, be thou my true word, I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord; thou my great Father, and I thy true heir; thou in me dwelling, and I in thy care.

- 3. Be thou my breastplate, my sword for the fight, be thou my armour, and be thou my might, thou my soul's shelter, and thou my high tow'r, raise thou me heav'nward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.
- 4. Riches I need not, nor vain empty praise; thou mine inheritance, now and all ways; thou and thou only, the first in my heart, Sovereign of heaven, my treasure thou art.
- 5. Sovereign of heaven, when life's work is done, grant heaven's joys to me, O bright heav'n's sun; Christ of my own heart, whatever befall, still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

The Dismissal of the Community
Go now to love and serve the Lord. Go in peace.
Amen! We go in the name of the Christ.

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH 22 - 28 APRIL

EARTH DAY Monday

Bridge Lessons 10.00-12.00 Tuesday Parish Hall

Mahjong 1.00pm Tuesday Christ Church Room

Men's Group9.30amWednesdayWindross FarmBridge Club10.00amWednesdayParish HallANZAC DAY PUBLIC HOLIDAYThursdayOffice closedEucharist combined9.30amSundayChrist Church

Followed by morning tea at Bite 'n Sip Café, Ardmore

Clevedon Anzac Commemorative Services

(details from Our Auckland website)

Service: 9.30am at Monument and 10.15am at Clevedon Hall, Clevedon Monument, corner of Monument and Papakura-Clevedon Roads; Clevedon Hall, 1 Papakura-Clevedon Rd

Other details: Commences with short flag-raising and wreath-laying ceremony at the Monument, followed by an official parade to the Hall for commemorations and reflections. Light refreshments will be served afterwards. Guest speaker, local resident Jamie Pennell, ex-New Zealand Special Forces.

Readings next Sunday

Acts 8 : 26 – 40 Psalm 22 : 25 – 31 1 John 4 : 7 – 21 John 15 : 1 - 8

April - July 2024 Pattern of Worship

First Sunday All Souls Clevedon (and livestreamed) 9.30am

Second Sunday Christ Church Alfriston 9.30am

Third Sunday All Souls Clevedon (and livestreamed) 9.30am

Fourth Sunday Christ Church Alfriston 9.30am

Followed by morning tea at Bite 'n Sip Café, Ardmore

Fifth Sunday All Souls Clevedon (and livestreamed) 9.30am

And a reminder to purchase your Sanctuary-St James tickets, and pass the word around:

Our Autumn series is crammed full of variety and excellence!

Sunday 5 May 7pm **Ensemble Aaru** – classical reed quintet This concert is followed by supper. An invitation to all parishioners attending this first concert to bring a contribution for the supper.

Sunday 12 May 7pm **Next Offramp** – contemporary acapella vocal

group

Sunday 19 May 7pm Auckland Chamber Music Collective –

chamber music

Sunday 26 May 7pm **Shindig** – a folk, blues and country trio

Autumn Publication of the Parish Press – note from Denise

Since it's the Autumn publication, I'd like it published for the first Sunday of June (2nd) the second Sunday at the latest so there's heaps of time for people to get items to me. Three months certainly comes around fast! I would like several people to write their reflections of the Big Mission Home this time. And I would really like to have a couple of Centema poems to include. I'm humming and ha-ing about writing a humorous piece about the animals here at SBC, on the lines of my loyal subjects who boss me around and know so much more about how to live peacefully than I will ever know. Other articles from people's everyday lives may be of interest. Perhaps a brief insight into someone's hobby or passion?

Jokes of course. Humorous anecdotes people have heard and can share. I would like to have a few things about/from children. Anything really. Thank you

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Earth Day 2024



Earth Day is a global event where people honour the natural environment and raise awareness of environmental issues.

Earth Day is celebrated every year and this year, in NZ, it is on 22 April.

The theme for Earth Day 2024 is "Planet vs. Plastics".

It highlights the fact that over 380 million tons of plastic are produced daily, an astounding 50 percent of which is for single-use purposes. The nonprofit is demanding a 60 percent reduction in the production of plastics by 2040. https://www.earthday.org/planet-vs-plastics/

There are countless ways YOU can get involved and be a part of this amazing initiative! Here's a few ways!



Avoid pre-packaged foods by choosing bulk or loose food.



Avoid using cleaning products packaged in single-use plastic.



Reduce plastics waste with reusable decorations and party supplies.



Avoid disposable products and packaging has a huge impact.



Simple laundry choices can keep clothes smelling fresh while helping to reduce microplastics.

"All of us—whoever and wherever we are—can play a part in changing our collective response to the unprecedented threat of climate change and environmental degradation.

Caring for God's creation is a spiritual commission requiring a response of commitment. This is a critical moment. Our children's future and the future of our common home depend on it."

— A Joint Message for the Protection of Creation (Season of Creation 2021) Soumenical Patriarch Santholomew I, Pope Francis, Architektop Justin Weitly of Centerbury