

**Second Sunday of Easter**

**19 April 2020**



**On That First Morning**

1. On that first morning, after the Sabbath,  
Three women set forth seeking His tomb.  
Bearing the spices meant for anointing,  
They came to bless their crucified Lord.

2. Nearing the garden, they were astonished  
To find the stone rolled back from the tomb.  
Fearful they entered and saw an angel  
Robed in white garments bright as the sun.

3. "Do not be frightened," he reassured them.  
"He whom you seek is no longer here.  
He has been raised up, just as He promised.  
Come see the place where Jesus was laid"

4. Magdalene saw it. Peter believed it.  
Yet Thomas doubted, 'til Jesus came.  
As they were gathered, He came among  
them:

"Peace be to you," He greeted His friends.

5. Bursting with gladness, hearts overflowing,  
We sing of God and God's awesome love.  
Life overwhelms death. Light smothers  
darkness.

Sing Alleluia! Thanks be to God!

Text: Paul Gibson and Joan Natoli

Tune: Morning Has Broken

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**At Worship Today:**

**Almighty and eternal God,  
the strength of those who believe  
and the hope of those who doubt:  
may we, who have not seen, have faith  
and receive the fullness of Christ's blessing;  
who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. Amen.**

**9.45 am (Sung Eucharist)**

Preaching & Presiding: Ven Dianne  
Liturgy Setting: Diane Gome  
Processional: On That First Morning (words on front of pew sheet)  
(tune 156)  
Sentence: Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus  
Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth  
into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus  
Christ from the dead.  
First Reading: Acts 2.14a, 22 - 32  
Gospel: John 20.19 - 31  
Offertory: Holy Spirit, Living Water (See screen & inside pages)  
Post-Communion Meditation: 'With A Voice of Singing' by Martin Shaw  
Recessional Hymn: TIS 393 Christ Is Alive, With Joy We Sing vs. 1,4,5

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**Roster to end of May 2020**

**Third Sunday of Easter - 26 April**

Acts 2.14a, 36-41 Sophie Clapperton

Intercessions Michael Mosley

**Fourth Sunday of Easter – 3rd May**

Acts 2: 42 – 47 Irene Donohoue Clyne

Intercessions Val Dyke

**Fifth Sunday of Easter – 10th May**

Acts 7: 55 – 60 John Foster

Intercessions Christine Mallouhi

**Sixth Sunday of Easter - 17<sup>th</sup> May**

Acts 17: 22 – 31 Val Dyke

Intercessions Judith Gibson

**Seventh Sunday of Easter – 24 May**

Acts 1: 6 – 14 John Russell

Intercessions Jenny Bowers

**Day of Pentecost – 31<sup>st</sup> May**

Acts 2: 1 – 21 Elaine Fasken

1 Corinthians 12: 1 – 13 Rowena Ferguson

Intercessions in various languages

**First Reading: Acts 2.14a, 22 - 32**

Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd, "Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with deeds of power, wonders, and signs that God did through him among you, as you yourselves know—23 this man, handed over to you according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of those outside the law. 24 But God raised him up, having freed him from death, because it was impossible for him to be held in its power. 25 For David says concerning him, "I saw the Lord always before me, for he is at my right hand so that I will not be shaken; 26 therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced; moreover, my flesh will live in hope. 27 For you will not abandon my soul to Hades, or let your Holy One experience corruption. 28 You have made known to me the ways of life; you will make me full of gladness with your presence." 29 'Fellow Israelites, I may say to you confidently of our ancestor David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. 30 Since he was a prophet, he knew that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would put one of his descendants on his throne. 31 Foreseeing this, David spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, saying, "He was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh experience corruption." 32 This Jesus God raised up, and of that all of us are witnesses.

**Gospel Reading: John 20.19 - 31**

19 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.' 20 After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. 21 Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.' 22 When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. 23 If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.' 24 But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. 25 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.' 26 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.' 27 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.' 28 Thomas answered him, 'My Lord and my God!' 29 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.' 30 Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. 31 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.

### ***From the Vicar***

The Gospel reading today is one of transformation. The fear of the disciples, locked in their upper room and huddled in upon themselves, is transformed by the gift of peace which Jesus brings and his giving of the Spirit to strengthen them on their way. Well, I don't know about you, but this sounds much like us and the world at the moment. We are huddled in our homes for fear of "The sickness" as my 4 year old grandsons call Coronavirus. But, like the disciples it can be a time of growth in our faith as Jesus continues to bring his peace into our lives and continues to give us his Spirit to strengthen and transform us.

The doubt of Thomas is transformed by his encounter with the risen Lord. With this transformation, however, comes responsibility. Just as Jesus was sent into the world, so we are, as Jesus' disciples, we are also sent into the world to act as Jesus did. When Thomas is told by his companions that they have seen Jesus, he places his own conditions on faith. He will not believe unless he sees and touches Jesus. And so when Thomas is given the opportunity to touch Jesus he professes his faith, while he may have been surprised, he was alert to the nearness of Jesus. Touch goes beyond verifying physical presence. It can provide healing and comfort; it can be an act of support or compassion. Look for ways in which a simple gesture of touch can convey friendship, compassion or support this week.

#### **Did You Know:**

- The period from Easter to Pentecost is known as 'the Great Fifty Days' and is an integral part of the Lent-Easter-Pentecost cycle.
- There is an ancient tradition that Thomas preached the Gospel as far east as India and there are many South Indian congregations in India and indeed Melbourne called Mar Thoma – St. Thomas.
- The next few weeks feature readings from John's Gospel, the last of the written canonical Gospels. While the Synoptic Gospels (Matthew, Mark and Luke) are read through the normal three year cycle, John is featured in particular seasons throughout the normal cycle.

Pax (peace),  
Vicar Dianne

### **Congregational Giving Report 1<sup>st</sup> JANUARY through until the 31<sup>st</sup> of MARCH 2020**

<b>Giving Category</b>	<b>Amount Given</b>	<b>Budget Amount</b>	<b>Variation from Budget</b>
<b>Open</b>	7,384	3,719	+ 3,665
<b>Envelopes</b>	18,621	20,500	- 1,879
<b>Direct to bank Account</b>	7,820	6,348	+ 1,472
<b>ADF Planned Giving</b>	23,797	24,900	- 1,103
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>57,622</b>	<b>55,467</b>	<b>+ 2,155</b>

**The Wardens thank you for your generosity**

## Holy Spirit, Living Water

(♩ = 90-100)

1 Ho-ly Spi-rit, li-ving wa-ter, flow in us and set us  
free. Cleanse our un-be-lief and sor-row, wash our  
eyes and make us see. 2.3.4.5. Ho-ly Light.

2. Holy Spirit, come as wind and  
blow the dust of death away.  
Breathe the gift of life into us,  
lighten hearts to laugh and play.

3. Holy Spirit, rushing fire,  
burn with truth and justice here.  
Catch our minds alight with passion,  
perfect love that casts out fear.

4. Holy Spirit, come in silence,  
wordlessly to heal and bless.  
Be the heart that prays within us,  
fill the void with tenderness.

5. Holy Spirit, blessed Wisdom,  
teach us all of God's delight.  
Offer us the wine of grace and  
make us children of the Light.

words: Elizabeth J. Smith music: Chris Chataway

If you would like to donate to the **ABM Lent appeal** you call Helen on 9803 4340 or 0409 337 835.



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The Church Office is now **closed**. If you wish to continue to bring food items for the Asylum Seekers or your offertory, they can be left in Dianne's front porch.

### **Carpark Tree**

It is with some sadness that the time has come (within the next four weeks) for the large tree in the carpark to be removed. The report of a professional arborist confirmed what many of us have observed in the last couple of years namely that the tree is in very poor health (loss of limbs, decaying hollows, significant dieback) which has not been helped by previous removal of the main scaffold limbs with new growth being only from epicormic buds (from just underneath the bark layer). The consequence is that further limb failure is both highly likely and immanent. Thus because of the serious safety risks posed by the latter, the Parish Council has decided to have the tree removed. As part of the removal process, the stump will also be ground out. The tree is not within a Monash Council Vegetation Protection Overlay.

We look forward to eventually replacing the tree with more suitable vegetation once social distancing restrictions allow us to work on restoring the health of the ground in the enclosure.

### **From the Wardens: Adapting our Church to meet Coronavirus protocols.**

The Wardens have been talking regularly with Rev'd Dianne as our Parish and Clergy adapt to government directives, Diocesan protocols for worship and keeping our staff in good health. We will continue to update you as we have information to share.

#### **• Livestream Services.**

The response to services via Zoom has been very positive. Many thanks to Andrew McCoy for his hard work and expertise. We are learning new things each week so please be understanding if the sound drops. Don't forget you can phone into the service if you cannot connect via a computer, i-pad or phone device.

#### **• New Opportunities to Communicate**

We have received many suggestions of apps or ideas that could be used to enhance worship and communication. Please be patient as our parish adapts to new ways of working and communicating as our Clergy focus on the plethora of changes needed to adapt the liturgy, responses to pastoral matters, and Diocesan requirements to the time and technological constraints of live streaming, electronic communication mediums etc. Please pass any ideas or requests to The Wardens who will share your suggestions with Parish Council and Clergy.

#### **• Parish Questionnaire – Last Call!**

The timing of this Survey was thwarted by the closure of the Church for public worship. The response has been good but not as high as we expected. There is still time. Please post your reply or email the form to the Parish Office by the end of April 2020. Your ideas will help Parish Council with planning.

The Wardens (John, Judith, Graeme).

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**Children's and Families' Minister**

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**SERVICE: Sunday 9.45 am**