

Thurs 10th May Ascension Day
 Tues 15th May 10am Elders' Morning Tea

Just Manna: In recent weeks, Just Manna has been delighted to respond to request for support from Syrian refugees who have settled in Perth. We have a specific on-going need from one family for nappies for 2 of their children, a 12 month of baby and a severely disabled 9 year old girl. The cost of the nappies is putting the family in financial difficulty. A basket will be made available in church on Sunday mornings for those who would like to donate nappies(sizes 10-15 kg and 10-18 kg)

Cash donations are also welcome... see Laurel, Michael or Joan.

SEXUAL HARASSMENT IN THE CHURCH??

Yes, it happens, and it is an issue we must take seriously if we are serious about being followers of Christ. I have signed up for a short online course on sexual harassment in the church. It only takes 45 minutes in total and you can do it in your own time between May 14 and 28. I encourage all members of the St. Paul's community to take this course with me. the link is <https://www.churchnext.tv/> Rev'd Stuart Fenner

BANKING INFORMATION FOR ST. PAULS

General Giving: BSB 706 001, account 30003006 – Anglican Parish of Beaconsfield
Building Restoration (Account name Anglican Parish of Beaconsfield): BSB 706 001, account 30008256 (not tax deductible)
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IGWR donations: BSB 706 001, account 30006088
Just Manna donations: BSB 633-000, account 151597085

Readings NEXT Sunday

Lectionary readings are online at <http://lectionary.library.vanderbilt.edu>

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| 13 May | Acts 1:15-17, 21-26 | Pauline O'Hara |
| Seventh Sunday | Psalms 1 | Dot Taylor |
| of | 1John 5: 9-13 | |
| Easter | John 17: 6-19 | |

Morning & Evening prayer 6.30am & 6.30pm – Midday Prayer 12noon

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St Paul's Beaconsfield

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Welcome to all who come to worship this Sunday. Welcome to all who join us for the first time; you are invited to share with us in Communion and hospitality in the hall after the service. All are invited to join in the Elm Dance, a dance for healing, on your way to the Hall.

Tues 15th May

10am Elders' Morning Tea



If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love.

[John 15:10]

1. Tell out my soul

Tune VU 168

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord!
Unnumbered blessings give my spirit voice;
tender to me the promise of his word;
in God my Saviour shall my heart rejoice.

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his Name!
Make known his might, the deeds his arm has done;
his mercy sure, from age to age to same;
his holy Name--the Lord, the Mighty One.

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his might!
Powers and dominions lay their glory by.
Proud hearts and stubborn wills are put to flight,
the hungry fed, the humble lifted high.

Tell out, my soul, the glories of his word!
Firm is his promise, and his mercy sure.
Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord
to children's children and for evermore!

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I soar and rise
Up to the skies,
Leaving the world their day,
And in my flight,
For the true light
Go seeking all the way.
Henry Vaughan, from Ascension Day

(Ascension Day – Thursday 10th May)

2. Amazing Grace

VU 766

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found, was blind but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved;
How precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed.

Through many dangers, toils and snares I have already come;
'Tis grace that brought me safe thus far and grace will lead me home.

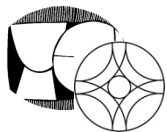
The Lord has promised good to me, this word my hope secures;
God will my shield and portion be as long as life endures.

When we've been there ten thousand years, bright shining as the sun,
We've no less days to sing God's praise than when we'd first begun.

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found, was blind but now I see.

Christabel thanks everyone who made her 70th Birthday celebration
such a lovely gathering of community family and friends. St Paul's shone!





We break this bread to share in the body of Christ

We who are many are one body in Christ

For we all share in the one bread

*All are invited to share in communion, as the parish community of
St Paul's offers the hospitality of the altar to all.*

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Living God,

In this holy meal you fill us with new hope.

May the power of your love,
which we have known in word and sacrament,

Continue your saving work among us,

give us courage for our pilgrimage,

And bring us to the joys you promise.

Most Loving God

You send us into the world You love

Give us grace to go thankfully

And sight to find our reflection

In the cross of love and drawn out from the tomb of darkness

May we live in the power of your Spirit Amen.

All stand for the blessing and dismissal

Priest:

The Lord bless you and keep you;

The Lord make His face to shine upon you,
and be gracious to you;

The Lord lift up His countenance upon you,
and give you peace.

And the blessings of God Almighty

The Creator, the Redeemer and the Sanctifier,

Be upon you and remain with you always.

Amen.

Deacon or PA: Go in Peace to love and serve the Lord
In the name of Christ, Amen

(Lines 1-5 of blessing from Numbers 6:24-26)

Priest: We acknowledge the Nyungar people as the traditional custodians of this land and we pay our respects to their elders past and present”.

Blessed be the one, holy and living God

Glory to God for ever and ever.

Christ is risen

He is risen indeed.”

Deacon or PA or priest assist the children to light the candle

Deacon or PA:

Sentence

As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love.

Prayer of preparation

**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.**

Kyrie eleison
Christe eleison
Kyrie eleison

Priest:

Glory to God, wisdom of creation and light of all life

Glory to God, gift of life and Spirit of Love.

Glory to God, our birth, our death and our Divine life in Christ.

Congregation stands and sings the Gloria response

**Gloria, gloria,
 in excelsis Deo!
 Gloria, gloria,
 alleluia, alleluia!**

Priest:

The Collect

God of Love, Song of Creation

Through water, blood and the Divine Spirit we receive life,
 And in love we make manifest life's divine fruit.

In Christ, Divine Love is revealed in all life,

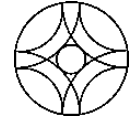
And in our loving one another we create a community of life
 that realizes your Divine Glory

Amen



*During the Great Thanksgiving Prayer we echo the words of the priest and
 may join in the responses*

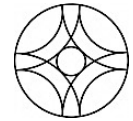
Holy, holy, holy Lord
God of power and might
Heaven and earth are full of your glory
Hosanna in the highest!



We now proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died
Christ is risen
Christ is come again.

Blessing and honour and glory and power
are yours for ever and ever Amen.



Priest:

*Let us pray in the words
 our Saviour Christ has taught 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.

Offertory and Chant



We bring forward our gifts to the front of the church, to symbolise the movement of giving, while we chant:

**Bless the Lord my soul and bless God's holy name,
Bless the Lord my soul, who leads me into life**

Repeat

Prayer over the gifts

Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation.
Through your goodness we have these gifts to share.
Accept and use our offerings for your glory
and for the service of your kingdom.

Blessed be God for ever.

Holy Communion

Priest:

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 our thanks and praise



First Reading

Acts 10: 44-49

While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. 45 The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, 46 for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, 47 "Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?" 48 So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

For the word of the Lord – **Thanks be to God**



*Let nothing disturb you,
Let nothing frighten you,
All things are passing;
God only is changeless.
Patience gains all things.
Who has God wants nothing.
God alone suffices.*

Teresa of Avila

Psalm 98



We sing to the Lord with joy, and praise his marvellous love

1 O sing to the Lord a new song: for he has done marvellous things;
 2 His right hand and his holy arm: they have got him the victory.
 3 The Lord has made known his salvation: he has revealed his just deliverance in the sight of the nations.

We sing to the Lord with joy, and praise his marvellous love

4 He has remembered his mercy and faithfulness towards the house of Israel: and all the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.
 5 Shout with joy to the Lord, all the earth: break into singing and make melody.

We sing to the Lord with joy, and praise his marvellous love

6 Make melody to the Lord upon the harp: upon the harp and with the sounds of praise.
 7 With trumpets and with horns: cry out in triumph before the Lord, the king.

We sing to the Lord with joy, and praise his marvellous love

8 Let the sea roar, and all that fills it: the good earth and those who live upon it.
 9 Let the rivers clap their hands: and let the mountains ring out together before the Lord;
 10 For he comes to judge the earth: he shall judge the world with righteousness, and the peoples with equity.

We sing to the Lord with joy, and praise his marvellous love

God is an unutterable sigh, planted in the depths of the soul.

Jean Paul Richter

Deacon or PA:

Prayer of Approach

Loving God,

**We open our eyes to the beauty of your holiness;
 We open our ears to the message of your word;
 We open our minds to the challenge of your truth;
 We open our hearts to the power of your love;
 We open our lives to the coming of your Spirit,
 That we may truly worship you,
 now and forever.**

As we prepare to celebrate the mystery of Christ's love let us look within, search our hearts, and seek God's healing grace.

God of the loving heart,

**we confess before You
 those places in our hearts
 where we have refused you entrance:
 people we have refused to love;
 habits we have never got round to changing;
 good things we have left undone;
 and ways in which we hurt You, ourselves and others.**

Come to us in the light of Your Christ.

Shine on those places we have hidden from You.

Show us new ways to live.

**Sweep clean the rooms of our hearts,
 that Christ may find a home in us.**

Be among us now and forever. Amen.

The Priest pronounces the absolution.

Almighty God who has promised forgiveness to all who turn to him in faith: pardon and deliver you from all your sins, strengthen you in all goodness and keep you in eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

We are the body of Christ

God's Spirit is with us

The peace of the Lord be always with you

And also with you

We share with each other the Greeting of the Peace

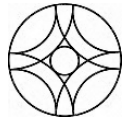
Priest: *We now reaffirm as our own, the faith of the Church*
Do you believe in God the Gift of love and the source of Life?

We believe in a God
whose love is the source of all life
and the desire of our lives,
whose love was given a human face
in Jesus of Nazareth,
whose love was crucified by the evil that waits to enslave us all
and whose love, defeating even death,
is our glorious promise of freedom.
Therefore, though we are sometimes fearful
and full of doubt,
in God we trust;
and, in the name of Jesus Christ,
we commit ourselves, in the service of others,
to seek justice and to live in peace
to care for the earth
and to share the commonwealth
of God's goodness,
to live in the freedom of forgiveness
and the power of the spirit of love,
and in the company of the faithful
so to be the church,
for the glory of God. Amen.

[from the Iona community, Isle of Iona]

Priest: God has called us out of darkness into God's marvellous light
We will shine as a light in the world to the glory of God

Pray that we will bear much fruit to the glory of the Divine and give of ourselves to create light and life.



God so loved the world that he gave his only Son that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life

Second Reading

1 John 5: 1-12

1 Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. 2 By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. 3 For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, 4 for whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith. 5 Who is it that conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God? 6 This is the one who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ, not with the water only but with the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one that testifies, for the Spirit is the truth. 7 There are three that testify: 8 the Spirit and the water and the blood, and these three agree. 9 If we receive human testimony, the testimony of God is greater; for this is the testimony of God that he has testified to his Son. 10 Those who believe in the Son of God have the testimony in their hearts. Those who do not believe in God have made him a liar by not believing in the testimony that God has given concerning his Son. 11 And this is the testimony: God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. 12 Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life.



For the word of the Lord - **Thanks be to God**



We are the bees of the invisible
Rainer Maria Rilke

We listen for the Gospel, and open ourselves to hearing the Word – the voice that speaks of divine birth and life lived in the place of resurrection.



Alleluia Alleluia Alleluia
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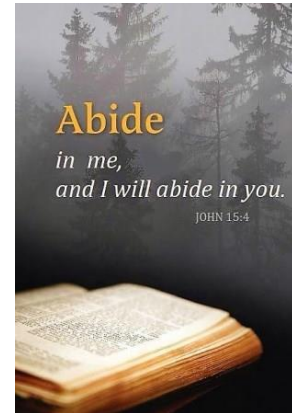
*Just as a circle embraces all that is within it,
so does the
God-head embrace all.
No one has the power to divide this circle,
or surpass it, or to limit it.*

Hildegard of Bingen

Gospel Reading

A reading from the Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John, Chapter 15, beginning at the 9th verse

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ



As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. 10 If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. 11 I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete. 12 "This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. 13 No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. 14 You are my friends if you do what I command you. 15 I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. 16 You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. 17 I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.

For the Gospel of the Lord – Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

The Sermon

