

3rd Sunday of Easter

Opening Responses

You have been born anew; Alleluia;

through the living and enduring word of God. Alleluia!

Hymn AT 349 There is a Redeemer

Confession and Absolution

Let us confess our sins in the presence of God and of each other.

We confess to you, almighty God, before the whole company of heaven, and to each other, that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed by our own fault. Have mercy on us, for Jesus' sake, forgive us all our sins, and bring us to eternal life. Amen.

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy on us, and has given his only Son to die for us, and for his sake forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in his name he has given the right to become children of God, and has given them his Holy Spirit. Whoever believes and is baptised will be saved. Grant this, Lord, to us all. **Amen.**

Apostles' Creed

As God's people through our baptism into Christ, let us confess our faith.

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried.**

He descended into hell.

The third day he rose again from the dead.

**He ascended into heaven,
and sits at the right hand of God, the Father almighty,
from thence 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**

**or: Christian; 'catholic' here means 'universal'*

Prayer of the Day (Collect)

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray;

Almighty and merciful God, you made the disciples glad by the sight of the risen Lord. Remind us that he is always with us, and that we now share in his resurrection. For he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

The First Reading: Acts 2:14a, 36-41

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Psalms 116:1-4, 12-19

I love the LORD, for he heard my voice;
he heard my cry for mercy.

Because he turned his ear to me,
I will call on him as long as I live.

How can I repay the Lord for all his goodness to me?

The cords of death entangled me,
the anguish of the grave came over me;
I was overcome by distress and sorrow.

Then I called on the name of the LORD:
"LORD, save me!"

How can I repay the Lord for all his goodness to me?

What shall I return to the LORD
for all his goodness to me?
I will lift up the cup of salvation
and call on the name of the LORD.

How can I repay the Lord for all his goodness to me?

Precious in the sight of the LORD
is the death of his faithful servants.
Truly I am your servant, LORD;
I serve you just as my mother did;
you have freed me from my chains.

How can I repay the Lord for all his goodness to me?

I will sacrifice a thank offering to you
and call on the name of the LORD.
I will fulfil my vows to the LORD
in the presence of all his people,
in the courts of the house of the LORD—
in your midst, Jerusalem.

How can I repay the Lord for all his goodness to me?

The Second Reading: 1 Peter 1:17-23

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

The Gospel: Luke 24:13-35

This is the gospel of the Lord

Praise be to you, O Christ

Hymn LHB 277 Baptized Into Your Name Most Holy

Sermon

Hymn LHB 543 Abide with Me
(Offering)

Prayer of the Church

Our risen Lord Jesus revealed himself in the proclaiming of his Word and the breaking of bread. Let us pray that the Church, the world and ourselves may be fed with the bread of life.

Heavenly Father, we thank you for revealing your Son, Jesus Christ, in your holy Word. We thank you that you have fulfilled all the promises you made to the Prophets, to Moses and in the Psalms in Jesus. We pray for all who hunger and thirst for righteousness and peace at this time. Lead many to the Bread of Life, Jesus Christ, your Son, so that they may find the true righteousness and peace of forgiveness and healing in him.

Lord in your mercy: **Hear our prayer.**

Father, kindle in our hearts the fire of your great love as we share the peace that you have given to us. Empower us and all your people everywhere to guide others into your Word. As so many people search and hunger for understanding and help, reveal your word to them so that their eyes may be opened in faith.

Lord in your mercy: **Hear our prayer.**

Risen Jesus, at this ANZAC Day weekend, we remember, that like many of our Service men and women in the past, you laid down your life so that we might live. You have won the ultimate war and defeated our greatest enemy, death. This day we give thanks for our country and its hard won freedoms we enjoy. We remember those who died serving in the armed forces of our nation.

Preserve our nation in peace, and in times of war, pandemic, oppression, economic hardship and health crisis, give people strength and courage to defend the cause of the vulnerable in our society, even if it may cost us our lives.

At this time, we especially lift up to you all of our front-line medical professionals and workers who are giving up their own safety for the help and healing of others.

Lord in your mercy: **Hear our prayer.**

We pray for those whom you have called to lead global operations, nations and local communities. Bless our Prime Minister, Scott Morrison, the National Cabinet, The State Premiers and their governments and local community leaders as they take up their calling to serve all without fear of favour.

We pray for all people who live and work in the many aged care facilities in Australia and ask you to protect them from the COVID-19 virus. Give comfort to all who are elderly. Bless those who work with them and give them strength and compassion in their work.

Lord in your mercy: **Hear our prayer.**

Bless and protect all people who are sick and the dying and all who hunger for health. We pray for those who struggle with bad health in our community, especially (*insert names here*). As you healed the cripple man in Jesus' name, bring your perfect healing to all who need it, and especially bring that ultimate healing of eternal life, through Jesus victory over death and hell.

Lord in your mercy: **Hear our prayer.**

Father, in the resurrection of your Son, Jesus Christ, you have swallowed up death for ever, and opened up the way for all people to sit with you at the feast of eternal life. Feed us now and always with the bread of life, our Lord Jesus Christ, for he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

Lord's Prayer

Finally, let us pray for all those things which our Lord would have us ask, saying:

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.

Lead us not into temptation,
 but deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours
 now and forever. Amen.

Hymn LHB 191 The Church's One Foundation

Blessing

May the God of peace, who raised from the dead our Lord Jesus, provide you with every good thing you need in order to do his will;

Go in peace. You have been born anew through the living word of God.

Thanks be to God.