

Focus

Easter Sunday March 31, 2024
Welcome to Worship

Sentence:

Christ our Passover has been
sacrificed for us; therefore let us
keep the feast.
The Lord is risen indeed,
alleluia! 1 Corinthians 5.7–8

Collect:

Brightness of God's glory,
whom death could not conquer nor the tomb imprison:
as you have shared our frailty in human flesh,
help us to share your immortality in the Spirit;
let no shadow of the grave terrify us,
and no fear of darkness turn our hearts from you.
Reveal yourself to us this day and all our days,
as the First and the Last,
the Living One, our immortal Saviour and Lord. **Amen.**

Acts 10.34-43

34 Then Peter began to speak to them: 'I truly understand that God shows no partiality, 35 but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. 36 You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. 37 That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: 38 how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. 39 We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; 40 but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, 41 not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. 42 He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. 43 All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.'

Psalm 118.1-2; 14-24

1 O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good: his mercy endures for ever.

2 Let Israel now proclaim: that his mercy endures for ever.

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14 The Lord is my strength and my song: and has become my salvation.

15 The sounds of joy and deliverance: are in the tents of the righteous.

16 The right hand of the Lord does mighty things: the right hand of the Lord raises up.

17 I shall not die but live: and proclaim the works of the Lord.

18 The Lord has disciplined me hard: but he has not given me over to death.

19 Open me the gates of righteousness: and I will enter and give thanks to the Lord.

20 This is the gate of the Lord: the righteous shall enter it.

21 I will praise you, for you answered me: and have become my salvation.

22 The stone that the builders rejected: has become the head of the corner.

23 This is the Lord's doing: and it is marvellous in our eyes.

24 This is the day that the Lord has made: let us rejoice and be glad in it.

1 Corinthians 15.1-11

1 Now I should remind you, brothers and sisters, of the good news that I proclaimed to you, which you in turn received, in which also you stand, 2 through which also you are being saved, if you hold firmly to the message that I proclaimed to you—unless you have come to believe in vain. 3 For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, 4 and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, 5 and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. 6 Then he appeared to more than five

hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. 7 Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. 8 Last of all, as to someone untimely born, he appeared also to me. 9 For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. 10 But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace towards me has not been in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them—though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. 11 Whether then it was I or they, so we proclaim and so you have come to believe.

John 20.1-18

1 Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. 2 So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, 'They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him.'

3 Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went towards the tomb. 4 The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. 5 He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. 6 Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, 7 and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. 8 Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; 9 for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. 10 Then the disciples returned to their homes.

11 But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; 12 and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. 13 They said to her, 'Woman, why are you weeping?' She said to them, 'They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him.' 14 When she had said this, she turned round and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. 15 Jesus said to her, 'Woman, why are you weeping? For whom are you looking?' Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, 'Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away.' 16 Jesus said to her, 'Mary!' She turned and said to him in Hebrew, 'Rabbouni!' (which means Teacher). 17 Jesus said to her, 'Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, "I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God." '

18 Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, 'I have seen the Lord'; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

MGCC Food Pantry Partnership

We continue this year to help our local community with the supply of:

**Long life milk, cereal, tinned tuna/
fish, jam, peanut butter, vegemite,
tea and coffee.**



Celebration Sunday Sunday April 7

If you are celebrating a birthday or anniversary in April we invite you to bring a plate of food to share at your service that shows a bit of your personality!

We will celebrate our special events during morning tea - come and join in the party, don a hat and have some fun this Sunday!



ANZAC Day Service

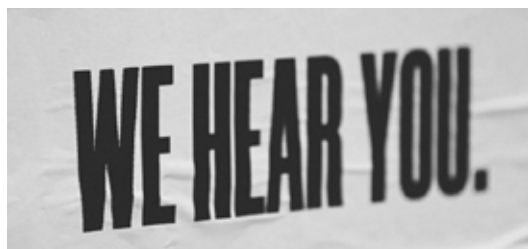
Thursday April 25 at 8am

St. Bartholomew's Anglican Church,
Mt Gravatt



Ladies Coffee and Conversation Morning April 16 at 10am

Lovewell Cafe, Mt Gravatt Lookout
Come along for a chat and a coffee
pr tea! Please RSVP to Lyndel Little
on 0417 718 860 or Elaine Small-
wood 0421 545 010 so they can
book a table!



Next Steps Feedback Sundays

Over the first two Sundays in April we will be asking for your feedback on the changes we have made. More details will be given at each service.



EASTER GIFT 2024

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Mission Grants

This Easter, we welcome you to contribute to the vital work of the Anglican Board of Mission's Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Mission Grants.

Mission Grants are overseen by the National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Anglican Commission (NATSIAC).

These are small grants, usually less than \$20,000, which support the ministry and mission of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. Recent grants have supported ministries as varied as a women's bible camp in the Northern Territory, school chaplaincy in a Western Australian Aboriginal Community College, teenage pregnancy support in central New South Wales, and help with transport for Aboriginal ministry in the Diocese of Willochra.

The Reverend Canon Auntie Di Langham shared with us the impact that one such Mission Grant has had on her community at Toronto, NSW. Auntie Di is a Buandik woman, the chairperson of the Nikinpa Elders and the Director of Reconciliation at the Newcastle Anglican Diocese..

"I've been the recipient of Mission Grants, and for me, it's probably the only way that we can get funding to do Indigenous ministries. It just means a lot; it takes a worry out of your space when you're trying to organise to have different ministries in your community."

Donate today using the envelopes provided in this Focus or online at:
<https://www.abmission.org/appeals/appeals-major/easter2024/>

Weekly Prayers - Mar 31, 2024, Easter Sunday

For the World:

- ◆ The Church in the Province of the West Indies

In Australia:

- ◆ The Diocese of Willochra: †Jeremy James; Clergy and People
- ◆ The Parish of Leichhardt: Vacant
- ◆ Mathew Hale Public Library
- ◆ Public school councils, students and staff

In the Diocese: We pray for:

- ◆ The Archbishop †Jeremy and his family.
- ◆ Our Regional Bishops, †Cameron, †John and their families.
- ◆ Ven. Dr. Ruth Mathieson & St Francis College.

In the Deanery:

- ◆ Archdeacon, Donald Campbell.
- ◆ Area Dean, Cameron Freese.

For St Bart's:

- ◆ Our Rector: Michael and Catherine, Cheryl and Ross, Trevor and Sandra. Our Assistant Curate: Lyn and Rob.
- ◆ Our Wardens: Judith, Jill and Fiona.
- ◆ Parish Council, Parish finances.

For those in Need:

- ◆ Peter, Alex, Dale, Judith

Beyond the Parish:

- ◆ Our clergy in the rural areas
- ◆ Our twin Parish of Charleville, including centres Augathella and Morven.
- ◆ Mt Gravatt Community Centre
- ◆ Mt Gravatt Men's Shed
- ◆ School Chaplaincy Ministry.
- ◆ Insync Youth Service (AnglicareSQ): Nathanael House & Bart's Place

Missions Support

- ◆ ABM— Rev Eron Perry
- ◆ BCA— Rev Michael Uptin
- ◆ BMF— Bishop Cameron Venables
- ◆ CMS— Rachel—Eurasia.

Readings for Next Week:

Easter 2, April 7

Acts 4:32-37

Psalms 133

1 John 1:1-2.2

John 20.19-31

Weekly Message

We welcome all who join us to celebrate the events of Easter. As a parish we have committed to seek relationships with God, each other and the community around us that reveal God's love. We hope those who are visiting this Easter might experience something of the commitment to these relationships in our worship.

During Lent we have been challenged to consider what story is worth telling. To challenge the stories told around us that promise much but rarely deliver. Stories shaped by competition, fear and self-interest. Stories that ultimately underpin the increasing misuse of power & conflict we are experiencing. To recognise that these are the stories that dominate our world despite their continued failure and increasing horror.

At Easter we put together a story based on generosity, justice, service and love. A story of one person offering their life for all people. In celebrating Easter, we respond to this act of love by committing to proclaim this love with our own lives. As we renew our Baptismal vows, we are again committing to follow the example of Christ. To commit as individuals and the Church to be "some people for all people."

To live lives not just for ourselves but for the benefit of all people. In this way we will share a story worth telling. To tell a story that I think has some chance of making a real difference for all.

God's Peace, Rev Michael

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Urgent Prayer Requests

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Giving

As a church we rely on giving to support our staff and services. If you would like to support our community financially please scan the QR code below to give online.



Or set up a direct debit to our bank account:

Mt Gravatt Anglican Parish General A/c
BSB: 704-901
Acc. No. 00009030

We also have a Tap'n'go machine at the church entry if you would like to give that way.



~to know Christ and to make Christ known~

Visiting or new to St. Bart's?

Please join us for a cup of tea or coffee and a chat after the service. We'd love to meet you!



St Bartholomew's Ministry Team

All the Congregation

Our Service Times:

Sundays 7am & 9am

Wednesday 10am

2nd & 4th Saturday of the month - 5pm