

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

18 April 2021

HYMNS

547 Be Thou My Vision

497 Let All Mortal Flesh

342 When I Survey

SENTENCE

Turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out, so that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord.

COLLECT

Lord of life, by submitting to death, you conquered the grave; by being lifted upon the cross, you draw all peoples to you; by being raised from the dead, you restore to humanity all that was lost through sin: be with us in your risen power, that in word and deed we may proclaim the marvellous mystery of death and resurrection. For all praise is yours, now and throughout eternity. **Amen.**

READINGS

A reading from John's first letter:

1 John 2.3-3.6

Now by this we may be sure that we know him, if we obey his commandments. Whoever says, "I have come to know him," but does not obey his commandments, is a liar, and in such a person the truth does not exist; but whoever obeys his word, truly in this person the love of God has reached perfection. By this we may be sure that we are in him: whoever says, "I abide in him," ought to walk just as he walked. Beloved, I am writing you no new commandment, but an old commandment that you have had from the beginning; the old commandment is the word that you have heard...Whoever says, "I am in the light," while hating a brother or sister, is still in the darkness. Whoever loves a brother or sister lives in the light, and in such a person there is no cause for stumbling. But whoever hates another believer is in the darkness, walks in the darkness, and does not know the way to go, because the darkness has brought on blindness...

...Do not love the world or the things in the world. The love of the Father is not in those who love the world; for all that is in the world—the desire of the flesh, the



desire of the eyes, the pride in riches—comes not from the Father but from the world. And the world and its desire are passing away, but those who do the will of God live forever...I write to you, not because you do not know the truth, but because you know it, and you know that no lie comes from the truth. Who is the liar but the one who denies that Jesus is the Christ? This is the antichrist, the one who denies the Father and the Son. No one who denies the Son has the Father; everyone who confesses the Son has the Father also. Let what you heard from the beginning abide in you. If what you heard from the beginning abides in you, then you will abide in the Son and in the Father. And this is what he has promised us, eternal life.

I write these things to you concerning those who would deceive you. As for you, the anointing that you received from him abides in you, and so you do not need anyone to teach you. But as his anointing teaches you about all things, and is true and is not a lie, and just as it has taught you, abide in him.

And now, little children, abide in him, so that when he is revealed we may have confidence and not be put to shame before him at his coming.

If you know that he is righteous, you may be sure that everyone who does right has been born of him. See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

Everyone who commits sin is guilty of lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. You know that he was revealed to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. No one who abides in him sins; no one who sins has either seen him or known him.

Hear the word of the Lord, **thanks be to God.**

We say the verses of Psalm 4 alternately:

Answer me when I call, O God of my righteousness; you set me at liberty when I was in trouble; have mercy on me and hear my prayer.

How long will you nobles dishonour my glory; how long will you love vain things and seek after falsehood?

But know that the Lord has shown me his marvellous kindness; when I call upon the Lord, he will hear me.

Stand in awe, and sin not; commune with your own heart upon your bed, and be still.

Offer the sacrifices of righteousness and put your trust in the Lord.

There are many that say, 'Who will show us any good?' Lord, lift up the light of your countenance upon us.

You have put gladness in my heart, more than when their corn and wine and oil increase.

**In peace I will lie down and sleep, for it is you Lord, only, who make me
dwell in safety.** *Psalm 4*

Alleluia, alleluia! Lord Jesus, make your word plain to us: make our hearts
burn with love when you speak. **Alleluia!**

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St Luke

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ

Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, 'Peace be with you.' They
were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost...Then he
opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, 'Thus it is
written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day,
and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all
nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things.'

Luke 24.36-48

This is the Gospel of the Lord, praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

PRAYERS

Anglican Church: The Church of Ireland; The Diocese of Sydney (Abp Glenn Davies, Regional Bps Chris Edwards, Michael Stead, Peter Hayward, Peter Lin, Malcolm Richards, Gary Koo, Clergy & People); Lay Ministry; St Stephen's and St Mary's Mount Waverley (Dianne Sharrock, Greg Wong); St Luke's Mulgrave - Pastoral Service (Bp Paul Barker); St Agnes' Glenhuntly - Confirmation Service (Bp Genieve Blackwell); Holy Trinity Williamstown - Confirmation Service (Bp Kate Prowd).

For the Parish: Give thanks for those who nurture community in our parish: Torquay Craft Group, the Op Shop, those who visit parishioners, those who arrange parish meals; and pray that they may be inspired by Jesus. Give thanks for those who use their abilities and give of their time and resources in the community of which we are a part: in their jobs, as volunteers, in their families, as neighbours, as friends and to strangers.

For the sick & in need, and for those who have ongoing need for strength, courage and peace of heart, mind and soul in their journey: Keiran & Paul, Gail L, Fiona T, Sally N, Joan B, John & Barbara B, Alec & Deirdre B, Wendy B, Jenny S, Jane M, Boris Z, Judy B, Pauline R, Elizabeth N, Norma M, Tina M, Rosalind B, Terry M, Lorraine D, Ian B, Ray W and those known to us in need of our prayers.

Year's Mind

19th Donald Walker (2006)

23rd Glenyce Murphy (2015), Philip Gent (2012)

24th Bob Preece (2007), Neville Crosby (2007)

Birthdays

20th Sharon Valentino

21st Jane Russell