

# THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

23 April 2023

## HYMNS

59 All people that on earth

390 Alleluia, alleluia, give thanks

658 I the Lord of sea and sky

## SENTENCE

Repent, and be baptised every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

## COLLECT

O God,  
your Son made himself known to his disciples  
in the breaking of bread:  
open the eyes of our faith,  
that we may see him in his redeeming work;  
who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## READINGS

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles:

Peter, standing with the eleven disciples, raised his voice and addressed the crowd: 'Therefore let the entire house of Israel know with certainty that God has made him both Lord and Messiah, this Jesus whom you crucified.' Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and to the other apostles, 'Brothers, what should we do?' Peter said to them, 'Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is for you, for your



children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him.’ And he testified with many other arguments and exhorted them, saying, ‘Save yourselves from this corrupt generation.’ So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added.

*Acts 2.14a, 36-41*

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

We say the verses of Psalm 116 alternately:

I love the Lord, for he has heard the voice of my supplication;  
**because he inclined his ear to me on the day I called to him.**

The snares of death encompassed me; the pains of hell took hold of me; by grief and sorrow was I held.

**Then I called upon the name of the Lord: ‘O Lord, I beg you, deliver my soul.’**

How shall I repay the Lord for all the benefits he has given to me?

**I will lift up the cup of salvation and call upon the name of the Lord.**

I will fulfil my vows to the Lord in the presence of all his people.

**Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his faithful servants.**

O Lord, I am your servant, your servant, the child of your handmaid; you have freed me from my bonds.

**I will offer to you a sacrifice of thanksgiving and call upon 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 the midst of you, O Jerusalem. Alleluia.**

*Psalm 116.1-4, 11-18*

A reading from Peter’s first letter:

Therefore prepare your minds for action; discipline yourselves; set all your hope on the grace that Jesus Christ will bring you when he

is revealed. Like obedient children, do not be conformed to the desires that you formerly had in ignorance. Instead, as he who called you is holy, be holy yourselves in all your conduct; for it is written, 'You shall be holy, for I am holy.' If you invoke as Father the one who judges all people impartially according to their deeds, live in reverent fear during the time of your exile. You know that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your ancestors, not with perishable things like silver or gold, but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without defect or blemish. He was destined before the foundation of the world, but was revealed at the end of the ages for your sake. Through him you have come to trust in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are set on God. Now that you have purified your souls by your obedience to the truth so that you have genuine mutual love, love one another deeply from the heart. You have been born anew, not of perishable but of imperishable seed, through the living and enduring word of God. For 'All flesh is like grass and all its glory like the flower of grass. The grass withers, and the flower falls, but the word of the Lord endures for ever.' That word is the good news that was announced to you.

*1 Peter 1.13-25*

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

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

Lord Jesus, take away our fear, and as we worship you give us courage to tell what we have seen.

**Alleluia!**

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

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St Matthew  
**Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ**

So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. Suddenly Jesus met them and said, 'Greetings!' And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshipped him. Then Jesus said to them, 'Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me.' While they were going, some of the guard went into the city and told the

chief priests everything that had happened. After the priests had assembled with the elders, they devised a plan to give a large sum of money to the soldiers, telling them, 'You must say, "His disciples came by night and stole him away while we were asleep." If this comes to the governor's ears, we will satisfy him and keep you out of trouble.' So they took the money and did as they were directed. And this story is still told among the Jews to this day.

*Matthew 28:8-15*

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

## **PRAYERS**

**Anglican Church:** St Peter's Melbourne (Michael Bowie); The Diocese of Tasmania (Bp Richard Condie, Missioner BpChris Jones, Clergy & People); Brighton Grammar School (Ross Featherston, Principal; Peter Waterhouse, Chester Lord, Chaplains); The Church of the Province of Uganda (Abp Stephen Kaziimba); St Peter's & St James Kilsyth / Montrose- pastoral visit (Bp Paul Barker).

**For the Parish:** Give thanks for those who support our parish life: the Op Shop team, Maintenance committee, the Parish Treasurer and Bookkeeper and office support, and those who contribute through rostered help at each centre; and pray that they do this all in the name of Jesus, who called people to serve others.

**For the sick & in need, and those who have ongoing need for strength, courage and peace of heart, mind and soul in their journey:** Alan Y, Keiran & Paul, Fiona T, Sally N, John B, Deirdre B, Jenny S, Jane & Peter M, George F, Boris Z, Pauline R, Lorraine D, Ray & Marion W, Helen & Geoff D, Jim H, Nan L, Marilyn, Mary S, Mary & Ian S, Janet N and those known to us in need of our prayers.

### Year's mind

*23rd Philip Gent (2012)*

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

*29th Denis Shepherd (2007)*

### Birthdays & Anniversaries

*24th Peggy & John Forbes (anniv)*

*28th Phil & Jill Shaw (anniv)*

*30th Phil Shirley, John Shone*