

Christ Church  North Adelaide



Holy Week and Easter, 5–12 April 2020



From the Locum-Tenens

As we approach the wonderful celebration of Easter I do pray that all of you are keeping well, and that you are diligently avoiding situations where you might be at risk of being infected by COVID-19. Please be sensible in your activities and we shall gather together again when it is safe so to do.

You may have caught up on the news regarding the election of the Primate of the Anglican Church of Australia. If you have not already heard, our own Archbishop, +Geoffrey Smith, was elected as the Primate of Australia on 7 April 2020. Please keep him in your prayers for this is a very demanding role, and given current circumstances, even more demanding than usual.

As we move ever closer to Easter, we will miss our church and the regular services more than ever. We have not been streaming services online because of the local restrictions placed upon us, and therefore I recommend that if you have the facility please tune into the services offered by Christ Church St Laurence in Sydney. These are excellent and will lead you through the Easter event with prayer and understanding.

STREAMED SERVICES FROM CHRIST CHURCH SAINT LAURENCE

Thursday 9 April (Maundy Thursday)

6.00pm Holy Communion (live-streamed)

Friday 10 April (Good Friday)

12.00 noon Solemn Liturgy (live-streamed)

Sunday 12 April (Easter Day)

10.30am Holy Communion (live-streamed)

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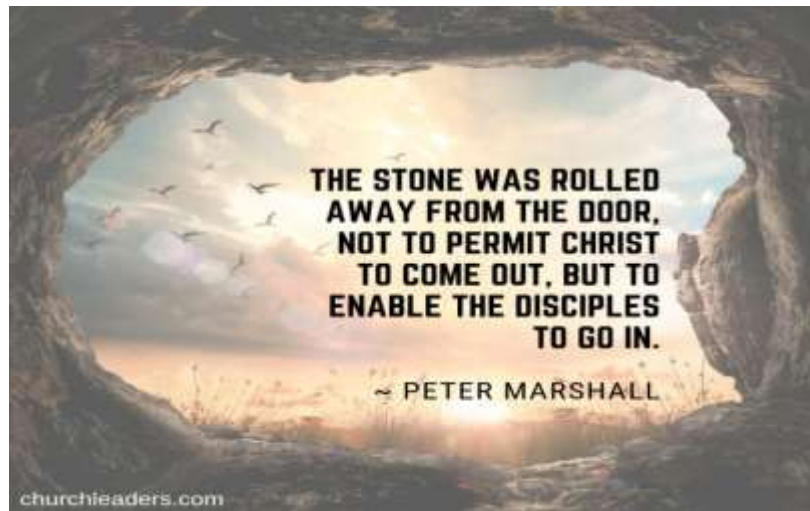
From our own Church you will find a link to a musical piece recorded by Andrew, the director of music, and Christian, one of our choristers. This is offered to help with focus and meditation, particularly for Good Friday. You will also find links to the recorded sermons for Good Friday and for Easter Day, as preached by me and myself.

For the people who do not have Email address hard copy is included.

I pray that you will have a happy, safe, and holy Easter.

God Bless
Adrian

A JOURNEY THROUGH EASTER. 2020.



It is very strange to be entering into the Easter season without participating in any of the liturgies of the Church. You will have received your Palm Cross and appropriate prayers and readings by now. If you have not received a Palm Cross in the post it could be that we do not have your postal address. If a Palm Cross is in absentia please contact the parish office by email and reveal to us the address so that in future we can ensure all things posted out are received.

In the absence of public church services, we shall endeavour to guide everyone through this wonderful season as best we can. In the first instance I know that Christ Church Saint Laurence (<https://ccsl.org.au/>) will be streaming services online. Please do tune in for these services as they are very beautiful, spiritually engaging, and encouraging. In the meantime I shall outline the theme of each service so that we can meditate on the wonder of the gracious mercy and never failing love of God.

PALM SUNDAY



I begin with Palm Sunday because it is very much the beginning of the final stage of the earthly ministry of our Lord. Throughout the gospels Jesus has been telling his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem, and in Jerusalem he will be arrested, and he will die. Added to this is the reality that the disciples failed to understand the messages he had been giving them. His promise to return to life after three days was lost on them. John 2.19 "Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up."

Not only the disciples, but also the people of the time failed to understand Jesus. They saw him as a miracle worker. They saw him as the one who would lead them to victory by throwing off the Roman yoke. Their understanding did not reach into the spiritual realm at all. For them it was the here and now that attracted them. Hence the big party when Jesus entered the city. They threw robes and branches on the road and cried out that he was the Son of David, the one chosen of God.

In a very short period of time Jesus has been betrayed, and subsequently abandoned by nearly every person who had proclaimed him as the saviour. We end Palm Sunday with the news that Jesus has been arrested and is facing death by crucifixion. It is in this frame of mind that we enter into Holy Week.

MAUNDY THURSDAY

Maundy is in fact our mandate. Jesus followers are given the mandate to love God, to love one another, and to be servants of each other. Our mandate is to be Christ on earth.

COLLECT FOR MAUNDY THURSDAY

God our Father,
you have invited us to share in the supper
which your Son gave to his Church
to proclaim his death until he comes:
may he nourish us by his presence,
and unite us in his love;
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

BIBLE READINGS

Exodus 12.1-14; Psalm 116 1-14; 1 Corinthians 11.23-26; John 13.1-17, 31b-35

During the service on Maundy Thursday it is customary to imitate the example of Jesus shown during the last meal, last supper, with his disciples. Jesus gave the disciples, and us, the mandate to represent him in this earthly life. He washes the disciples feet to show that we are to be humble and that we are to be servants. We are to care for the people that society discards. We are to love all people as Christ



Loves them. It is Peter who objects to Jesus washing his feet because in his mind Jesus is superior to every other person and as a servant he should wash Jesus' feet, not the other way round. Jesus advises Peter that if he does not allow his feet to be washed he can have no part in the ministry of Jesus. Peter immediately accepts the foot washing.

During the service it is customary for the Priest to wash the feet of some of the parishioners. Usually it is twelve people chosen for this role. In some parishes it is a service to any people who come forward regardless of number. The symbolism is the same. It is as servants that we will do even the most mundane task for any other person. There is nothing more mundane than washing another person's foot. In the time of Jesus' earthly life the task of washing travellers feet was the role of the slave.

The second instruction from Jesus is that we are to maintain the memorial of Jesus by sharing the bread and wine of the sacrament of Holy Communion. "This is my Body: This is my Blood, do this in remembrance of me." As a result of this instruction we accept that sacrament as being our spiritual food. We believe that when we hold out our hands to receive the sacrament, or as is the case now, to accept spiritual



communion, we are being obedient to that instruction from Jesus.

Today is about humbling ourselves to be servants, one of another, and to recognise that in the Sacrament of Blood and Wine, Holy Communion, we are fed on the very essence of Christ. It is usual at the conclusion of this service that some of the Sacrament is reserved and placed in a side chapel where people can sit and pray before the sacrament. It is a very special time. This reserved sacrament is then consumed during the service on Good Friday.

In keeping with the theme of desolation and loss the church is stripped of all colour and decoration. In this action we are entering into the sorrow and loss experienced by the disciples. It is at the end of this service that we recognise that we are in need of the presence of Christ. The symbolic removal of all reminders of the presence of Christ is very confronting.

GOOD FRIDAY

The Collect.

Almighty Father, look with mercy on this your family for which our Lord Jesus Christ was content to be betrayed and given up into the hands of sinners and to suffer death upon the cross; who is alive and glorified with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

BIBLE READINGS

Isaiah 52.13-52.12; Psalm 22; 1 Corinthians 1.18-31; John 18.1-19.42



It is now Good Friday and this sense of desolation and loss is increased as we enter into the sombre mood. This is the day that we acknowledge the death of Jesus. There is no joy in this service. We listen once again to the gospel reading of the passion, crucifixion and death of Jesus. We acknowledge the cruel cross of crucifixion. We participate in the "Veneration of the Cross." During this time we are invited to touch or kiss that cross, the symbol of the death of Our Lord. We offer prayers of intercession which are focussed on our penitence and guilt. We express our sorrow for having done wrong and we seek to do better.

The day concludes with the last of the reserved sacrament being consumed. The Aumbry stands empty with the door wide open. The Aumbry light is turned off. This is profound for it is this light which indicates the presence of Jesus in the reserved sacrament, and in the church. All is gone. In the words of our Lord, "it is finished." For all intents and purposes Jesus is dead. There is nothing more to be said.

Hymn of the Day: 90 O sacred head, sore wounded *Passion Chorale*

Text: <https://hymnary.org/hymn/NEH1985/90a>

Recordings: <https://youtu.be/v7iHxyX9oSU>

https://open.spotify.com/track/7FjVgyWgaPENWOqt12bcWc?si=mZnWVBUXQf-fhP3jv_IxAg

Aria for Reflection: Mache dich, mein Herze, rein (from St Matthew Passion, BWV 244) *Johann Sebastian Bach* (sung by Christian Evans)

<https://youtu.be/7UY9DUSxrpQ>

Purify thyself, my heart, I will myself bury Jesus.

For he shall henceforth in me for evermore take his sweet rest.

World, begone, let Jesus in!

Link to Mache Dich recording (Good Friday "Aria")

Sermon link: <https://youtu.be/UrzzKMoBsQI>

Final Hymn: 95 When I survey the wonderous Cross *Rockingham*

Text: <https://hymnary.org/hymn/NEH1985/95>

Recordings: <https://youtu.be/nlHtQsY9Z-c>

<https://open.spotify.com/track/3ARbLCObTrQSQkN8A7EPGU?si=V7ZV5W6KR-iC5ghw4mppsg>

EASTER EVE/VIGIL

BIBLE READINGS



Genesis 1.1-2.4a; Psalm 136 1-9, 23-26; Genesis 7.1-5, 11-18; 8.6-18; 9.8-13; Psalm 46; Genesis 22.1-18; psalm 16; Exodus 14.10-31; 15.20-21; Exodus 15.1b-13, 17-18; Isaiah 54.9-14; Psalm 30; Isaiah 55.1-11; Isaiah 12.2-6; Proverbs 8.1-8, 19-21, 9.4b-6; Psalm 19; Ezekiel 36.24-28; Psalms 42, 43; Zephaniah 3.14-20; psalm 98; Romans 6.3-11; Matthew 28.1-10.

Many churches refuse weddings on Holy Saturday. Generally nothing sacramental happens during that Holy day. Our Lord is acknowledged as being absent. There is no Communion, no Sacrament of any kind. Saturday is a day of continuing desolation. Having said that there is also a sense of anticipation. The rejoicing of Easter resurrection is not far off.

In some traditions the first Eucharist of Easter happens in the evening. It begins at 11pm so that the consecration of the bread and the wine, the Body and Blood of

Christ, occurs at midnight. The new day. The church is plunged into complete darkness for beginning of the service. The pascal candle is blessed and lit from the new fire. This is the first sign of the light of Christ coming into the world. It is a very profound and moving service. The joy increases as the service proceeds. As we sing the Gloria for the first time since the season of Lent began the lights of the church come on and the church building is seen once again in all of its glory. All decorations are in place, the altar is set, and the singing is joyful and exciting. Finally, the stone of the tomb is rolled away, Christ is risen from the dead, and we once again celebrate that holiest of our services: The Holy Communion. Christ is our spiritual food. Christ is our light and our hope. Christ is our life. Christ sustains us.

EASTER DAY

The Collect:

Lord of all life and power, who through the mighty resurrection of your Son overcame the old order of sin and death to make all things new in him: grant that we, being dead to sin and alive to you in Jesus Christ, may reign with him in glory; to whom with you and the Holy Spirit be praise and honour, glory and might, now and in all eternity.

Amen.

BIBLE READINGS

Acts 10.34-43; Psalm 118.1-2, 14-24; Colossians 3.1-4; Matthew 28.1-10.

Easter Eve is the beginning of the great celebration. We all cry, "Christ is risen, Alleluia Alleluia! He is risen indeed, Alleluia Alleluia!"

This is the day that we have been anticipating throughout Lent and especially in Holy Week. Gone are the sensations of desolation and sorrow. Gone is the feeling of abandonment. Gone is the fear arising from the prospect of a life without Christ. Christ is risen from the dead and we rejoice, for this means that death no longer has any power over us. We sing this Anthem:

*Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us; therefore let us keep the feast,
Not with the old leaven, the leaven of malice and evil, but with the unleavened bread of
sincerity and truth*

Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; death has no dominion over him.

The death that he died, he died to sin, once for all; but the life he lives he lives to God.

So also consider yourselves dead to sin, and alive to God in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep.

For since by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead.

For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive.

During the Eucharist of Easter we once again accept the Blessed Sacrament, the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ. Once again we will make our spiritual

communion for we are not currently permitted to gather together. This will not stop us from opening our hearts, minds and souls to God, knowing that through his Son we are granted life. Not only life in this earthly place, but life which is eternal. It is in this service that the reserved sacrament will once again be placed in the Aumbry. The Aumbry light will be turned on and we are reassured that our Lord is once again present in our lives. And we rejoice.

Hymn of the Day: 110 Jesus Christ is risen to-day, Alleluya *Easter Hymn*

1 Jesus Christ is ris'n today, Alleluia!
our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!
who did once upon the cross Alleluia!
suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!

3 But the pains which he endured, Alleluia!
our salvation have procured; Alleluia!
now above the sky he's King, Alleluia!
where the angels ever sing. Alleluia!

2 Hymns of praise then let us sing Alleluia!
unto Christ our heav'nly King, Alleluia!
who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia!
sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia!

(Text from *Lyra Davidica*, 1708)

Text: <https://hymnary.org/hymn/NEH1985/110?media=text>

Recordings: <https://youtu.be/XOuXH6JdjbY>

<https://open.spotify.com/track/SRZAWiodD2crODdfEOkH74?si=AcWQjdBVRJe5MGx7vcSEkA>

Anthem: Hallelujah (from *Messiah*) *George Frideric Handel*

Hallelujah: for the Lord God Omnipotent reigneth.

The kingdom of this world is become the kingdom of our Lord, and of His Christ; and He shall reign for ever and ever.

King of Kings, and Lord of Lords.

Hallelujah! (Text: Revelation 19:6, 11:5 & 19:16)

Sermon link: <https://youtu.be/iKE7ytbevI0>

Recordings: <https://youtu.be/AKkE2TPdCt8>

https://open.spotify.com/track/26Mklm5xaKjY1vMyxer7NN?si=ZjcdwDVITlq_wHkipP221w

Final Hymn: 113 Love's redeeming work is done *Savannah*

1 Love's redeeming work is done;
Fought the fight, the battle won:
Lo, our Sun's eclipse is o'er!
Lo, he sets in blood no more!

3 Soar we now where Christ has led,
Following our exalted Head;
Made like him, like him we rise;
Ours the cross, the grave, the skies.

2 Vain the stone, the watch, the seal,
Christ has burst the gates of hell;
Death in vain forbids his rise;
Christ has opened Paradise.

(Text: Charles Wesley)

Text: <https://hymnary.org/hymn/NEH1985/113?media=text>

Recordings: <https://youtu.be/y2uTm3L52eQ>

https://open.spotify.com/track/0fo26tZD9LN0QlibDAF2o?si=k9d1Etv_TEMfGgy8irSCJw

Postlude: Toccata (from Symphony no. 5, Op. 42 no.1) *Charles-Marie Widor*

Recordings: <https://youtu.be/LwbxpdAnkK8>

<https://open.spotify.com/track/3SNqSptTtCoeYz0GIDbuNV?si=8-nd975yQ2y1R5BllKlpYA>

CONCLUSION

I know that there is nothing that can adequately replace our time together in public worship. There is nothing that can fully replace our time together, sharing life, meals, coffee and tea. There is nothing that can replace the intimacy of touch and physical affection. It is important that we maintain contact with each other. Continue to ring each other. Ring all of your friends and acquaintances. Continue to seek the stimulation and the company of ongoing conversation. When this dreadful Virus has concluded we will once again be able to join together in worship and fellowship. Until that time please be assured of our prayers and affection.

A BLESSING

UNTO God's gracious mercy and protection we commit thee. The LORD bless thee, and keep thee. The LORD make his face to shine upon thee, and be gracious unto thee. The LORD lift up his countenance upon thee, and give thee peace, both now and evermore. Amen.

Spiritual communion

PRAYER OF RECEPTION

I believe that you are truly present in the Holy Sacrament, and, since I cannot at this time receive communion, I pray you to come into my heart. I unite myself with you and embrace you with all my heart, my soul, and my mind. Let nothing separate me from you; let me serve you in this life until, by your grace, I come to your glorious kingdom and unending peace. Amen.

Come Lord Jesus, and dwell in my heart in the fullness of your strength; be my wisdom and guide me in right pathways; conform my life and actions to the image of your holiness; and, in the power of your gracious might, rule over every hostile power that threatens or disturbs the growth of your kingdom, who with the Father and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. Amen.

AN EXHORTATION FOR A SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

Brothers and sisters in Christ, as we come to the holy communion of the body and blood of our Saviour Christ, the current restrictions on gathering mean that we cannot do what we would normally do, and physically share in the bread and wine in remembrance of Christ's body broken and blood shed for us. But, nonetheless, we can and should still participate spiritually. As we join in the celebration of this sacrament, if we come with a penitent heart and lively faith, we spiritually eat the flesh of Christ and drink his blood; we dwell in Christ and he in us; we are one with Christ and Christ with us – even when, as now, we are not able to consume the bread and wine physically.

(Adapted from 'A Prayer Book for Australia' 1995)

RENEWAL OF BAPTISM VOWS

It is usual at Easter to renew our baptismal promises. I include them for you to read through and to meditate upon. In baptism, God calls us out of darkness into his marvellous light. To follow Christ means dying to sin and rising to new life with him. Therefore I ask:

Do you reject the devil and all rebellion against God?

All I reject them.

Do you renounce the deceit and corruption of evil?

All I renounce them.

Do you repent of the sins that separate us from God and neighbour?

All I repent of them.

Do you turn to Christ as Saviour?

All I turn to Christ.

Do you submit to Christ as Lord?

All I submit to Christ.

Do you come to Christ, the way, the truth and the life?

All I come to Christ.

The president may say

May God, who has given you the desire to follow Christ, give you the strength to continue in the Way.

The Profession of Faith

The president addresses the congregation

Brothers and sisters, I ask you to profess the faith of the Church.

Do you believe and trust in God the Father?

All I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

Do you believe and trust in his Son Jesus Christ?

All I believe 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, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

Do you believe and trust in the Holy Spirit?

All 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.


The president says

Almighty God,
we thank you for our fellowship in the household of faith
with all who have been baptized into your name.
Keep us faithful to our baptism,
and so make us ready for that day
when the whole creation shall be made perfect in your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ.


All Amen.

The Collect for Easter Day


Let us pray.

LMIGHTY God, who through thine only-begotten Son Jesus Christ hast overcome death, and opened unto us the gate of everlasting life: We humbly beseech thee, that as by thy special grace preventing us thou dost put into our minds good desires, so by thy continual help we may bring the same to good effect; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. **Amen.**

The Epistle is written in the third Chapter of the Apostle Paul's Epistle to the Colossians, beginning at the first verse.

F then you were raised with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ is, sitting at the right hand of God. Set your mind on things above, not on things on the earth. For you died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is our life appears, then you also will appear with Him in glory. Therefore put to death your members which are on the earth: fornication, uncleanness, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry. Because of these things the wrath of God is coming upon the sons of disobedience, in which you yourselves once walked when you lived in them. But now you yourselves are to put off all these: anger, wrath, malice, blasphemy, filthy language out of your mouth. Do not lie to one another, since you have put off the old man with his deeds, and have put on the new man who is renewed in knowledge according to the image of Him who created him, where there is neither Greek nor Jew, circumcised nor uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave nor free, but Christ is all and in all.

The Holy Gospel is written in the twenty-eighth Chapter of Saint Matthew beginning at the first verse.

OW after the Sabbath, as the first day of the week began to dawn, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary came to see the tomb. And behold, there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord descended from heaven, and came and rolled back the stone from the door, and sat on it. His countenance was like lightning, and his clothing as white as snow. And the guards shook for fear of him, and became like dead men. But the angel answered and said to the women, 'Do not be afraid, for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; for He is risen, as He said. Come, see the place where the

Lord lay. And go quickly and tell His disciples that He is risen from the dead, and indeed He is going before you into Galilee; there you will see Him. Behold, I have told you.' So they went out quickly from the tomb with fear and great joy, and ran to bring His disciples word. And as they went to tell His disciples, behold, Jesus met them, saying, 'Rejoice!' So they came and held Him by the feet and worshipped Him. Then Jesus said to them, 'Do not be afraid. Go and tell My brethren to go to Galilee, and there they will see Me.'

The Prayers



HE earth trembled and was still, when God arose to judgement, alleluia.

Ps 76:9-10

Wider Church:

Pray for the Peace of Jerusalem and the People of the Land of the Holy One

National Church: Grafton: Murray Harvey; *Adelaide:* Seacliff: Ben Cosford

The Sick:

Jan Keay, Penny Howell, John, Wayne Butler, Bishop David McCall, David Presgrave, Jean Yuen, John, Rosemary Bourne, Pamela Terry, Keith and Caroline Brice, Joseph Danes, Margaret Whittle, Petula Columbus, David Mason, Elaine Edwards

Continuing Prayers for:

Fr David Keay, Heather Denholm, Andrew Pavy, Thomas Ottway, Anthony Moester, Natasha Horn, John Pfitzner, Jill Turbott, Fr John Edwards, Ruth Gallasch, Michael & Emma Boundy, Geraldine, Ray, Barry, Patsy Sellars, Beverley, Tara, Milo, Ralph Archbold, Juliana, Barbara Talbot

Recently Departed: Kylie Russell; Pauline

Years' Mind:

Ian R. Robertson, Haydn M. Williams, James D. Sidey, Donald Scott-Young, Malcolm T.

Dobie, Harrold A. Morgan, John S. Jose, John L. Roderick

Prayers for Good Friday

Let us pray for the church of God throughout the world; we pray for unity in faith, in witness and in service. For bishops and other ministers, and those whom they serve. For our Archbishop Geoffrey Smith, for Denise, our regional bishop, the people of this diocese, and for all who live in our communities. For those who are to be baptised and for those who are mocked and persecuted for their faith. We ask that you increase it in love, and preserve it in peace. Amen

We pray for the nations of the world and for their leaders. We pray for Elizabeth our Queen, and the parliament of this country, Australia. For those who administer the law and all who serve in public office. For all who strive for justice and reconciliation, that by your help we may live in peace and freedom. Amen

We pray for all people who suffer. For those who are deprived and oppressed. For all who are sick and handicapped. For those in darkness, in doubt and in despair, in loneliness and in fear. For prisoners. For the victims of false accusation and violence. For all at the point of death and those who watch beside them. In your mercy, sustain them with the knowledge of your love. Amen

**We glory in your cross, O Lord, and praise you for your mighty resurrection;
for by virtue of your cross joy has come into the world.**

God be gracious to us and bless us:
and make his face shine upon us,
Let your ways be known on earth:
your liberating power among all nations.
Let the people praise you Oh God:
let all the peoples praise you.

**We glory in your cross, O Lord, and praise you for your mighty resurrection;
for by virtue of your cross joy has come into the world.**

You are worthy, O Christ, for you were slain;
For by your blood you ransomed men for God:
From every people and nation,
To make them a kingdom of priests
To stand and serve before our God.

**We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you,
because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world.**

To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood, and made us a kingdom
of priests
To stand and serve before our God.
To him who sits upon the throne and to the lamb be praise and honour, glory and might,
For ever and ever amen.

Our Father, which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy Name. Thy Kingdom come. Thy will
be done in earth, As it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our
trespasses, As we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation,
But deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, The power, and the glory, For ever and
ever. Amen.

Prayers for Easter Day

Almighty God you have overcome sin and death; come among us in your risen power
and make your presence known to us in Word and Sacrament this Easter Day. Speak
your message of peace to our hearts; show us your wounded hands and side; and send us
forth to your service in the power of the Holy Spirit, to the glory of your name. Amen.

Father, we thank you that the gospel is a message of life and hope. May those who face
death at this time, and especially those who have watched it claim their loved ones, know
that through Christ's glorious resurrection death has lost its sting forever. He has opened
the kingdom of heaven to all who believe in him. He has broken the power of death and
brought life and immortality to life. Thanks be to you, Lord God, for you give us the
victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

Father, you are the Lord of the nations and the people of the world. Strengthen the
leaders and rulers who have great responsibility for the people in their care. We pray for
human dignity and basic human rights; for the values of justice, freedom and peace, for

love and generosity. Help us to grow in mutual respect and understanding, and to recognise the difficulties we all face at this time of hardship and poverty. We pray for the people now living with the fear and concern for the spread of Covid-19. Amen

Father we pray for your church in the world. With our buildings closed and our people instructed to stay home, we pray for your guidance and strength. Help us to explore new ways of bringing your love to others, and upholding them in love and charity. Strengthen us for the future of your church and lead us by your Holy Spirit so that we may not be afraid of change or challenge. Open our hearts to the lonely, the isolated, the sick and suffering, the unemployed and the unemployable. Amen

Father we thank you for the healing which comes through medical knowledge and faith. We hold before you all who are sick and suffering. We pray for the people who have been diagnosed with Covid-19; and for their families and friends. We pray for those people who are close to death and we ask that when the time comes they may die an Holy Death. We thank you for the lives of those who have recovered from this virus. We hold before you the many people who have asked us to join our prayers with theirs as they seek your divine healing; and so we pray for Comfort and heal them Lord, each according to their need. Amen

Father we thank you for the lives of your saints throughout the ages. We thank you for the people we have loved and who have now gone to their rest. And we thank you that your promise of eternal life is being fulfilled in them. We pray for those who have died recently; for those whose years mind occurs at this time... .. and we pray for those who have died alone and seemingly unloved.

Rest eternal grant unto them O Lord, And let light perpetual shine upon them.

Daily Readings:

<i>April</i>	<i>Morning Prayer</i>	<i>Evening Prayer</i>
13 Monday	Exod 12.14-36; Col 3.1-11	Isa 25.1-8; Lk 24.1-12
14 Tuesday	Exod 12.37-end; Mtt 28.1-15	Isa 26.1-19; Phil 1.19-26
15 Wednesday	Exod 13.1-16; Mtt 28.16-end	Isa 61; 1 Thess 4.13-end
16 Thursday	Exod 13.17-14.14; Rev 7.9-end	Song of S 2.8-end; Mk 16
17 Friday	Exod 14.15-end; Lk 8.41-56	Zeph 3.14-end; Acts 17.16-31
18 Saturday	Exod 15.1-21; Lk 16.19-31	Zech 2.1-8; Acts 26.1-23

PEW REFLECTIONS

- Pray that your life may be filled by the peace brought to us by Christ's mighty and glorious Resurrection.
- Give thanks for the work and witness of the Episcopal Church of Jerusalem and the Middle East, remembering especially the ministry of St George's Cathedral, the Church of the Holy Sepulchre and all other churches in Jerusalem.

NOTICES

Due to the Coronavirus (COVID-19) the annual Easter Vestry Meeting of Christ Church North Adelaide Inc will not be held on **Sunday, 10th May 2020**, rather the Easter Vestry Reports, Nominations for Peoples Warden and Select Vestry and Notices of Motion will be issued for acceptance. If no objection in writing is received then approval will be recorded.

Nominations for Peoples Warden and Select Vestry and Notices of Motion to be circulated be submitted to the Chairman by Sunday 3rd May.

It is proposed that the Easter Vestry Reports will be forwarded to Seat Holders prior to Sunday 26th April and Nominations and Notices 3rd May.

Only a Seat Holder is entitled to vote at the Easter Vestry Meeting.

OFFERTORY

Parishioners who would like to continue their offertory giving to the Parish of Christ Church North Adelaide the options are:

Internet Banking / Electronic Fund Transfer

Account Name—Christ Church North Adelaide Inc

Bank—BANKSA

Branch—North Adelaide

BSB—105-022

Account Number—058653140

Record as “Offertory”

Cheque

Payable to—Christ Church North Adelaide Inc

AustPost to—35 Palmer Place, North Adelaide SA 5006

If you wish the giving recorded as part of the Envelope System please record your Envelope Number.

Should you prefer to change to Direct Debit, you are able to request an UCIInvest Application form please advise the Parish Office.

All giving is CONFIDENTIAL.