

Christ Church  North Adelaide



Sunday after Ascension

Sunday 24 May 2020



From the Locum-Tenens

Greetings from Christ Church on this Sunday after Ascension.

Covid-19

Archbishop Geoffrey has addressed the current state of play regarding worship. This is an extract of what he has said.

The directions in this letter aim to comply with directions from the government of South Australia for two reasons:

1. As a significant group in the community we need to do our part in keeping the wider community (including our own parishioners) safe, and complying with the government directions is part of that, and just in case that is insufficient; 2. There are substantial fines for those who don't abide by the directions issued by the government.

1. As I said in last week's letter, I have engaged with the Deputy Chief Public Health Officer concerning Holy Communion and I am still waiting for his response; so, until further notice Holy Communion is not to be celebrated as part of the relaxed restrictions.

2. Churches that can comply with the health and hygiene requirements may be open for private prayer. In order for Anglican churches to be open for private prayer there must be no more than ten people in the building at any time and the building must have sufficient floor space to allow 4 square meters per person. People in the church should remain at least 1.5 meters apart.

If a parish wants to open its church for private prayer it must: a. Limit entry and exit to one door, b. Have at least two people on duty at the entrance who welcome those who are entering and: i. Ask those entering whether they have any symptoms of illness and if so, respectfully decline entrance to the church ii. Ask those entering to cleanse their hands with sanitiser provided by the parish at the entrance iii. Collect the name and contact details of those entering the church, iv. Explain the physical distancing requirements (1.5 meters between people).

All surfaces which may have been touched need to be cleaned regularly.



The Ascension of our Lord Jesus Christ

The festival of the Ascension falls 40 days after Easter and in normal times is an Holy Day of Obligation. We would expect that a service be offered in the church and we would endeavour to attend that service. These are not normal times.

In our liturgical Calendar and Bible readings during the last forty days we have been following the events where Jesus in His resurrection has been appearing to the disciples and encouraging them in their ministry. He first appeared to Mary Magdalene, then to the disciples in the upper room, and again in the upper room with Thomas present; to the disciples on the road to Emmaus, breakfast on the sea shore and no doubt many other times as well. These appearances by Jesus lead to the Ascension.

Jesus has been preparing the disciples for this eventuality. He has been very diligent in his teaching of his relationship with the Father. And he has been just as diligent in teaching that he would return to the Father when his ministry on earth has concluded.

We know that the disciples failed to understand the reality of this relationship right up until the Ascension. Jesus' parting gift to the disciples was to empower them with the spirit and to promise that the Holy Spirit, the comforter, would come to be with them and to continue the teaching of Christ.

This festival of Pentecost, or Whitsunday is next Sunday. On that day, with the disciples, we shall learn of the wonderful gifts that have been given as a legacy for the church.

Hospital and nursing home visiting

In line with instruction from the Archbishop and the various hospital institutions we are not permitted to visit. If you are admitted to hospital for any reason, please ensure that your religion is recorded and follow up with a request to see the Chaplain. This will give some access to spiritual support while in the hospital/nursing home or similar institution. Please also let us know so that we can support you with prayer.

PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

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.

The Introit

HEARKEN unto my voice, O Lord, when I cry unto thee, alleluia: unto thee my heart hath said, Thy face have I sought, thy face, Lord, will I seek: O hide not thou thy face from me, alleluia, alleluia.

Ps. 27:7-9

Collect for the Day

Let us pray.

GOD the King of glory, who hast exalted thine only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph unto thy kingdom in heaven: We beseech thee, leave us not comfortless; but send to us thine Holy Ghost to comfort us, and exalt us unto the same place whither our Saviour Christ is gone before, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. **Amen.**

The Epistle is written in the fourth Chapter of the Apostle Peter's first Epistle beginning at the seventh verse.

BUT the end of all things is at hand; therefore be serious and watchful in your prayers. And above all things have fervent love for one another, for "love will cover a multitude of sins." Be hospitable to one another without grumbling. As each one has received a gift, minister it to one another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God. If anyone speaks, let him speak as the oracles of God. If anyone ministers, let him do it as with the

ability which God supplies, that in all things God may be glorified through Jesus Christ, to whom belong the glory and the dominion forever and ever. Amen.

The Holy Gospel is written in the seventeenth Chapter of the Gospel of Saint Luke beginning at the first verse.

JESUS spoke these words, lifted up His eyes to heaven, and said: "Father, the hour has come. Glorify Your Son, that Your Son also may glorify You, ²as You have given Him authority over all flesh, that He should give eternal life to as many as You have given Him. ³And this is eternal life, that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent. ⁴I have glorified You on the earth. I have finished the work which You have given Me to do. ⁵And now, O Father, glorify Me together with Yourself, with the glory which I had with You before the world was. ⁶"I have manifested Your name to the men whom You have given Me out of the world. They were Yours, You gave them to Me, and they have kept Your word. ⁷Now they have known that all things which You have given Me are from You. ⁸For I have given to them the words which You have given Me; and they have received them, and have known surely that I came forth from You; and they have believed that You sent Me. ⁹"I pray for them. I do not pray for the world but for those whom You have given Me, for they are Yours. ¹⁰And all Mine are Yours, and Yours are Mine, and I am glorified in them. ¹¹Now I am no longer in the world, but these are in the world, and I come to You. Holy Father, keep through Your name those whom You have given Me, that they may be one as We are."

Hymn of the Day: 271 Alleluya, sing to Jesus *Hyfrydol*

Recording: <https://youtu.be/QEDQPlJ5pFs>

Alleluya, sing to Jesus,
His the sceptre, his the throne;
Alleluya, his the triumph,
His the victory alone:
Hark the songs of peaceful Sion
Thunder like a mighty flood;
Jesus, out of every nation,
Hath redeemed us by his blood.

2 Alleluya, not as orphans
Are we left in sorrow now;
Alleluya, he is near us,
Faith believes, nor questions how;
Though the cloud from sight received him
When the forty days were o'er,
Shall our hearts forget his promise,
'I am with you evermore'?

3 Alleluya, Bread of Angels,
Thou on earth our food, our stay;
Alleluya, here the sinful
Flee to thee from day to day;
Intercessor, Friend of sinners,
Earth's Redeemer, plead for me,
Where the songs of all the sinless
Sweep across the crystal sea.

4 Alleluya, King eternal,
Thee the Lord of lords we own;
Alleluya, born of Mary,
Earth thy footstool, heaven thy throne:
Thou within the veil hast entered,
Robed in flesh, our great High Priest;
Thou on earth both Priest and Victim
In the Eucharistic Feast.

Text: W. Chatterton Dix (1837–1898)

PRAYER POINTS

Wider Church:

The Anglican Communion around the world; Archbishop of Canterbury, Most Revd Justin Welby, and all primates and bishops; members of the Anglican Consultative Council; the Secretary General, The Most Revd Dr Josiah

Idowu-Fearon; the staff at the Anglican Communion Office in London and the UN offices in Geneva and New York

National Church:

The Murray: Keith Dalby

Adelaide:

St Andrew's School: *principal* Deb Dalwood, *chaplain* Rachel Chapman

The Sick:

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, Christine, George Falvey

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

Years' Mind:

Ronald Laurencis, Arthur Donald Waterman, Dorothy Violet McFarlane, James Latimer Whittle, William John Woodcock, Robert Brook Lewis, Edward (Teddy) Arthur Woodward, Wendy Marie Ey, James Matheson Riach, Catherine Joan Ellis, Anthony Milner Blackburne

THE PRAYERS

Lord God we thank you for your church in the world and for the people you have called to lead it. During this week of prayer for Christian unity we pray for ourselves and for the people of the different denominations of Your church. We give thanks for all that is done in your name and we pray that it will continue to bring Glory to You. Help us to love as you love, and to lead as you lead, and to teach only that which rises from truth.

Lord in your mercy. Hear our prayer.

Lord God the world in which we live has become unfamiliar to us. Many people are now unemployed and are living in hardship and some nearing poverty. We pray for the people who have too little to eat; for those who have no roof for shelter; for the people who are living in fear of sickness. Help us to be as Christ to all people so that people with plenty may share with those who have far too little. Father, we continue our prayers for the many people suffering with the virus and ask for your healing. We pray for families who are grieving the death of someone they have loved and ask for your comfort. We continue to pray for scientists and medical staff as they search for an appropriate vaccine.

Lord in your mercy. Hear our prayer.

Lord God we thank you for the bounty of the earth. We thank you for the abundance of food that we can produce. We pray for our farmers and graziers that they may be supported in their desire to produce food for the people of the world. We pray today for the people producing beef and barley as they seek new markets for their produce. We pray for local manufacturers and for the people they employ.

Lord in your mercy. Hear our prayer.

Lord God we thank you for the love that you shower upon us. We thank you that your love is unconditional and all we need do is to open our mind and heart to make it a very real part of our lives. Send your blessing upon us as we strive to

make your Word known and to bring all people to open their hearts to you.
Lord in your mercy. Hear our prayer.

Lord God we thank you for your divine healing and we pray for all people who are sick or suffering in any way. We hold before you the people known to us and whose need is heavy on our heart. With Alan Foran we give you thanks for blessings received. We pray for the people whose names appear in our prayer lists:.... .. Comfort and heal them Lord, each according to their need.

Lord in your mercy. hear our prayer.

Lord God your saints throughout the ages have worked to make your name known and they have passed the message of salvation from one generation to another. We pray for those who have died recently, and we think of the thousands of people who have died from the effects of Covid-19. We pray for the people whose years mind occurs at this time, and we pray for all who have died alone and seemingly unloved.

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

Almighty God, you have promised to hear our prayers. Grant that what we have asked in faith we may by your grace receive, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

Aria for reflection:

Mein gläubiges Herze (from the Cantata, Also hat Gott die Welt geliebt [*God so loved the world*], BWV 68) *Johann Sebastian Bach*

Amelia Holds, soprano; Kim Worley, 'cello; Andrew Georg, organ

Mein gläubiges Herze,

Frohlocke, sing, scherze,

Dein Jesus ist da!

Weg Jammer, weg Klagen,

Ich will euch nur sagen:

Mein Jesus ist nah.

My faithful heart,

Rejoice, sing, be glad,

Your Jesus is here!

Away with sorrow, away with lamenting,

I will only say to you:

My Jesus is near.

Recordings: <https://youtu.be/mZpIN2l6ASA>

The Blessing

THE peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his son Jesus Christ our Lord: and the blessing of God Almighty, ✠ the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Final Hymn: 388 Jesus shall reign where'er the sun *Truro*

Recordings: https://youtu.be/_JUFd402lms

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[si=UGu6CtiYQQjKM_C5CfoLNg](https://open.spotify.com/track/7opR8bti6lv5ru0wtvQ3iL?si=UGu6CtiYQQjKM_C5CfoLNg)

1 Jesus shall reign where'er the sun
Does his successive journeys run;
His kingdom stretch from shore to shore,
Till moons shall wax and wane no more.

2 People and realms of every tongue
Dwell on his love with sweetest song,
And infant voices shall proclaim
Their early blessings on his name.

Text: Isaac Watts (1674–1748)

3 Blessings abound where'er he reigns;
The prisoner leaps to lose his chains;
The weary find eternal rest,
And all the sons of want are blest.

4 Let every creature rise and bring
Peculiar honours to our King;
Angels descend with songs again,
And earth repeat the long Amen.

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Today's Music

The hymn *Alleluia, sing to Jesus* is a Eucharistic hymn intended to be sung at Ascensiontide. It was written in 1866 to help fill a void of Eucharistic hymns in the Church of England at the time. Both the text and its associated tune *Hyfrydol* were written by laypeople: the author William Chatterton Dix was the manager of a marine insurance company who wrote and translated hymns in his spare time, and the composer Rowland Prichard was a loom-tender's assistant for the Welsh Flannel Manufacturing Company.

Some textual features to note are the “Alleluya” calls beginning each verse, various allusions to the Ascension in verses 1 & 2, and the multitude of names for Jesus in verses 3 & 4. It is a joyful and triumphant hymn. Although we cannot take Holy Communion in the normal way at this time, this hymn can be encouragement to look forward to the day when we can celebrate the “Eucharistic Feast” together again.



Today’s Anthem for Reflection, *Mein gläubiges Herze*, is sung by Christ Church chorister Amelia Holds (pictured), accompanied on ’cello by Kim Worley with myself on the organ. This soprano aria is from Bach’s cantata *Also hat Gott die Welt geliebt* (God so loved the world), written for Pentecost Monday, and was first

performed on 21 May 1725 in Leipzig. The conductor and Bach specialist John Eliot Gardiner describes this aria as “Surely one of Bach’s most refreshing and unbuttoned expressions of melodic joy and high spirits”.

Andrew Georg

Daily Readings

May	<i>Morning Prayer</i>	<i>Evening Prayer</i>
25 Monday	Num 21.4-9 Lk 6.39-end	Deut 30 2 Pet 2.4-end
26 Tuesday	Num 22.2-35 Lk 7.1-10	Deut 31.1-13 2 Pet 3
27 Wednesday	Num 22.36-23.12 Lk 7.11-23	Deut 31.14-29 1 Jn 1-2.6
28 Thursday	Num 23.13-end Lk 7.24-35	Deut 31.30-32.14 1 Jn 2.7-17
29 Friday	Num 24 Lk 7.36-end	Deut 32.15-47 1 Jn 2.18-end
30 Saturday	Deut 32.48-end; 34 Lk 8.1-15	Deut 33 1 Jn 3.1-12

NOTICES

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 UCInvest Application form please advise the Parish Office.

All giving is CONFIDENTIAL.

ABM COVID-19

GLOBAL EMERGENCY RESPONSE

ABM's partners are reaching out to all God's people and responding to the pandemic in their own contexts. If you feel so led, please review the following link to support people in need during the crisis:

<https://www.abmission.org/appeals.php/178/tax/appeal/2020?bblinkid=224685422&bbemailid=22035528&bbejrid=1512380683>