



ST. JOHN'S ANGLICAN CHURCH
TOORAK
EST. 1859



Pentecost

28th of May, 2023

Welcome

On behalf of everyone at St. John's, Toorak, a very warm welcome to this church and faith community. St. John's welcomes everyone to all services and events, regardless of age, gender, sexual orientation, race or background. This is a wonderful and historic church, founded in 1859. We are part of the Anglican Church of Australia and a member of the global Anglican Communion, comprised of 80 million people.

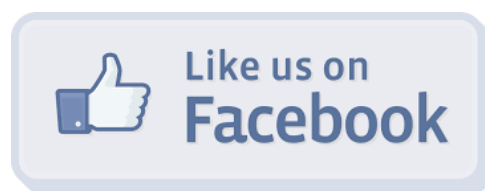
Regular services of worship are held each Sunday at 8am and 10am, and Wednesday at 7pm. All are welcome. Services are followed by times of fellowship over food and drinks to which everyone is also welcome.

This church actively follows Jesus' command to love God, love one's neighbour and to care for all people. Our clergy and parishioners regularly visit the sick, home-bound, and the dying. We care for the poor and needy through service and charitable giving, through our Opportunity Shop run in partnership with the local Catholic and Uniting churches, and by supporting the work of Anglicare, The Brotherhood of St. Laurence and The Anglican Board of Mission. Our clergy regularly baptise new members of the church, preside at weddings and care for the grieving through our funeral ministry. If we can be of service to you or your family, please do not hesitate to get in touch. If you would like to give of your time and talents in the service of others, please also contact the church and we will gladly welcome your contribution.

If you're visiting for the first time please introduce yourself to a welcomer or member of the clergy, and fill out the blue 'Welcome' card found at the end of every pew so we can stay in touch with you.



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Cover Image

Orcagna *Pentecost* 1365-67 Tempera on wood, height 195 cm
Galleria dell'Accademia, Florence

As you enter the church, please ensure your telephone is switched off or to silent. Please also use the time before the service for prayer and quiet reflection and allow others to do the same.

INTRODUCTORY RITE *please stand*

THE INVOCATION

Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

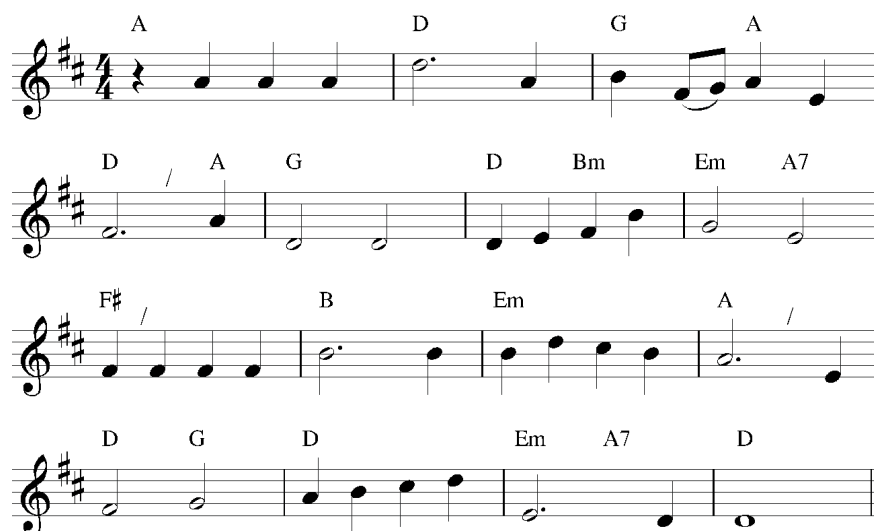
Blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever.

THE GREETING

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

Christ is risen. Alleluia! **He is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

HYMN 'Filled with the Spirit's power'



1. Filled with the Spirit's power,
with one accord
the infant church confessed its
risen Lord:
O Holy Spirit, in the church
today
no less your power of fellowship
display.
2. Now with the mind of Christ set
us on fire,
that unity may be our great
desire:
give joy and peace; give faith to
hear your call,

and readiness in each to work for
all.

3. Widen our love, good Spirit, to
embrace
in your strong care all those of
every race:
like wind and fire with life
among us move
till we are known as Christ's, and
Christians prove.

J. R. Peacey 1896-1971 *alt.*
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COLLECT FOR PURITY

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hidden: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE TWO GREAT COMMANDMENTS

‘Hear, O Israel, the Lord your God, the Lord is one; you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength.’ Jesus said: ‘This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it: you shall love your neighbour as yourself.’

CONFESSION

The Spirit of truth comes to convict of sin, of righteousness, and of judgement.

Silence may be kept

Let us then open our hearts and confess our sins in penitence and faith.

Merciful God, our maker and our judge, we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, and in what we have failed to do: we have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves; we repent, and are sorry for all our sins. Father, forgive us. Strengthen us to love and obey you in newness of life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

ABSOLUTION

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS *said at 8am, sung at 10am*

Gloria 

Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth. Lord. God,
 heaven-ly King, al-migh-ty God and Fath-er, we wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we
 praise you for_ your glo-ry. Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fath-er,
 Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin_ of the world: have mer-cy on
 us; you are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fath-er: re-ceive our prayer. For
 you a-lone are the Ho-ly One, you a-lone are the Lord, you a-lone are the Most High Je-sus
 Christ, with the Ho-ly Spir-it, in_ the glo-ry of God the Fath-er. A-men.

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COLLECT FOR THE DAY OF PENTECOST

Almighty God, at the feast of Pentecost you sent your Holy Spirit to the disciples, filling them with joy and boldness to preach the gospel: empower us with that same Spirit to witness to your redeeming love and draw all people to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

THE FIRST READING Acts 2.1-21 *Read at 8am by Fiona McLeay; and at 10am by Leanne Blanckenberg*

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability. Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem.

And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, 'Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power.' All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, 'What does this mean?' But others sneered and said, 'They are filled with new wine.' But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them: 'Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel: "In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy. And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day. Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

Hear the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

THE PSALM Psalm 104:26-36, *said together at 8am, and sung by the choir at 10am*

Lord, how various are your works:

in wisdom you have made them all,
and the earth is full of your creatures.

There is the wide, immeasurable sea:

there move living things without number, great and small;

There go the ships, to and fro:

and there is that Leviathan

whom you formed to sport in the deep.

These all look to you:

to give them their food in due season.

When you give it to them, they gather it:

when you open your hand
they are satisfied with good things.
When you hide your face, they are troubled:
when you take away their breath,
they die and return to their dust.
When you send forth your spirit they are created:
and you renew the face of the earth.
May the glory of the Lord endure for ever:
may the Lord rejoice in his works.
If he look upon the earth, it shall tremble:
if he but touch the mountains, they shall smoke.
I will sing to the Lord as long as I live:
I will praise my God while I have any being.
May my meditation be pleasing to him:
for my joy shall be in the Lord.
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in
the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

THE SECOND READING 1 Corinthians 12.1–13 *Reader required at 8am; and at 10am by Keith Beecher*

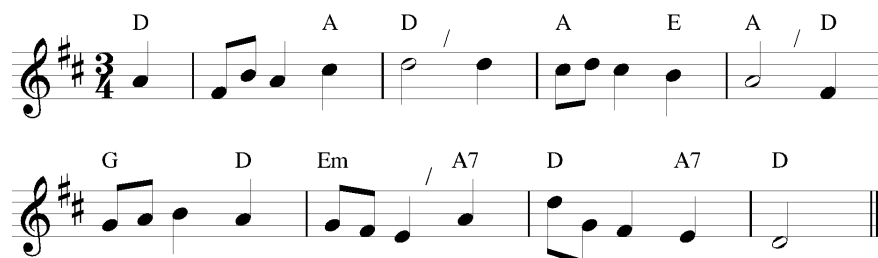
Now concerning spiritual gifts, brothers and sisters, I do not want you to be uninformed. You know that when you were pagans, you were enticed and led astray to idols that could not speak. Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking by the Spirit of God ever says 'Let Jesus be cursed!' and no one can say 'Jesus is Lord' except by the Holy Spirit. Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses. For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in the one Spirit we were all

baptized into one body – Jews or Greeks, slaves or free – and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

Hear the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand

GRADUAL HYMN 'Breathe on me, breath of God' *sung at the 10am service only*



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| 1. Breathe on me, breath of God,
fill me with life anew,
that I may love all that you love
and do what you would do. | 3. Breathe on me, breath of God,
and all my life refine,
until this earthly part of me
glows with your fire divine. |
| 2. Breathe on me, breath of God,
until my heart is pure,
until with you I will one will,
to do and to endure. | 4. Breathe on me, breath of God;
so shall I never die,
but live with you the perfect life
of your eternity. |

Edwin Hatch 1835–89 *alt.* Music from the
Revised Church Hymnary 1927

We turn and face the Gospel as it is read

THE GOSPEL John 20.19–23

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

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to St. John.
Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.' When he had said this, he

breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.'

For the Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

THE SERMON The Vicar, The Revd Dr Peter French

AT 10AM, THE ANTHEM *If ye love me*

Thomas Tallis (c1505-1585)

THE NICENE CREED *said together, standing*

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary, and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified, who has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE *at 8am led by Vivien Randall; and at 10am led by James Griffith*

The Prayers end with the following

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.

THE PARISH NOTICES

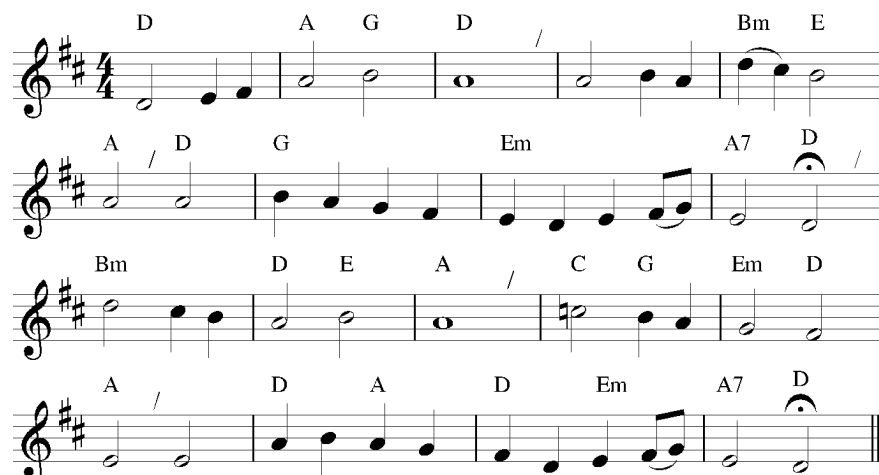
THE GREETING OF PEACE *standing*

The peace of the Lord be always with you. And also with you.

All share with each other a 'COVIDsafe' sign of peace

OFFERTORY *As the gifts of bread and wine are brought forward, a monetary collection for the life and ministry of St. John's is taken. You may give by contributing to the brass collection plate, or at the paypoint at the rear of the church*

OFFERTORY HYMN 'Come down, O Love divine'



1. Come down, O Love divine,
seek now this soul of mine,
and visit it with your own ardour
glowing;
O Comforter, draw near,
within my heart appear
and kindle it, your holy flame
bestowing.

2. There let it freely burn,
till earthly passions turn
to dust and ashes, in its heat
consuming;
and let your glorious light
shine ever on my sight
and clothe me round, the while
my path illuming.

3. Let holy charity
my outer garment be,

and lowliness become my inner
clothing:
true lowliness of heart,
which takes the humbler part
and for its own shortcomings
weeps with loathing.

4. And so the yearning strong
with which the soul will long
shall far outpass the power of
human telling;
for none can guess its grace
till we become the place
in which the Holy Spirit makes
his dwelling.

Bianco da Siena d.1434 *tr.* Richard Frederick
Littledale 1833-90 *alt.* Music from the *English Hymnal*

PRAYER FOR RECEIVING THE OFFERTORY

Bless this table Lord, by the coming of your Spirit, so that the promise of Christ may be fulfilled and we may be led into all truth. **Blessed be God for ever.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

All remain standing

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

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The Great Thanksgiving Prayer continues to the following

Therefore, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we proclaim your great and glorious name, for ever praising you and saying/singing:

Sanctus

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might, Heaven and earth are

Benedictus

full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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The Great Thanksgiving Prayer continues to the following

...Let us proclaim the mystery of faith

Acclamation

Christ has died. Christ is ri - sen. Christ will come a - gain.

The Great Thanksgiving Prayer ends with the following
... songs of never ending praise. or ... now and for ever.



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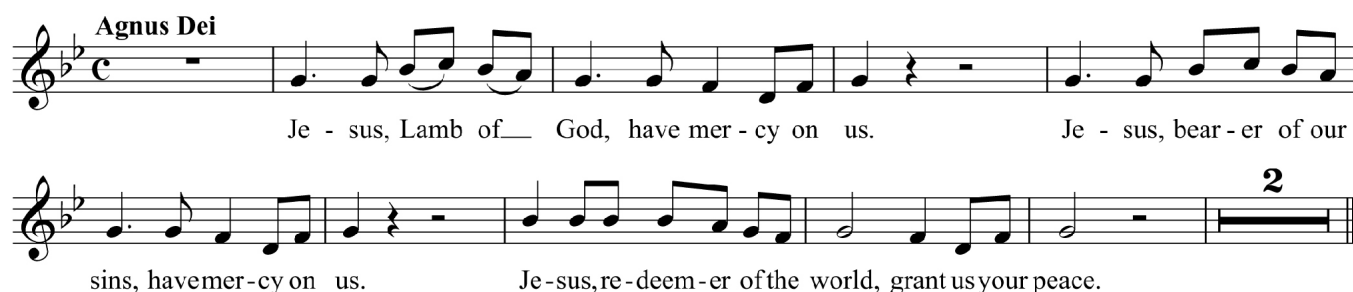
THE LORD'S PRAYER

As our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are confident to pray
**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come,
 your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread.
 Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us
 from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the
 power, and the glory are yours now and for ever. Amen.**

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ. We who are many are
 one body, **for we all share in the one bread.**

AGNUS DEI



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INVITATION TO COMMUNION *kneeling or standing*

This is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. Blessed are
 those who are called to his supper. **Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,
 but only say the word, and I shall be healed.**

ADMINISTRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

All baptised Christians are welcome to receive Holy Communion. Communion is available as consecrated bread, which is given to each person, and wine which may be drunk from the chalice. A separate chalice for intinction (dipped) is also provided. If you would prefer a blessing, please come forward and indicate this by keeping your arms behind your back. Gluten free wafers are available on request.

COMMUNION ANTHEM Chant & Organ Versets from *Veni, Creator*
Maurice Duruflé (1902-1986)

POST COMMUNION PRAYER *Please stand*

Giver of life and love, we thank you that in this heavenly banquet you invigorate and renew us. Living in the unity of the Spirit, may we boldly use your gifts to continue your work in the world. Father, **we offer ourselves to you as a living sacrifice through Jesus Christ our Lord. Send us out in the power of your Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory.**

FINAL HYMN 'Great God, your Spirit' *verses 1 and 3 only at 8am*

3

D Bm G

1 Great God, your Spi - rit, like the —
2 Lord, shake us with the force of —
3 And then, in your com - pas - sion, —

D G D Bm G D

1 wind — un - seen but — sha - king things we see — will nev - er
2 love, to rouse us — from our dread - ful sleep; re - move our
3 give your Spi - rit — like the gen - tle rain, cre - a - ting

Bm F#m Bm F#m Bm F#m E7

1 leave us un - dis - turbed ful - fil our dreams, or set us
2 hearts of stone, and — give new hearts of flesh, to break and
3 fer - tile ground from — which your peace and jus - tice spring like

A Em Am Em

1 free, un - til we turn from faith - less fear and prove the
2 weep for all your chil - dren in dis - tress and dy - ing
3 grain; un - til your love is sat - is - fied, with all cre -

G D7 G Em A7

1 prom - ise of your grace in just - ice, peace and dai - ly
2 for the wealth we keep. Help us pre - vent, while we have
3 - a - tion freed from pain, and all your chil - dren live to

D Bm G D G A7 D

1 bread with joy for all the hu - man race.
2 time, the blight - ed har - vest greed must reap.
3 praise your will ful - filled, your pre - sence plain.

2

The printed words of this hymn are overleaf

1. Great God, your Spirit, like the
wind
unseen but shaking things we see
will never leave us undisturbed
fulfil our dreams, or set us free,
until we turn from faithless fear
and prove the promise of your
grace
in justice, peace and daily bread
with joy for all the human race.

2. Lord, shake us with the force of
love,
to rouse us from our dreadful
sleep;
remove our hearts of stone, and
give
new hearts of flesh, to break and
weep
for all your children in distress
and dying for the wealth we

keep.
Help us prevent, while we have
time,
the blighted harvest greed must
reap.

3. And then, in your compassion,
give
your Spirit like the gentle rain,
creating fertile ground from
which
your peace and justice spring like
grain;
until your love is satisfied,
with all creation freed from pain,
and all your children live to
praise
your will fulfilled, your presence
plain.

Alan Gaunt 1935 - Arrangement © Gordon Jacob

BLESSING

DISMISSAL

Go in the peace of Christ. **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE 'Amen' from *Veni, Creator*

Maurice Duruflé (1902-1986)

As the postlude is played please remain seated or leave quietly



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PENTECOST

Pentecost (from the Greek *pentekoste*, 'fiftieth' of fifty days of celebration) has its roots in the Jewish Feast of Weeks, which was completed on the fiftieth day after Passover. On the fiftieth day of Easter, God sends the Holy Spirit to empower the Church to perform the mission which the risen Christ has entrusted to it; and the Spirit inaugurates the messianic community.

Pentecost celebrates both the Holy Spirit and the Christian Church. It was originally the crown and completion of the Easter season; only later, in the mediaeval West, did it become a new festival season of its own. After the Easter Vigil, the time of Pentecost was a preferred occasion for baptism in early Christian centuries, and the services of Pentecost also reflect this baptismal theme. Christ's disciples are born again of water and the spirit. There is some evidence that the ascension was first celebrated on the fiftieth day of Easter, but it was soon moved to the fortieth day in faithfulness to Luke's chronology. Ascension and Pentecost are closely linked. The risen Lord is no longer present to the Church in the body of his flesh; the Church is now to be the new body of Christ, filled with his life through the gift of the Spirit.

Pentecost

Today we feel the wind beneath our wings
Today the hidden fountain flows and plays
Today the church draws breath at last and sings
As every flame becomes a Tongue of praise.
This is the feast of fire, air, and water
Poured out and breathed and kindled into earth.
The earth herself awakens to her maker
And is translated out of death to birth.
The right words come today in their right order
And every word spells freedom and release
Today the gospel crosses every border
All tongues are loosened by the Prince of Peace
Today the lost are found in His translation.
Whose mother-tongue is Love, in every nation.

From *Sounding the Seasons*, Malcolm Guite, Canterbury Press.

CURRENT NOTICES

Ecumenical Pentecost Service at 2pm Today

At 2pm today we join together to continue the celebration of Pentecost alongside our fellow Christian members of the Toorak Ecumenical Movement: Toorak Uniting Church, St. Peter's Catholic Church and The Swedish Church. A service of word and song with Fr. Brendan Hayes our guest preacher. All are welcome.

Memorial Service for Claire Beecher, Wednesday 31 May at 11am

All are welcome to join with Keith and his family as we come together on Wednesday to commend Claire to the love and mercy of God at the end of her life. Claire will be cremated tomorrow at a private service, her Memorial Service will be Wednesday and, at a later date, her ashes will be interred in the Memorial Garden.

Next Sunday, 4 June is Trinity Sunday

As we celebrate the gift of God's Holy Spirit today, next week we celebrate God as Trinity, the uniquely Christian understanding of God as Father, Son and Holy Spirit. At our 10am Service, we will also welcome members of the following Commonwealth Societies who will be worshipping with us: Australia Britain Society, Royal Over-seas League, Royal Society of St. George, Armorial and Heraldry Society, English Speaking Union, The Company of Armigers, Australia Day Council, Victoria Day Council, Australians for Constitutional Monarchy, and Countess Mountbatten's Own Legion of Frontiersmen.

Save the Date, Sunday 16 July, 11.30am

Winter Warmer Lunch following 10am service. Fully catered. Further details to come.

Support Our Choir and Music Program

In the lead-up to the end of the financial year, please consider making a tax deductible donation in support of our choir and music program. Go here: <https://www.melbourneanglican.org.au/maf-donation-page/> Under "Fund," select MACO, and then St. John's, Toorak. Do speak with Chris Cook or our Vicar if you need further assistance. Thank you. Every gift, large and small, helps us sing!

REGULAR NOTICES

Safeguarding and Wellbeing

St. John's, Toorak, is committed to safeguarding all people and protecting their wellbeing, including young and vulnerable people, especially Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children, and children with diverse needs. All relevant staff and volunteers are trained in child safety and have appropriate clearance for service or clearance for ministry. If you have any concerns at all about the wellbeing of children in this parish, contact Kooyoora on 1800 135 246 or www.kooyoora.org.au

Pastoral Care

Clergy and members of the St John's Pastoral Care Team offer pastoral care on a regular basis to parishioners as well as to those who specifically request it. This may include Home Communion. They also visit local hospitals at the request of patients, family, friends or staff with the consent of the recipient. Clergy and Lay Pastoral Carers visit a number of local Aged Care facilities on a regular, usually monthly, basis. Parishioners and others are welcome to phone the church office to arrange a home visit by the clergy or a lay pastoral carer. Those who are no longer able to attend usual services at the church are visited on a regular basis at time intervals that suit them.

The Melbourne Anglican (TMA)

The link to the latest edition of TMA is [here](#). The link to the May Prayer Diary is [here](#)

Contribute to Worship Services

All our ministries at St John's are supported by our wonderful volunteers. The rosters for May & June are [here](#). And you will note that volunteering for morning tea has now been added to the list of duties. As there are plenty of gaps to fill and if you are available to help provide, set-up, serve and pack away the morning tea, please let the parish office know so that the roster can be updated. With thanks!

Communion Instructions

All are welcome at the altar and those baptised are welcome to receive Communion. Holy Communion is distributed via a chalice from which to sip or, a separate chalice into which the bread may be intincted (dipped). If you wish to simply receive the bread only that is perfectly appropriate. A blessing only is also available.

Wednesday Eucharist at 7pm

Our regular celebration of the Eucharist on Wednesday evening is a lovely, quiet service in the peaceful Angel Chapel, to which everyone is always welcome, and to supper in the vestry following.

Covid Safety Measures and Zoom Link

It is recommended that we continue to wear masks when appropriate, and to physically distance when necessary. Our regular 10am Sunday service is streamed via Zoom. This week's zoom link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87520014330?pwd=VFNadGFaSzAzSmcrSEZuK1lkVzFDQT09> Meeting ID: 875 2001 4330 Passcode: 670339

Prayer Requests

Prayer requests can be sent to prayers@saintjohnstoorak.org. The clergy check emails for prayer requests daily, and pray in solidarity with anyone who would like prayers said for them.

Clergy Days Off

Our clergy have one regular day off per week. Our Assistant Curate Lydia has Monday and Vicar Peter has Friday. Wendy usually works Wednesday, Thursday and Sunday only. Please respect their time away from work and unless in an emergency, please refrain from telephoning, texting, visiting the Vicarage, or emailing them on these days. Thank you.

IN THE CHURCH FOYER

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ART COMMENTARY

The triptych with the Pentecost from Santi Apostoli, Florence, consists of three panels with round arches at the top, the middle one being taller and broader than those at the sides. Although incomplete, the frame has a pronounced architectural character with references to the triumphal arch. In terms of the treatment of the picture plane, the pictorial space and the scene depicted, the three panels are conceived as a unity. At the centre of the middle panel the Virgin kneels, apparently hovering, surrounded by six kneeling apostles, who are accompanied by three apostles in each of the side panels. Here, as in the Strozzi Altarpiece, Orcagna has achieved a rare harmony between the planar and spatial dimensions, between bodily presence and the spiritual realm. The influence of Giovanni da Milano is detectable in the style of the figures and in the use of colour, suggesting a date of around 1365-67.

FOR YOUR PRAYERS

For the suffering, grieving, and displaced people, particularly the women and children, of Somalia during drought and famine. For leaders and aid workers. We continue to pray for Ukraine, Russia, and their leaders and peoples.

From the Anglican Cycle of Prayer: Pentecost Sunday; Christ Church South Yarra (Incumbency vacant, Emily Fraser); The Diocese of Wangaratta (Bp Clarence Bester, Clergy & People); Anglican Cursillo Movement; All Saints' Kooyong – Pastoral visit (Bp Genieve Blackwell); St Philip's Mount Waverley – Pastoral visit (Bp Paul Barker); St Stephen's Anglican Congregation, Werribee – Karen Community (Bp Brad Billings).

For those who lead us in Government: His Majesty King Charles III; Governor General David Hurley AC; Prime Minister Anthony Albanese; Federal Member of Parliament for Division of Higgins, Dr. Michelle Ananda-Rajah; Premier of Victoria, Daniel Andrews.

For Reconciliation between Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australians: For Aboriginal Anglican clergy and lay-leaders around Australia, their spiritual health and physical well-being, and the people they care for. For Aboriginal and Government leaders and their work together.

For The Toorak Ecumenical Movement: Our partner churches, St. Peter's Roman Catholic Church, Toorak Uniting Church, and The Swedish Church.

For The Anglican Board of Mission, The Brotherhood of St. Laurence, and Anglicare.

For schools in our parish: Geelong Grammar School Toorak Campus, Head of Campus Nicole Ginnane; St Catherine's School, Principal Michelle Carroll; and Toorak Primary School, Principal Julie Manallack.

For those being married: Shane Newham & Georgia Papadopoulos.

For those celebrating birthdays: Sue Kincaid on Wednesday.

For the sick and all in need: Gwen; Bruce Fordham; Sam Shepherd; Margaret Jones; Nichole Garnaut; Joanna; Sam; Ivan and John.

For those in aged care and those who are housebound: Rosie Creswell; Beverley Joyce; Val Hurst; Rosalind Scott; Anne Myers; Elizabeth Johnson; and, Sue Kincaid.

Give thanks for those whose Anniversary of Death is this week: John Ashworth (2014); Noelle Heathcote (2019); Sally Bennett (2015); Michael Burbank (2022); Janet Field (2021); Greg Robb (2022); Edward Miles Birkett (1972); Ian Reid (2022). The Flowers by the Book of Remembrance are in loving memory of Edward Miles Birkett.

Recently died: Claire Beecher.

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This Week

SUNDAY, 28 May, 2023

Day of Pentecost

8am Said Eucharist

10am Sung Eucharist

11.15am Morning Tea

12.00pm Baptism Service

2pm Ecumenical Pentecost Service, St John's

MONDAY, 29 May, 2023

5pm Wardens meeting

WEDNESDAY, 31 May, 2023

11am Memorial Service for Claire Beecher

7pm Eucharist, Angel Chapel

SATURDAY, 3 June, 2023

2pm Wedding of Shane Newham

& Georgia Papadopoulos

Next Sunday, 4 June Trinity Sunday

8am Said Eucharist

First Reading: Genesis 1:1-2:4a, Sam Hartley

Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 13:11-13, Fiona McLeay

Gospel Reading: Matthew 28:16-20

Intercessor: Brenda Mouritz

Preacher: The Revd Dr Wendy Crouch

Celebrant: The Revd Lydia Thangadurai

10am Sung Eucharist

First Reading: Genesis 1:1-2:4a, Michael Kirwan

Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 13:11-13,
Volunteer required

Gospel Reading: Matthew 28:16-20

Intercessor: Anthony Mannering

Preacher: The Revd Dr Wendy Crouch

Celebrant: The Revd Lydia Thangadurai

Morning Tea: Keith Beecher & another
volunteer/s



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