

## St Matthew's Anglican Church, Cheltenham

### Masses celebrated during Easter week

Tuesday 3 April – 10am Mass  
Wednesday 4 April – 10am Mass



### Weekly Services



Sunday – 8am Holy Communion & 10am Sung Eucharist  
Wednesday – 10am Mass

### Easter Special Effort!

The lucky winners of our Easter Special Effort are...!!!



1st prize – Cliff 'Tig' Simmons  
2nd prize – George Wilson  
3rd prize – Adair Stagg  
4th prize – Julie Johnston



Congratulations to all and a big thank you to everyone who supported our Special Effort – we raised \$290!



The clergy and staff of St Matthew's wish you and your families a very happy, safe and holy Easter.



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## EASTER DAY



### 10am: Easter Eucharist

**Celebrant & Preacher:** Fr Ron White

**Organist:** Mrs Marlene Davies

150 Years of Witness & Service in Cheltenham



## THE ORDER OF SERVICE FOR EASTER DAY

### *Hymn: 390 TIS*

#### *Refrain:*

*Alleluia, alleluia, give thanks to the risen Lord,  
Alleluia, alleluia, give praise to his name.*

1. Jesus is Lord of all the earth;  
He is the king of creation.

#### *Refrain*

2. Spread the good news o'er all the earth:  
Jesus has died and has risen.

#### *Refrain*

3. We have been crucified with Christ;  
Now we shall live for ever.

#### *Refrain*

4. God has proclaimed his gracious gift:  
New life for all! Alleluia!

#### *Refrain*

5. Come, let us praise the living God,  
Joyfully sing to our Saviour.

#### *Refrain*

Blessed be God : Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

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

Christ is risen. Alleluia!

**He is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

### *The Sentence for Easter Day*

This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Luke 24.34; Psalm 118.24



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Together In Song

### *Prayer of Preparation*

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

### *Let us pray*

**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 our 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*

Christ our Passover Lamb has been offered for us, therefore we come to celebrate the festival.

### *A short silence is kept*

Let us confess our sins in penitence and faith, with a sincere and true heart.

Lord God, you created this world and made us in your own image, and still more wonderfully restored us. Forgive us when we turn away from you.

Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

Lord God, through your Son you overcome evil and death; as you have raised Jesus to new life, so raise us from 'slavery to sin'.

Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**

Lord God, by your Spirit, you restore us to fellowship with you and with one another. Breathe your love and freedom into our lives.

Lord have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you your sins, and keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

*The Hymn of Praise, Gloria in excelsis*

**Glory to God in the highest,  
and peace to God's people on earth.  
Lord God, heavenly King,  
almighty God and Father,  
we worship you, we give you thanks,  
we praise you for your glory.  
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,  
Lord God, Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world:  
have mercy on us;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:  
receive our prayer.  
For you alone are the Holy One,  
you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High  
Jesus Christ,  
with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

*The Collect: Let us pray that we may live Christ's risen life*

Glorious Lord of life,  
by the mighty resurrection of your Son  
you overcame the old order of sin and death  
to make all things new in him:  
grant that we, who celebrate with joy Christ's rising from the dead  
may be raised from the death of sin to the life of righteousness;  
through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

*A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles*

"You know the message God sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ - he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem.

They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the

dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

Acts 10:36-43

Hear the Word of the Lord,  
**Thanks be to God.**

*The Easter Anthem*

Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us,  
**so let us celebrate the feast,**  
not with the old leaven of corruption and wickedness  
**but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.**  
**Alleluia, Alleluia.**

Christ once raised from the dead dies no more:  
**death has no more dominion over him.**  
In dying he died to sin once for all:  
**in living he lives to God.**  
**Alleluia, Alleluia.**

See yourselves therefore as 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 sleep.**  
**Alleluia, Alleluia.**

For as by one man came death,  
**by another has come also resurrection of the dead;**  
for as in Adam all die:  
**even so in Christ shall all be made alive.**  
**Alleluia, Alleluia.**

*A Reading from Paul's Letter to the Colossians*

So if you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

Colossians 3:1-4

Hear the Word of the Lord,  
**Thanks be to God.**

*Gradual Hymn: 115 NEH*

1. Now the green blade riseth from the buried grain,  
Wheat that in the dark earth many days has lain;  
Love lives again, that with the dead has been:

*Refrain:*

*Love is come again,  
Like wheat that springeth green.*

2. In the grave they laid him, Love whom men had slain,  
Thinking that never he would wake again,  
Laid in the earth like grain that sleeps unseen:

*Refrain*

3. Forth he came at Easter, like the risen grain,  
He that for three days in the grave had lain,  
Quick from the dead, my risen Lord is seen:

*Refrain*

4. When our hearts are wintry, grieving, or in pain,  
Thy touch can call us back to life again;  
Fields of our hearts, that dead and bare have been:

*Refrain*

*The Gospel*

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia! The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Saint John, chapter twenty, beginning at the first verse.

**Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!**

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, 'They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him.' Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went towards the tomb. The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. Then the disciples returned to their homes. But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent

over to look into the tomb; and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. They said to her, 'Woman, why are you weeping?' She said to them, 'They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him.' When she had said this, she turned round and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, 'Woman, why are you weeping? For whom are you looking?' Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, 'Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away.' Jesus said to her, 'Mary!' She turned and said to him in Hebrew, 'Rabbouni!' (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, 'Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, "I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God." ' Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, 'I have seen the Lord'; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

For the Gospel of the Lord,

**Alleluia, Alleluia!**

*The Sermon*

*Hymn: 386 TIS (During which the priest proceeds to the Baptistry)*

*Refrain:*

*By your kingly power, O risen Lord,  
All that Adam lost is now restored:  
In your resurrection be adored.*

1. Sing the joyful Easter cry,  
Sound it to the souls in prison,  
Shout our triumph to the sky:  
Sing Christ risen, sing Christ risen.

*Refrain*

2. Sing the joyful Easter cry,  
Let all times and peoples listen:  
Death has no more victory,  
Sing Christ risen, sing Christ risen.

*Refrain*

3. Death has lost and life has won;  
Every newborn soul we christen  
Has the Father's child become:  
Sing Christ risen, sing Christ risen.

*Refrain*

## RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL VOWS

*The priest says to the congregation*

Dear friends, in baptism, through the mystery of Christ's death and resurrection, we have died and been buried with Christ, so that we may rise with him to new life. Now that we have completed the observance of Lent, let us renew the promises made in our baptism, when we rejected the devil and all his works, and promised to serve God faithfully as members of his holy catholic Church.

*Water is poured into the font and the priest says*

We thank you heavenly Father, for the gift of water. Your Holy Spirit moved over the waters in the beginning of creation. Through water you led the children of Israel out of slavery in Egypt into the land of promise. In water your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah.

We thank you, heavenly Father, for the water of baptism, in which we are buried with Christ in his death that we may share in his resurrection, and through which we are renewed by the Holy Spirit. Therefore, in joyful obedience to your Son, we make disciples of all nations and baptise them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

**Springs of water, bless the Lord. Give glory and praise to our God, who lives and reigns for ever!**

Do you believe in God the Father, who made the world?

**I believe and trust in him.**

Do you believe and trust in his Son, Jesus Christ, who redeemed our human race?

**I believe and trust in him.**

Do you believe and trust in his Holy Spirit, who gives life to the people of God?

**I believe and trust in him.**

This is the faith of the Church.

**This is our faith. We believe and trust in one God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.**

Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil and renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?

**I do.**

Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

**I will, with God's help.**

Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fail, repent and return to the Lord?

**I will, with God's help.**

Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

**I will, with God's help.**

Will you seek to serve Christ by loving your neighbour as yourself?

**I will, with God's help.**

Will you work and pray for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

**I will, with God's help.**

May Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given us new birth by water and the Holy Spirit, and bestowed upon us the † forgiveness of sins, keep us in eternal life by his grace, in Christ Jesus Our Lord. **Amen.**

## THE GREETING OF PEACE

Christ is risen! Alleluia, Alleluia!

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

The peace of the Lord, crucified and risen, be always with you.

**And also with you.**

*The peace is shared*

*The congregation is invited to greet each other with the words:*

**"Christ is risen!" the response to which is, "He is risen indeed!"**

*Offertory Hymn: 375 NEH*

1. I danced in the morning when the world was begun,  
And I danced in the moon and the stars and the sun,  
I came down from heaven and I danced on the earth;  
At Bethlehem I had my birth.

*Refrain:*

*Dance then, wherever you may be;  
I am the Lord of the Dance, said he,  
And I'll lead you all, wherever you may be,  
And I'll lead you all in the dance, said he.*

2. I danced for the scribe and the Pharisee,  
But they would not dance and they would not follow me.

I danced for the fishermen, for James and John –  
They came with me and the dance went on.

*Refrain:*

*Dance then, wherever you may be;  
I am the Lord of the Dance, said he,  
And I'll lead you all, wherever you may be,  
And I'll lead you all in the dance, said he.*

3. I danced on the Sabbath and I cured the lame;  
The holy people said it was a shame.  
They whipped and they stripped and they hung me on high;  
They left me there on a cross to die.

*Refrain*

4. I danced on a Friday when the sky turned black –  
It's hard to dance with the devil on your back.  
They buried my body and they thought I'd gone;  
But I am the dance and I still go on.

*Refrain*

5. They cut me down and I leapt up high;  
I am the life that will never, never die;  
I live in you as you live in me –  
I am the Lord of the Dance said he.

*Refrain*

*The gifts of the people having been brought to the Altar*

Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation.  
Through your goodness we have these gifts to share.  
Accept and use our offerings for your glory  
and for the service of your kingdom.

**Blessed be God for ever.**

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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.**

All glory and honour, be yours now and always,  
mighty Creator, everliving God.

We give you thanks and praise for your Son,  
our Saviour Jesus Christ,  
who by the power of your Spirit was born of Mary  
and lived as one of us.

By his death on the cross,  
he offered the one true sacrifice for sin,  
and obtained an eternal deliverance for his people.

And now we give you thanks  
that you raised him to life triumphant,  
and exalted him in glory.

By his victory over death,  
the reign of sin is ended,  
a new day has dawned,  
a broken world is restored  
and we are made whole once more.

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

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,  
God of power and might,  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

And now we thank you  
for these gifts of bread and wine;  
may we who receive them,  
as Jesus said,  
share his body and his blood.

On the night he was betrayed, he took bread  
and gave you thanks.  
He broke the bread and gave it to his friends, and said,  
'Take and eat. This is my body given for you.  
Do this in remembrance of me.'

After supper he took the cup  
and gave you thanks.

Words: Sydney Carter b 1915  
The New English Hymnal

He shared the cup with them and said,  
'This is my blood poured out  
so that sins may be forgiven.  
Do this in remembrance of me.'

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

You have gathered us together  
to feed on Christ  
and to remember all he has done for us.

Fill us with your Spirit,  
that we may follow Jesus  
in all we do and say,  
working for justice and bringing your peace  
to this world that you have made.

Accept our prayers through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Blessing and honour and glory and power  
are yours forever and ever. Amen.**

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 AND THE COMMUNION

Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;  
Therefore let us keep the feast.

**Alleluia!**

The disciples knew the Lord Jesus in the breaking of the bread.

**Be known to us Lord Jesus in the breaking of the bread.**

The bread which we break, alleluia, is the communion of the body of Christ.

**Be known to us Lord Jesus in the breaking of the bread.**

We are one body, alleluia, for though we are many we share one bread.

**Be known to us Lord Jesus in the breaking of the bread.**

*The invitation to receive Holy Communion*

Come let us take this holy sacrament of the body and blood of Christ in  
remembrance that he died for us, and feed on him in our hearts by faith with  
thanksgiving.

*The Sacrament is given with the following words, after which the  
communicant responds*

The body of Christ keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

The blood of Christ keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

*After Communion*

Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us; therefore let us keep the feast.

The Lord is risen, Alleluia!

**He is risen indeed, Alleluia!**

Lord God, you have brightened this day with the radiance of the risen Christ.  
Quicken our spirits and renew us in mind and body to give you whole-hearted  
service. May we who share Christ's body live his risen life; we who drink his cup  
bring life to others; we whom the Spirit lights give light to the world.

**Keep us in this hope that we have grasped; so we and all your children shall  
be free, and the whole earth live to praise your name.**

Most loving God,

**You send us into the world you love. Give us grace to go thankfully and with  
courage in the power of your Spirit.**

*Notices and invitations*

*Dismissal Hymn: 120 NEH*

1. Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son;  
Endless is the victory, thou o'er death hast won;  
Angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away,  
Kept the folded grave clothes where thy body lay.

*Refrain:*

*Thine be the glory, risen conquering Son,  
Endless is the vict'ry, thou o'er death hast won.*

- 2. Lo! Jesus meets us, risen from the tomb;  
Lovingly he greets us, scatters fear and gloom;  
Let the Church with gladness, hymns of triumph sing;  
For her Lord now liveth, death hath lost its sting.

*Refrain*

- 3. No more we doubt thee, glorious Prince of life;  
Life is naught without thee; aid us in our strife;  
Make us more than conquerors, through thy deathless love:  
Bring us safe through Jordan to thy home above

*Refrain*

*The Blessing*

The blessing of the Living God,  
who brings us light out of darkness,  
be upon you now and for ever. **Amen.**

The blessing of the risen Christ,  
who sends you as apostles into all the world  
be upon you now and for ever. **Amen.**

The blessing of the Holy Spirit,  
who fills the church with joy and praise,  
be upon you now and for ever. **Amen.**

The blessing of our God,  
the holy and glorious Trinity,  
be upon you and remain with you now, and for ever. **Amen.**

*Dismissal*

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, Alleluia!  
**In the name of Christ. Alleluia, Alleluia!**

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77 Richard Hoyle 1875-1939  
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# The Case of the Empty Tomb



Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene went to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the entrance.

John 20:1 (NIV)

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