

# St Matthew's Anglican Church, Cheltenham

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## SERVICE DETAILS

**Sunday 8am:** Holy Communion

**Sunday 10am:** Sung Eucharist

**Wednesday 10am:** Said Eucharist

Baptisms, First Communions,  
Confirmations, Weddings and  
Funerals by arrangement

**1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month 8am:** Book of  
Common Prayer (BCP)

**1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month 10am:** Family Service  
with Sunday School

**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the month:** Healing Service  
follows the 10am Mass

## PARISH EVENTS

**Morning Tea:** After the 10am service every Sunday

**Parish Luncheon:** 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of every 2<sup>nd</sup> month (Jun, Aug, Oct & Dec)

**Parish Breakfast:** 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month (Jul, Oct)

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## FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Sunday  
14 May  
2017

### Welcome to our Services today

**8am – Holy Communion**

**Celebrant & Preacher:** Fr Ron White

**10am – Sung Eucharist**

followed by Healing Service

**Celebrant & Preacher:** Fr Ron White

**Organist:** Mrs Marlene Davies

+ The flowers in the church today are in memory of Pat Swan +

150 Years of Witness & Service in Cheltenham

## OTHER SERVICES DURING THE WEEK

### St Matthew's

**Wednesday 17 May:**  
10am Mass – Fr Ron White

### Friends of St Francis

**Sunday 14 May:**  
9.30am Mass at CHN Prayer Room – Fr Andre Hassing

## TODAY'S ROSTER – 14 MAY

8 AM		10 AM	
<b>Sidespeople:</b>	Cliff Simmons Marilyn Simmons	<b>Sidespeople:</b>	
<b>Reader:</b>	Cliff Simmons	<b>Reader:</b>	Sue Polites
<b>Chalice:</b>	John Thompson	<b>Chalice:</b>	Phil Whelan
<b>Server:</b>	Priscilla van Reesema	<b>Server:</b>	Mitch Porter
<b>Intercessions:</b>	John Thompson	<b>Intercessions:</b>	Joan Leslie

## NEXT SUNDAY'S ROSTER – 21 MAY

8 AM		10 AM	
<b>Sidespeople:</b>	John Thompson	<b>Sidespeople:</b>	Len Evans Derek Pay
<b>Reader:</b>	John Thompson	<b>Reader:</b>	Reg Davies
<b>Chalice:</b>	John Thompson	<b>Chalice:</b>	Len Evans
<b>Server:</b>		<b>Server:</b>	Reg Davies
<b>Intercessions:</b>	Fr Ron	<b>Intercessions:</b>	Pat Rossely

## NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS – HARVEST FESTIVAL

Amos 9.13-15	The Canticle of the Sun	Acts 10.9-15	Matthew 6.25-33
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# THE HOLY COMMUNION

## GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

*Introit Hymn: 94 NEH (10am only)*

1. We sing the praise of him who died  
Of him who died upon the cross;  
The sinners' hope though all deride:  
For this we count the world but loss.
2. Inscribed upon the cross we see  
In shining letters, 'God is love';  
He bears our sins upon the tree;  
He brings us mercy from above.
3. The cross – it takes our guilt away,  
It holds the fainting spirit up,  
It cheers with hope the gloomy day  
And sweetens every bitter cup:
4. It makes the coward spirit brave  
And nerves the feeble arm for fight;  
It takes all terror from the grave  
And gilds the bed of death with light;
5. The balm of life, the cure of woe,  
The measure and the pledge of love,  
The sinner's refuge here below,  
The angels' theme in heaven above.

Words: Thomas Kelly 1769-1855  
The New English Hymnal

Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

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

*The priest greets the people.*

Christ is risen. Alleluia.

**He is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

*Sentence of Scripture*

'I am the way, and the truth, and the life,' says the Lord. 'No one comes to the Father except through me.'

John 14.6

**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.'

*'Lord, have mercy' (8am only)*

Lord, have mercy; **Christ, have mercy;** Lord, have mercy.

*'Lord, have mercy' (10am only)*

**Lord, have mercy; Lord, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.  
Christ, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Christ, have mercy.  
Lord, have mercy; Lord, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.**

*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 of the Day*

Everliving God,  
whose Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life:  
give us grace to love one another,  
to follow in the way of his commandments,  
and to share his risen life;  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

*A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles*

But filled with the Holy Spirit, Stephen gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. "Look," he said, "I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!" But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him; and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit." Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, "Lord, do not hold this sin against them." When he had said this, he died.

Acts 7.55-60

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

*Psalm 31.1-5, 17-18 (said antiphonally)*

1. To you, Lord, have I come for shelter:  
let me never be put to shame.
2. **O deliver me in your righteousness:  
incline your ear to me and be swift to save me.**
3. Be for me a rock of refuge, a fortress to defend me:  
for you are my high rock and my stronghold.
4. **Lead me and guide me for your name's sake:  
bring me out of the net that they have secretly laid for me, for you  
are my strength.**
5. Into your hands I commit my spirit:  
you will redeem me, O Lord God of truth.
17. **All my days are in your hand:  
O deliver me from the power of my enemies  
and from my persecutors.**
18. Make your face to shine upon your servant:  
and save me for your mercy's sake.

*A Reading from the First Letter of Peter*

Beloved, I urge you as aliens and exiles to abstain from the desires of the flesh that wage war against the soul. Conduct yourselves honourably among the Gentiles, so that, though they malign you as evildoers, they may see your honourable deeds and glorify God when he comes to judge.

For the Lord's sake accept the authority of every human institution, whether of the emperor as supreme, or of governors, as sent by him to punish those who do wrong and to praise those who do right. For it is God's will that by doing right you should silence the ignorance of the foolish. As servants of God, live as free people, yet do not use your freedom as a pretext for evil. Honour everyone. Love the family of believers. Fear God. Honour the emperor.

Slaves, accept the authority of your masters with all deference, not only those who are kind and gentle but also those who are harsh. For it is a credit to you if, being aware of God, you endure pain while suffering unjustly. If you endure when you are beaten for doing wrong, what credit is that? But if you endure when you do right and suffer for it, you have God's approval. For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you should follow in his steps.

"He committed no sin,  
and no deceit was found in his mouth."

When he was abused, he did not return abuse; when he suffered, he did not threaten; but he entrusted himself to the one who judges justly. He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, free from sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed. For you were going astray like sheep, but now you have returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

1 Peter 2.11-25

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

*Gradual Hymn: 636 TIS (10am only)*

*Refrain:*

*God has spoken to his people, hallelujah!*

*And his words are words of wisdom, hallelujah!*

1. Open your ears, O Christian people,  
Open your ears and hear good news.  
Open your hearts, O royal priesthood,  
God has come to you,  
God has come to you.

*Refrain*

2. They who have ears to hear his message,  
They who have ears, now let them hear;  
They who would learn the way of wisdom,  
Let them hear God's word,  
Let them hear God's word.

*Refrain*

3. Israel comes to greet the Saviour,  
Judah is glad to see his day;  
From east and west the peoples travel:  
He will show the way,  
He will show the way.

*Refrain*

*Remain standing for the Gospel Reading.*

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to John  
chapter 14 beginning at verse 1  
**Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

"Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going." Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?" Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him."

Philip said to him, "Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied." Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.

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

*The Sermon*

*Silence may follow*

*The Nicene Creed*

Let us together affirm the faith of the Church.

**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

*The priest says*

Let us pray for the world and for the Church.

*The prayers may conclude with*

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.**

## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

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

*Silence may be kept*

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

**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.**

*The Absolution. The priest says*

Almighty God,  
who has promised forgiveness to all who turn to him in faith:  
pardon you and set you free from all your sins,  
strengthen you in all goodness  
and keep you in eternal life,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## THE GREETING OF PEACE

*All stand. The Greeting of Peace is introduced.*

We are the body of Christ. Alleluia, Alleluia.  
**His Spirit is with us. Alleluia, Alleluia.**

*The priest says*

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

*All may exchange a sign of peace.*

*Offertory Hymn: 420 NEH (10am only)*

1. O Jesus, I have promised  
To serve thee to the end;  
Be thou for ever near me,  
My Master and my Friend;  
I shall not fear the battle  
If thou art by my side,  
Nor wander from the pathway  
If thou wilt be my guide.
2. O let me hear thee speaking  
In accents clear and still,  
Above the storms of passion,  
The murmurs of self-will;  
O speak to reassure me,  
To hasten or control;  
O speak, and make me listen,  
Thou guardian of my soul.
3. O Jesus, thou hast promised  
To all who follow thee,  
That where thou art in glory  
There shall thy servant be;  
And, Jesus, I have promised  
To serve thee to the end;  
O give me grace to follow,  
My Master and my Friend.
4. O let me see thy footmarks,  
And in them plant mine own;  
My hope to follow duly  
Is in thy strength alone;  
O guide me, call me, draw me,  
Uphold me to the end;  
And then in heaven receive me,  
My Saviour and my Friend.

Words: John Bode 1816-74  
The New English Hymnal

*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.

He is the true Paschal Lamb  
who was offered for us  
and has taken away the sin of the world.  
And now we give you thanks  
that you raised him in triumph from the dead.

By his death, he has destroyed death  
and by his rising to life again  
has restored us to eternal life.

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:

**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.**

Merciful God, we thank you  
for these gifts of your creation,  
this bread and wine,  
and we pray that by your Word and Holy Spirit,  
we who eat and drink them  
may be partakers of Christ's body and blood.

On the night he was betrayed Jesus took bread;  
and when he had given you thanks  
he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying,  
'Take, eat. This is my body given for you.  
Do this in remembrance of me.'

After supper, he took the cup,  
and again giving you thanks  
he gave it to his disciples, saying,  
'Drink from this, all of you.  
This is my blood of the new covenant  
shed for you and for many  
for the forgiveness of sins.  
Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.'

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

Therefore we do as our Saviour has commanded:  
proclaiming his offering of himself  
made once for all upon the cross,  
his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension,  
and looking for his coming again,  
we celebrate, with this bread and this cup,  
his one perfect and sufficient sacrifice  
for the sins of the whole world.

Renew us by your Holy Spirit  
unite us in the body of your Son,  
and bring us with all your people  
into the joy of your eternal kingdom;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
with whom, and in whom,  
in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,  
we worship you, Father,  
in songs of never-ending praise:

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

## THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD AND THE COMMUNION

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

**Jesus, Lamb of God, have mercy on us.  
Jesus, bearer of our sins, have mercy on us.  
Jesus, redeemer of the world, grant us your peace.**

### *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 **Amen***

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

*Post Communion Hymn: 374 NEH (please kneel if possible) (10am only)*

1. How sweet the name of Jesus sounds  
In a believer's ear!  
It soothes our sorrows, heals our wounds,  
And drives away our fear.
2. It makes the wounded spirit whole,  
And calms the troubled breast;  
'Tis manna to the hungry soul,  
And to the weary rest.

3. Jesus! my Shepherd, Brother, Friend,  
My Prophet, Priest, and King,  
My Lord, my Life, my Way, my End,  
Accept the praise I bring.

Words: John Newton, 1725-1807  
The New English Hymnal

## THE SENDING OUT OF GOD'S PEOPLE

*The priest says*

Eternal God, giver of life,  
in the breaking of the bread we know the risen Lord.  
May we who celebrate this holy feast  
walk in his risen light  
and bring new life to all creation.

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.**

*Notices and invitations*

*Dismissal Hymn: 359 NEH (10am only)*

1. Fight the good fight with all thy might,  
Christ is thy strength and Christ thy right;  
Lay hold on life, and it shall be  
Thy joy and crown eternally.
2. Run the straight race, through God's good grace,  
Lift up thine eyes and seek his face;  
Life with its way before us lies,  
Christ is the path and Christ the prize.
3. Cast care aside, lean on thy Guide;  
His boundless mercy will provide;  
Trust, and thy trusting soul shall prove  
Christ is its life and Christ its love.



4. Faint not nor fear, his arms are near;  
He changeth not, and thou art dear;  
Only believe, and thou shalt see  
That Christ is all in all to thee.

Words: John Samuel Bewley Monsell 1811-1875  
The New English Hymnal

*The priest says*

Almighty God,  
who redeemed us through the resurrection of Christ,  
and has brought us out of slavery into everlasting freedom,  
give you joy and peace in faith and bring you to your eternal inheritance;  
and the blessing of God almighty,  
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be upon you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

*The priest or deacon says*

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, Alleluia.

**In the name of Christ. Alleluia, Alleluia.**

From a Prayer Book for Australia.  
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You are welcome to stay and enjoy a cuppa  
and a chat in the Hall after the 10am service!



**Mother's Day!**

A very happy Mother's Day  
to all the mums with us today.  
Have a lovely day!

### PARISH ANNIVERSARIES DURING THE WEEK

*† Year's Mind*

Ernie Fuller – 14 May; William Devlin – 16 May  
Edna Lewis – 17 May; Ruby Sweet – 17 May; Betty Fegan – 18 May  
Ben Orchard – 19 May; Harold Toussaint – 20 May



### CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR THE WEEK AHEAD....

Wed 17 May	10am	Mass	
	7.30pm	Parish Council, Parish Office	
Fri 19 May	11am	Aged Care Ministry, St James Terrace	
Sun 21 May		<u>Harvest Festival</u>	
	8am	Holy Communion	
	10am	Sung Eucharist followed by Mystery Morning Tea	

### NOTICES & UPCOMING EVENTS

**Harvest Festival next Sunday!**

What can we bring for Harvest Festival next Sunday?  
Since charities no longer accept perishable goods because they  
don't last in storage, packaged or tinned items are very  
acceptable (please make sure that the use by date is current). These are more  
than suitable means of thanksgiving for that which God has given from the bounty  
of his earth. The parish put on a good display last year and we hope for an even  
greater response next Sunday!!



**Thank you!**

A big thank you to  
those who braved the  
chilly morning and  
helped yesterday at our working bee.  
Your efforts are much appreciated!  
The next working bee will be held on  
Saturday 24 June.



**The Next Roster**

Please write on the list in the Narthex  
if you will be away on any Sunday  
during the June – August period  
for roster duties.  
If you are currently not on the roster  
but would like to be, please write this  
on the list or contact the Parish Office.

**'Who wote .....?'**

There is a God who knows what we want better than we do ourselves, and who  
helps us whenever we are in need. The best way to know God is to love many  
things...but one must love with a lofty and serious intimate sympathy.

## Sunday 28 May – 1969 service

As part of our liturgical celebration for our sesquicentenary, we will travel back in time using various forms of the Eucharist.

The first in our series is the service known as  
A Service of Holy Communion for Australia, 1969 (Australia, '69).  
This will be used at both services on Sunday 28 May.

On the website 'Anglican Eucharistic Theology', Brian Douglas comments that 'The service reflecting the modern liturgical movement in form and wording but also maintaining aspects of the 1662 BCP Holy Communion, presented realist concepts of Eucharistic theology. Overall...Australia 1969 represented a more realist shift in Eucharistic theology in the Australian Anglican scene.'

## The Melbourne Anglican (TMA)

The May edition of TMA is now available in the Narthex. Please take a copy, read it and pass it on!



## June Luncheon!

We will 'celebrate' Sunday 4 June with a soup and crusty bread lunch (followed by desserts!) in the Hall at 12 noon. Please note on the list in the Narthex if you can contribute.



## Friends of St Francis & Hoy Day

The Friends of St Francis Fellowship Group will hold their next meeting on Monday 22 May at 1.30pm at the home of Shirley Marriott, 8 Ramsay Court, Cheltenham. Our guest speaker will be the Rev'd Judith Marriott

Then on Monday 29 May at 1pm we will hold our next fundraising Hoy Day in the Reception Room, Kingston Green, 62 Cavanagh Street, Cheltenham.

Cost \$5 includes Lucky Door Prize plus a lovely afternoon tea.  
All very welcome to both!

## Mystery Morning Tea

As part of our 150th celebrations there will be a Mystery Morning Tea on Sunday 21 May after the 10am service. Cost \$3 with a glass of Sherry on arrival. The Mother's Day Special Effort will also be drawn during the morning tea.

## Parish Council

The next Parish Council meeting will be held  
this Wednesday, 17 May,  
at 7.30pm in the Parish Office.

## Lenten Discipline Canisters

A reminder to return any Lenten Discipline Canisters that you have so that the final total and details of the distribution can be published.

## Everyone wear RED!

The liturgical colour for Pentecost Sunday, 4 June, is red. This signifies the fire of the Holy Spirit descending on us as it did on the apostles that day. So remember to wear red (or flame colours) for Pentecost as we celebrate this glorious feast day.

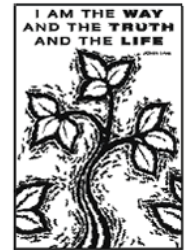


## Finding the Way

Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me." John 14:6

The puzzle is based on John 14:1-14 (NIV).

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