

Worship at St Luke's this weekend

Sunday 6.30 am: Holy Communion

(Hymns: *Silence outside church*, TIS 362, TIS 361, TIS 380)

Sunday 9am: Family Service (also streamed via ZOOM*)

(Hymns: MP 1267, MP 217, MP 1105, TIS 380)

* <https://zoom.us/j/7210725462> or by telephone (07 3185 3730, meeting ID 721 072 5462).
Contact the office for the password.

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

1 Corinthians 5:7

Rev'd Timothy writes...

So at the end of our journey through the Old Testament in the Sundays in Lent, and at the end of the journey through Holy Week, we arrive at Easter Day. We finally get to read the wonderful lines beginning, in Matthew's gospel, "After the sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning..." The image of light finally dawning after a long wait is the fulfillment of all that has gone before, of all the promises made in the Old Testament, of the dark and troubling activities of Holy Week.



It is interesting that the psalm set for today is a portion of Psalm 118 as this is a reminder of the journey and the promises that got us to this point. In its original context, it was the last of the psalms sung during the great Jewish festivals of Passover, Pentecost and Tabernacles, and celebrated the deliverance of Israel from political and military aggression in David's time. The New Testament authors (who quoted this psalm more than any other) saw here a wonderful metaphor of the Easter mysteries. Especially consider verses 22-24 about how the rejected stone ends up becoming the most important stone in an entire edifice. Jesus was the despised and rejected one. When he wasn't being misunderstood by everyone from his own disciples to the religious leaders of the day, he was being understood just fine by people who then turned right around and rejected the message they had heard from Jesus. And ultimately the Jewish religious authorities colluded with their otherwise despised Roman occupiers to, in the end, quite literally cross Jesus out for them.

And yet . . . that stone that the builders rejected became the head of the corner. You may be familiar with the song from Hillsong, "Cornerstone," whose chorus includes the words, "Christ alone, Cornerstone, Weak made strong, In the Saviour's love." The unexpected inversion of the weak one, the crucified and rejected one, becoming the key to everything captured for New Testament writers the great reversal that just is the resurrection of Jesus from the dead on Easter morning.

Anstey Psalter Trial

Through Lent this year, until Easter Day, we have been participating in the second trial of a new liturgical psalter being translated by The Reverend Associate Professor Matthew Anstey from the Diocese of Adelaide.



Feedback is encouraged at www.ansteypsalter.com where you can also find more information about the project.

Readings for Easter Day

Acts 10:34–43 Peter, in the house of Cornelius, tells the good news about Jesus. He calls upon those present who are witnesses to what Jesus has done to preach the good news to others.

Psalms 118:1–2, 14–24 is a psalm of praise and thanksgiving for the victory of God. The psalmist sings of the mighty things God has done; the stone that has been rejected has become the cornerstone. The enduring love of God has saved the psalmist, who will not die but live!

Colossians 3:1–4 This short passage calls upon the Colossians to set their mind upon the living Christ. Their focus should now be on things from above, not earthly things. Life in Christ requires a death and a rising which is hidden with Christ in God.

Matthew 28:1-10: Matthew's account focuses on the important role that the women played in this momentous day. They were the first witnesses and then the first evangelists of the resurrection.

First Reading

A reading from the book of Acts:

³⁴ Then Peter began to speak to them: 'I truly understand that God shows no partiality, ³⁵ but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. ³⁶ You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. ³⁷ That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: ³⁸ 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. ³⁹ 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; ⁴⁰ but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, ⁴¹ 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. ⁴² 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. ⁴³ All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.'

Acts 10:34-43

Psalms 118:1-2, 14-24

¹ Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good: 'For his love endures for ever'.

² Let Israel now say: 'For his love endures for ever'.

¹⁴ The LORD is my strength and my song: and has become my salvation.

¹⁵ The sounds of joy and salvation are in the tents of the righteous: 'The right hand of the LORD acts powerfully,

¹⁶ 'The right hand of the LORD is exalted: the right hand of the LORD acts powerfully'.

¹⁷ I shall not die but live: I shall proclaim the works of the LORD.

¹⁸ The LORD has disciplined me sternly:
yet he has not given me over to death.

¹⁹ Open to me the gates of righteousness:
let me enter them, let me praise the
LORD.

²⁰ This is the gate of the LORD:
through which the righteous shall enter.

²¹ Let me thank you for you answered me:
you have become my salvation.

²² The stone that the builders rejected:
has become the capstone.

²³ This is the LORD's doing:
it is marvellous in our eyes.

²⁴ This is the day on which the LORD has
acted:
let us be glad and rejoice in him.

Second Reading

A reading from the letter to the
Colossians

¹ So if you have been raised with Christ,
seek the things that are above, where
Christ is, seated at the right hand of
God. ² Set your minds on things that are
above, not on things that are on
earth, ³ for you have died, and your life is
hidden with Christ in God. ⁴ When Christ
who is your life is revealed, then you also
will be revealed with him in glory.

Colossians 3:1-4

Gospel Reading

A reading from the gospel of Matthew

¹ After the sabbath, as the first day of the
week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and
the other Mary went to see the
tomb. ² And suddenly there was a great
earthquake; for an angel of the Lord,
descending from heaven, came and rolled
back the stone and sat on it. ³ His
appearance was like lightning, and his
clothing white as snow. ⁴ For fear of him
the guards shook and became like dead
men. ⁵ But the angel said to the women,
'Do not be afraid; I know that you are
looking for Jesus who was crucified. ⁶ He
is not here; for he has been raised, as he
said. Come, see the place where he
lay. ⁷ Then go quickly and tell his disciples,
'He has been raised from the dead, and
indeed he is going ahead of you to
Galilee; there you will see him.' This is
my message for you.' ⁸ So they left the
tomb quickly with fear and great joy, and
ran to tell his disciples. ⁹ Suddenly Jesus
met them and said, 'Greetings!' And they
came to him, took hold of his feet, and
worshipped him. ¹⁰ Then Jesus said to
them, 'Do not be afraid; go and tell my
brothers to go to Galilee; there they will
see me.'

Matthew 28:1-10

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Word for the Day

We cannot reach Easter morning without remembering Good Friday. The crucifixion and the resurrection must be held together. Too often, the Christian faith has treated the resurrection as an antidote for suffering and pain. The empty tomb gives us a guarantee of a life with no tears, no anguish, no more despair. The Easter story

somehow answers our questions about life after death, and this becomes the focus of our faith. This, however, is not the primary concern of the Christian faith. Our faith is founded on the possibility of life before death, not simply a promise of life after death.

We cannot talk about life in all its fullness unless we desire that for all people and, as Jesus did, fight for justice, act in compassion and love with abundance. Participation in the resurrection is about fully engaging in life in all its messiness and pain. It is not the job of communities of faith to offer an escape from the suffering that is part of being human, but rather to create spaces where it can be acknowledged and worked through.

It is not enough to simply believe in the resurrection; to believe the tomb was empty, to affirm that Jesus was physically brought back to life. In fact, believing in a physical resurrection holds little weight if we do not live this out in real ways. As followers of Jesus' way, we must *become* the resurrection. At the tomb, Jesus asked Mary why she was crying and told her not to hold on to him. Similarly, we cannot hold onto the risen Christ like a prop; we must run to tell others. We must keep the beat alive.

Jesus started a dance; a dance to a different beat. The beat of compassion, the beat of love and grace, the beat of justice, the beat of peace. Today, we celebrate that this dance did not die; the beat goes on. In embracing the broken, crucified world in which we live, we say 'yes' to life. And in saying 'yes' to life, we say 'yes' to Christ, who knows what it is to be crucified and resurrected. So let us keep the beat alive and continue the dance through the pain and the joy.

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MUSIC BINGO Hits of the 60s-70s-80s

Friday, 24 April - 6:00pm for 6:30pm start
St Luke's Ekibin hall, 193 Ekibin Road East, Tarragindi

Scan to book tickets
\$20 per adult, \$5 per child under 12
Ticket price includes snack platter on each table
Drinks can be purchased at this event

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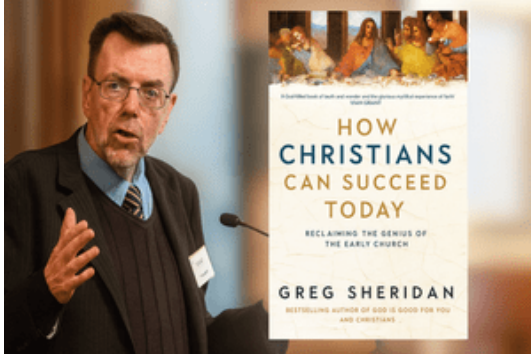
Annual Dinner 2026 with Greg Sheridan



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public library

You are invited to join the Mathew Hale Public Library for their 2026 annual dinner to be held at Kedron-Wavell Services Club, Chermside, on Friday, 8th May (6:30 to 9:30 PM).

Our dinner speaker is Greg Sheridan. Greg has been the foreign editor of 'The Australian' since 1992 and is a frequent commentator and author of books on politics, religion and international affairs. His recent book 'How Christians can succeed today' seeks to investigate how applying insights from the early church can inspire the church today.



Tickets are \$50 if we can get together a table of eight. Please speak to Rev'd Timothy or June if you are interested in being part of a St Luke's table.

More details at <https://www.mhpl.org.au/events/2026/annual-dinner>

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For our Prayers

Prayer for the day

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.

For our Prayers (Cont'd)

The World A prayer for peace in the Middle East by Linda Jones of CAFOD:

God of peace, bearer of hope, we seek your help for the peoples of the Middle East.
Quiet the clamour of war and guide us towards peace.

Where there is hatred and division sow seeds of calm and openness.

Where there is destruction help us to rebuild.

Where children are crying bring an end to tears.

Shelter your peoples and protect them

Guide them and keep them from harm.

Show us how to break down the barriers of history and fear
and breathe whispers of hope. Amen.

The Anglican Communion

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The Diocese of Bathurst: †Mark Calder; Clergy and People

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members of College Council; staff & students

Our missionary partners

Danie Middeldorp, SU chaplain at Wellers Hill State School

Local Schools and colleges

Wellers Hill Primary, Junction Park Primary, Moorooka Primary

Our parish

Pray for all those who will come to our services this Easter, that they will know the
presence of the Risen Lord in their lives.

Pray too for Little Angels Tarragindi who are having their final inspection for
accreditation by Queensland Education on 9th April.

Those who are sick, frail or emotionally stressed

Ryan, Sharon L, Rev'd Shane, Mary Bickerdike, David F, Peter G, Lauren, Rita, Don,
Margaret, Peter F., Maxine and Robyn McElnea, Glen and Rose, Mon McNeill.

From the Parish Book of Remembrance

6 April: Mary Jane Burns; 11 April: Kelvin David Garland.

Rev'd Timothy and June will be on leave from 6th-23rd April

Sunday worship will be led by Rev'd Denis Galloway, who will also be available for any priestly ministry required.

To contact the parish, please use the phone number 3848 2123 to leave a message or email admin@stlukesekibin.org.au which will continue to be monitored.

Evening prayer on Zoom will be in recess until Tuesday 28th April.



Containers for Change

Donate your '10c refund' bottles and cans to St Luke's. Either bring them to church or take them direct to TOMRA (9/655 Toohey Road, Salisbury) and use the parish code: C10686424

Children's Church will resume for term 2 on 26th April but Children are always welcome at our services.

Services This Week:

No Evening Prayer this week

Sunday 12th April

(2nd Sunday of Easter)

7 am Holy Communion

9am Family Communion
(St Luke's/Zoom)

Readings: Acts 2:14a,22-32, Psalm 16, 1 Peter 1:1-12, John 20:19-31

Also part of St Luke's:

**Little Angels
Tarragindi**

Anglican Childcare
opening soon:

littleangels.qld.edu.au



St Luke's Theatre Society:
stlukestheatre.asn.au

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