

THE ANGLICAN PARISH OF
S. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
CHRISTCHURCH



The Fourth Sunday of Easter
30 April 2023

From the Vicar...

This week many would have gathered for ANZAC commemorations around the country. It is fascinating to witness the now thousands of Kiwis who flock to ANZAC dawn services and pilgrimages to Gallipoli. This event is now very meaningful for a large portion of the population.

It seems to offer a large number of New Zealanders a shared identity, a shared history and a shared tradition, all things for which the Church once provided. And perhaps if anything it shows us in the Church that people still seek to make meaning of their lives in the face of suffering and despair, and in their remembering of the casualties of war. "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep." This verse follows our Gospel reading for this Sunday. It is one of the most well-known images of Jesus, *the Good Shepherd*. It is an accessible image, a reassuring image, depicting God as caring, loving and faithful.

This imagery has found itself into Christian images of sacrifice and love. In the context of war memorials, the image reinforces God's loving care for the dead as well as their sacrifice, the shepherd who lays his life down for the sheep.

This image has been a source of hope and meaning-making for many. It is an attempt to bring some sort of purpose out of death and suffering. And this is in fact one of the ways in which we try to articulate the history of the ANZACs. We seek meaning and purpose through religious imagery and religious language. We would have witnessed this in the many prayers being said at the state memorial services, all conjuring up images of sacrifice and love. This is admirable, and reflects the importance of such images in remembering those who died.

But there is however another side to the use of religious images such as the Good Shepherd in regards to conflict. Such religious images can be used to justify war and create a sanitised view of not only conflict but in fact the message of the Gospel itself. This tension can in fact be found by looking closely at the image of the Good Shepherd. The image of shepherd is a fascinating one. For the life of the shepherd was anything but picturesque. It was dangerous, risky, and menial. Shepherds were rough around the edges, spending time in the fields rather than in polite society. They lived a hard life. For Jesus as the Good Shepherd is more than just a picturesque green hillside and white fluffy sheep, it speaks of a man who did not shy away from the difficult places in the world, and from tackling the difficult questions. And so, it is the same of war, and all conflicts in which we find ourselves in. We have to be open to its harsh reality, its disturbing truths and the difficult places it takes us. As we continue to celebrate the Resurrection this Easter season, we most importantly must find hope and reassurance in the image of Jesus as the Good Shepherd, who as our Gospel reading tells us this week 'came that we may have life, and have it abundantly'.

May God bless you,
Father Jordan



If you would like a copy of the music for the mass setting and hymns please speak to one of
the Sides People.

Online Services

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Sunday

10.00 am Solemn Mass

Health & Safety Regulations: In an emergency, use the closest exit and assemble in the drop-off zone. In an earthquake, drop down and shelter behind or under a pew, covering your head. Follow instructions.

Parish Covid Practices

- Mask wearing is optional. Hand sanitizer is available for you to use, and you are encouraged to use it - especially as you come to Communion.
- In greeting one another nearby at The Peace, please be conscious that some people may not wish to touch other people (even with a handshake).
- You may receive Communion in one kind only (Consecrated Bread). You may come up for a Blessing (hold your hands crossed across your chest, rather than held out to receive the Bread). You may receive in both kinds (Consecrated Bread and Wine, by drinking or intinction).

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Celebrant 8.00 am:	Fr Jordan Greatbatch	Organ:	Paul Ellis
Celebrant 10.00 am:	Fr Jordan Greatbatch		Noel Rawsthorne
Mass Setting:	A Festive Eucharist		Petro Yon
Organ Voluntary:	L'organ primitive		

Introit Hymn: 390

Jesus, where'er thy people meet,
There they behold thy mercy-seat;
Where'er they seek thee, thou art found,
And every place is hallowed ground.

Dear Shepherd of thy chosen few,
Thy former mercies here renew;
Here to our waiting hearts proclaim
The sweetness of thy saving name.

For thou, within no walls confined,
Inhabitest the humble mind;
Such ever bring thee where they come,
And going, take thee to their home.

Here may we prove the power of prayer,
To strengthen faith and sweeten care;
To teach our faint desires to rise,
And bring all heaven before our eyes.

Lord, we are few, but thou art near;
Nor short thine arm, nor deaf thine ear;
O rend the heavens, come quickly down,
And make a thousand hearts thine own!

Greeting:

Ki te ingoa ✠ o te Matua, me te Tamaiti, me te Wairua Tapu. Amine.
(In the name of the Father, and of the Son, ✠ and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.)

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

This is the day which the Lord has made. **Let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

The people may be welcomed informally and the Mass of the day introduced.

Dear brothers and sisters,
let us humbly beseech the Lord our God
that this water which was blessed at the great Feast of Easter,
now be for us a memorial of the Baptism we have received,
and grant that we may share in the gladness of those
who at Easter received their Baptism.

The Priest sprinkles the people followed by:

May almighty God cleanse us of our sins, and through the celebration of this Eucharist make us worthy to share at the table of his Kingdom. **Amen.**

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.

O God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, that great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, make us perfect in every good work to do your will, and work in us that which is well-pleasing in your sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

First Reading: *(sit)* Acts 2: 42–47 Robert Maclagan

Many were baptised and were added to the community. They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles.

All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church. **Thanks be to God.**

Responsorial Psalm: 23

R. The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

1. The Lord is my shepherd; therefore can I lack nothing. You, Lord, make me lie down in green pastures, and lead me beside the waters of peace. **R.**
2. You revive my spirit and guide me in right pathways, for your name's sake. Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me, your rod and your staff are my comfort. **R.**
3. You spread a table for me in the sight of my enemies; you have anointed my head with oil, and my cup is overflowing. Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever. **R.**

Second Reading: (*sit*) 1 Peter 2: 19–25

Arina Fish

Brothers and sisters: 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.

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Gospel Acclamation: (*stand*)

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. I am the good shepherd, says the Lord; I know my own sheep, and my own know me. **Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

The Lord be with you

The Lord bless you

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John. **Praise and Glory to God**

Gospel: John 10: 1–10

Jesus said to the Pharisees:

"Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate, but climbs in by another way, is a thief and a bandit. The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers."

Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them. So again Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly."

This is the Gospel of Christ. **Praise to Christ the Word.**

Sermon:

Fr Jordan Greatbatch

Affirmation of Faith:

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 fully 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 in unity with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified, and 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.

Intercessions: Rachel Watson

Rest eternal grant unto them, O Lord: **And let light perpetual shine upon them.**
May they rest in peace and rise in glory. **Amen.**

**Hail Mary, full of grace; the Lord is with you,
blessed are you among women,
and blessed is the fruit of your womb, Jesus.
Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners,
now and at the hour of our death. Amen.**

The Peace

The peace of Christ be always with you. **And also with you.**

At the Peace all may exchange a non physical greeting with those near them.

E te whanau, we are the body of Christ.

By one spirit we were baptised into one body.

Keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace:

Amen. We are bound by the love of Christ.

Offertory: Joy Coulter and Brenda Withell

The Preparation of the Gifts

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation.

Through your goodness we have this bread to offer,
which earth has given and human hands have made.

It will become for us the bread of life. **Blessed be God for ever.**

By the mystery of this water and wine may we come to share
in the divinity of Christ, who humbled himself to share in our humanity. **Amen.**

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation.
Through your goodness we have this wine to offer,
fruit of the vine and work of human hands.
It will become our spiritual drink. **Blessed be God for ever.**

Offertory Hymn: 334

The King of love my Shepherd is,
Whose goodness faileth never;
I nothing lack if I am his
And he is mine for ever.

In death's dark vale I fear no ill
With thee, dear Lord, beside me;
Thy rod and staff my comfort still,
Thy cross before to guide me.

Where streams of living water flow
My ransomed soul he leadeth,
And where the verdant pastures grow
With food celestial feedeth.

Thou spread'st a table in my sight;
Thy unction, grace bestoweth:
And O what transport of delight
From thy pure chalice floweth!

Perverse and foolish oft I strayed,
But yet in love he sought me,
And on his shoulder gently laid,
And home, rejoicing, brought me.

And so through all the length of days
Thy goodness faileth never;
Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise
Within thy house for ever.

Pray, sisters and brothers,
that our sacrifice may be acceptable to God, the almighty One.

**May the Lord receive the sacrifice at your hands,
for the praise and glory of his name,
for our good, and the good of all his Church.**

God of loving care, you spread before us the table of life, and give us the cup of
salvation to drink. Keep us always in the fold of your Son Jesus Christ, our Saviour and
our Shepherd. **Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord is here.
Lift up your hearts.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**God's Spirit is with us.
We lift them to the Lord.
It is right to offer thanks and praise.**

Father, all-powerful and ever-living God, we do well always and everywhere to give you
thanks and praise through Jesus Christ your only Son. We praise you with greater joy
than ever in this Easter season, when Christ became our paschal sacrifice.
When your children wandered like sheep without a shepherd, you gathered them,
Father, into the fold of your Church, to be one as you are one with your Son and the
Holy Spirit. You call us to be your people, and to praise your wisdom in all your works.
The joy of the resurrection renews the whole world, while the choirs of heaven sing for
ever to your glory:

**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.**

All glory and thanksgiving to you, holy Father. Send your Holy Spirit, that these gifts of bread and wine which we receive may be to us the body and blood of Christ, and that we, filled with the Spirit's grace and power, may be renewed for the service of your kingdom.

On the night before he died, your Son Jesus Christ took bread; when he had given you thanks, he broke it, gave it to his disciples, and said: Take, eat, this is my body which is given for you; do this to remember me.

After supper he took the cup; when he had given you thanks, he gave it to them, and said: Drink this, all of you, for this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins; do this as often as you drink it, to remember me.

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Glory to you, Lord Christ: your death we show forth;
your resurrection we proclaim; your coming we await. Amen!
Come, Lord Jesus.**

Therefore, loving God, recalling your great goodness to us in Christ, his suffering and death, his resurrection and ascension, and looking for his coming in glory, we celebrate our redemption with this bread of life and this cup of salvation. Accept our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving which we offer through Christ, our great high priest.

Hear the prayers of the family you have gathered here before you. In mercy and love unite all your children, wherever they may be.

Welcome into your kingdom our departed brothers and sisters, and all who have left this world in your friendship. We hope to enjoy for ever the vision of your glory through Christ our Lord, from whom all good things come.

United in Christ with all who stand before you in earth and heaven, we worship you, O God, in songs of everlasting praise:

**Blessing, honour and glory be yours,
here and everywhere, now and for ever. Amen.**

As Christ teaches us we 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.**

Kua ākona nei tātou e tō tātou Ariki,
ka īnoi tatou:
E tō mātou Matua i te rangi
Kia tapu tōu Ingoa.
Kia tae mai tōu rangatiratanga.
ki runga ki te whenua,
kia rite anō ki tō te rangi.
Hōmai ki a mātou āianei
he taro mā mātou mō tēnei rā.
Murua ō mātou hara,
Me mātou hoki e muru nei
i ō te hunga e hara ana ki a mātou.
Aua hoki mātou e kawea kia whakawaia;
Engari whakaorangia mātou i te kino:
Nōu hoki te rangatiratanga, te kaha,
me te korōria,
Āke ake ake. Āmine

Eucharistic Ministers: Jenny Daniels and Dorothy Burrows

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

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, grant us your peace.**

The Good Shepherd laid down his life for his flock; he is risen, alleluia.

This is the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world.
Happy are we who are called to his supper.

**Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,
but only say the word and I shall be healed.**

For Communion, leave your seat by the side aisle and come down the central aisle. You are encouraged to use the hand sanitizer.

Anthem: Now the green blade riseth French Carol arr Simon Lindley

Communion Hymn: 282

Faithful Shepherd, feed me
In the pastures green;
Faithful Shepherd, lead me
Where thy steps are seen.

Daily bring me nearer
To the heavenly shore;
May my faith grow clearer,
May I love thee more.

Hold me fast, and guide me
In the narrow way;
So, with thee beside me,
I shall never stray.

Hallow every pleasure,
Every gift and pain;
Be thyself my treasure,
Though none else I gain.

Day by day prepare me
As thou seest best,
Then let angels bear me
To thy promised rest .

Prayer after Communion:

Loving Father, you gave your Son Jesus Christ to be the good shepherd, and in his love for us to lay down his life and rise again. Keep us ever under his protection, and give us grace to follow in his steps. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Notices**Blessing:**

The God of peace, who by the blood of the eternal covenant brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, that great shepherd of the sheep, make you perfect in every good work, working in you that which is well pleasing in his sight.

May the blessing of almighty God, the Father, the Son, ✠ and the Holy Spirit, be with you now and always. **Amen.**

The Mass is ended. Go now to love and serve the Lord. Go in peace. Alleluia! Alleluia!

We go in the name of Christ. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Amen.

Final Hymn: 376

I heard the voice of Jesus say,
'Come unto me and rest;
Lay down, thou weary one, lay down
Thy head upon my breast:'
I came to Jesus as I was,
Weary, and worn, and sad;
I found in him a resting place,
And he has made me glad.

I heard the voice of Jesus say,
'Behold, I freely give
The living water, thirsty one;
Stoop down, and drink, and live:
I came to Jesus, and I drank
Of that life-giving stream;
My thirst was quenched, my soul revived,
And now I live in him.

I heard the voice of Jesus say,
'I am this dark world's Light;
Look unto me, thy morn shall rise,
And all thy day be bright:'
I looked to Jesus, and I found
In him my Star, my Sun;
And in that light of life I'll walk
Till traveling days are done.

Organ Voluntary: Chorale Fantasie on "Laast uns erfrien

Flor Peeters

THIS WEEK**NOTICES**

Needlework Group—Tuesday 7.00 pm Helen’s home. Contact: Ros Calvert 0272428282.

Meditation Group—Wednesday 12.00 noon in the church. Contact: Therese Aitchison 0212516282.

Bible Study— Thursday 11.00 am, Parish Lounge.

Parish Lunch—Sunday 7 May 12 noon Pegasus Arms. RSVP by 3 May Contact:: Ros Calvert 0272428282 or email roscalvert@xtra.co.nz

Inasmuch Basket—please continue to support the work of the City Mission.

NEXT WEEK**The Fifth Sunday of Easter**

7 May 2023

8:00 am Mass	Celebrant:	Fr Jordan Greatbatch
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Servers:	SD: Margaret Maclagan	MC: Michael Graveston
	Th: Simon Green	
	Cr: Robert Calvert	Ac: Mila Pepperle-Coles, Carol Fraser
First Reading:	Brenda Withell	Acts 7: 55-60
Second Reading:	Margaret Maclagan	1 Peter 2: 2-10
Gospel:	John 14: 1-14	
Sermon:	Fr Jordan Greatbatch	
Eucharist Ministers:	Margaret Maclagan, Jane Evans	
Sides people:	Jane Ellis, Andrew Moorhouse	
Intercessions:	Barbara Moreton	
Offertory:	Jenny and Peter Daniels	
Morning Tea:	Pat Pilkington, Vince Moreton	
Sacristan:	Joshua Wilson Black	
Sacristy:	Jenny Daniels	
Livestream:	Joshua Wilson Black	
Flowers:	Toni Stewart	
Evensong Readers:	Jane Ellis	Zecharia 4: 1-10
	Simon Green	Revelations 21: 1-14

Please pray for...**The Sick:**

Alastair Scott, Rita Libeau, John Preston, Lois Peters, Denis Coulter, Betty Mechen, Suzanne Keys, Ghislaine Brewer-Quirke, Clemency Mutze, Lesta Smithson, Peter Easterbrook.

Sr Annette, Anne Fenton, Oscar Bisman, Fi-Bee, Kay Burgess, Magda Burney, David & Sandra, Philip Souter, Ongloon Yee, Raylene Coochey, Deb Smith, Andrew Lawson.

Anniversaries: (Mon) Frederick Cocks (Tues) Gertrude Miller
(Thurs) Vida Hawkins, Malcolm Harris—Priest (Fri) Noeline Calvert

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8:00 am **Low Mass**
10:00 am **Solemn Mass**
Followed by AGM in the Parish Hall
7:00 pm **Evensong and Benediction**

Monday **S. Philip and S. James, Apostles**
12:35 pm Mass

Tuesday
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12:00 pm Meditation Group
12:35 pm Mass

Thursday
11:00 am Bible Studies
12:35 pm Mass

Friday
12.35 pm Mass

Saturday **S. John the Evangelist**

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Parish Annual General Meeting
Today after the 10am Mass

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