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**ST THEODORE'S, TOORAK GARDENS**

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**EASTER DAY  
31 MARCH 2024**



## **WELCOME**

St Theodore's is an active, caring and supportive community which values liturgy, prayer and preaching to sustain our daily lives, as we seek to foster love, hope and justice to all. You are welcome here as you are, embraced within God's boundless love. It is good to have you here today and we hope that you will feel at home.

## **PRAYING WITH CANDLES AND STONES**

As you enter our church, there are two stations for prayer. One is an invitation to light a candle, symbolising our praying for each other before God. The other is an invitation to drop stones into a bowl of water, symbolising letting go of something (or someone) weighing us down.

## **ADMINISTRATION OF COMMUNION**

All are welcome to receive Holy Communion and all are welcome to receive prayers for healing at the back, and/or to use the prayer stations. Due to Covid precautions, intinction (dipping) into the wine is prohibited. Gluten-free wafers are available upon request.

## **LIVE-STREAMING**

Our 9:30am Sunday Service is live-streamed on Facebook Live. During administration of communion, the camera is adjusted so that no one coming forward is visible online.

## **HEARING ASSISTANCE SYSTEM**

We have a Hearing Assistance System available on Wi-Fi, usable with or without hearing aids. Please ask the stewards for assistance.

Please email [office@theodores.org](mailto:office@theodores.org) to join our mailing list.

## LIGHTING OF THE PASCHAL CANDLE

*The service begins with the blessing and lighting of the Paschal candle at the back of the church.*

*The congregation is invited to gather either around the candle at the back of the church or remain seated and turn to face the candle.*

Dear friends in Christ,  
we come together this Easter Day,  
in union with the church throughout the world  
to celebrate the Passover of our Lord Jesus Christ  
from death to life.  
We remember his death and celebrate resurrection,  
confident that we shall share his victory  
and live with him forever in God.

*The priest lights the candles and prays*

Jesus Christ yesterday and today,  
the beginning and the end,  
Alpha and Omega.  
All time belongs to Christ  
and all the ages.  
To Christ be glory and power  
through every age for ever. **Amen.**

*The priest inserts the five nails praying:*

By his holy and glorious wounds,  
may Christ guard us and keep us. **Amen.**

May the light of Christ rising in glory,  
dispel the darkness of our hearts and minds. **Amen.**

*The procession commences in this order: thurifer, crucifer, the people (who return to their pews), presider.*

*Then the deacon processes with the Paschal candle, stopping three times. Each time, the deacon sings and we respond:*

The light of Christ  
**Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand if you wish*

**Processional Hymn CP 149** “Light’s glittering morn bedecks the sky”

- 1 Light’s glittering morn bedecks the sky;  
heaven thunders forth its victor-cry:  
*Alleluia, alleluia.*  
The glad earth shouts her triumph high,  
and groaning hell makes wild reply:  
*Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.*
- 2 While he, the King, the mighty King,  
despoiling death of all its sting,  
and trampling down the powers of night,  
brings forth his ransomed saints to light:
- 3 His tomb of late the threefold guard  
of watch and stone and seal had barred;  
but now, in pomp and triumph high,  
he comes from death to victory:
- 4 The pains of hell are loosed at last,  
the days of mourning now are past;  
an angel robed in light hath said,  
‘The Lord is risen from the dead’:

## ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

As we gather in worship we acknowledge the Kaurna People as the custodians of this land.

**May we walk together in harmony in a spirit of reconciliation.**

## INVOCATION AND GREETING

Christ is risen, Alleluia.

**He is risen indeed, Alleluia.**

The stone has been rolled away, Alleluia!

**From the mouth of the tomb, alleluia!**

He is not among the dead anymore, Alleluia!

**The Living One is risen again, Alleluia!**

† Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

**Blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever.**

## WELCOME

### Opening Sentence

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

(Luke 24.34; Psalm 118.24)

## GLORIA

**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.**

### **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Brightness of God's glory,  
whom death could not conquer nor the tomb imprison:  
as you have shared our frailty in human flesh,  
help us to share your immortality in the Spirit;  
let no shadow of the grave terrify us,  
and no fear of darkness turn our hearts from you.  
Reveal yourself to us this day and all our days,  
as the First and the Last,  
the Living One,  
our immortal Saviour and Lord. **Amen.**

*Please be seated*

### **FIRST READING: ACTS 10.34-43**

<sup>34</sup> Then Peter began to speak to them: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, <sup>35</sup> but in every people anyone who fears him and practices righteousness is acceptable to him. <sup>36</sup> You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ – he is Lord of all. <sup>37</sup> That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after

the baptism that John announced: <sup>38</sup> 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. <sup>39</sup> 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, <sup>40</sup> but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, <sup>41</sup> 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. <sup>42</sup> 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. <sup>43</sup> All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

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

#### **PSALM 118 1-2, 14-24**

**Response: Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his mercy endures  
for ever.**

<sup>1</sup> O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;  
his steadfast love endures forever!

<sup>2</sup> Let Israel say,  
“His steadfast love endures forever.” **R**

<sup>14</sup> The LORD is my strength and my might;  
he has become my salvation.

<sup>15</sup> There are glad songs of victory in the tents of the righteous:  
“The right hand of the LORD does valiantly;

<sup>16</sup> the right hand of the LORD is exalted;  
the right hand of the LORD does valiantly.” **R**

<sup>17</sup> I shall not die, but I shall live  
and recount the deeds of the LORD.

<sup>18</sup> The LORD has punished me severely,  
but he did not give me over to death. **R**

<sup>19</sup> Open to me the gates of righteousness,  
that I may enter through them  
and give thanks to the LORD.

<sup>20</sup> This is the gate of the LORD;  
the righteous shall enter through it. **R**

<sup>21</sup> I thank you that you have answered me  
and have become my salvation.

<sup>22</sup> The stone that the builders rejected  
has become the chief cornerstone. **R**

<sup>23</sup> This is the LORD's doing;  
it is marvellous in our eyes.

<sup>24</sup> This is the day that the LORD has made;  
let us rejoice and be glad in it. **R**

## **SECOND READING: 1 CORINTHIANS 15.1-11**

**15** Now I want you to understand, brothers and sisters, the good news that I proclaimed to you, which you in turn received, in which also you stand, <sup>2</sup> through which also you are being saved, if you hold firmly to the message that I proclaimed to you – unless you have come to believe in vain.

<sup>3</sup> For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures <sup>4</sup> and that he was buried and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures <sup>5</sup> and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. <sup>6</sup> Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. <sup>7</sup> Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. <sup>8</sup> Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. <sup>9</sup> For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. <sup>10</sup> But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me has not been in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them, though it was not I but the



grace of God that is with me. <sup>11</sup> Whether then it was I or they, so we proclaim and so you believed.

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

*Please stand if you wish*

**Gradual Hymn: CP 147 "Jesus Christ is risen to-day"**

1. Jesus Christ is risen to-day, *Alleluia*,  
Our triumphant holy day, *Alleluia*,  
Who did once upon the cross, *Alleluia*,  
Suffer to redeem our loss. *Alleluia*.
2. Hymns of praise then let us sing *Alleluia*,  
Unto Christ, our heavenly King, *Alleluia*,  
Who endured the cross and grave, *Alleluia*,  
Sinners to redeem and save. *Alleluia*.
3. But the pains that he endured *Alleluia*,  
Our salvation have procured; *Alleluia*,  
Now above the sky he's King, *Alleluia*,  
Where the angels ever sing *Alleluia*.

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## **THE GOSPEL**

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**Christ our paschal lamb has been / sacrificed;  
Let us feast with joy / in the Lord.**

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

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

The Holy Gospel according to John 20.1-18

† **Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

**20** 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. <sup>2</sup> 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.” <sup>3</sup> Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. <sup>4</sup> The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. <sup>5</sup> He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. <sup>6</sup> Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, <sup>7</sup> and the cloth that had been on Jesus’s head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. <sup>8</sup> Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed, <sup>9</sup> for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. <sup>10</sup> Then the disciples returned to their homes.

<sup>11</sup> But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb, <sup>12</sup> 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. <sup>13</sup> 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.” <sup>14</sup> When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. <sup>15</sup> Jesus said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?” 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.” <sup>16</sup> Jesus said to her, “Mary!” She turned and said to him in Hebrew, “Rabbouni!” (which means Teacher). <sup>17</sup> Jesus said to her, “Do not touch 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.’ ” <sup>18</sup> 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.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

## **CHILDREN'S TALK - FOLLOWED BY EASTER EGG HUNT OUTSIDE**

### **SERMON**

*The sermon is followed by a time of silence for reflection.*

### **RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL VOWS**

*Please stand if you wish*

As we celebrate this festival, we remember that through the paschal mystery, we have died and been buried with Christ in baptism, so that we may rise with him to new life, within the family of his Church. This day we renew our promises made at our baptism, affirming our allegiance to Christ and our rejection of all that is evil.

Therefore I ask these questions:

Do you turn to Christ?

**I turn to Christ.**

Do you repent of your sin?

**I repent of my sin.**

Do you renounce evil and all that is false and unjust?

**I renounce evil.**

Do you renounce selfish living?

**I renounce selfish living.**

I now ask you to make the profession of Christian faith into which you were baptised and in which you live and grow.

Do you believe and trust in God the Father, Creator of the world?

**I believe and trust in God.**

Do you believe in God's Son, Jesus Christ, who redeemed the world and all humanity?

**I believe and trust in Jesus Christ.**

Do you believe and trust in God's Holy spirit, who gives life to the people of God?

**I believe and trust in the Holy Spirit.**

This is the faith of the Church.

**This is our faith.**

**We believe and trust in one God:**

**Father, Son and Holy Spirit.**

Almighty God, we thank you for our fellowship in the household of faith with all those who have been baptised in your name. Keep us faithful to our baptism, and so make us ready for that day when the whole creation shall be made perfect in your son, our Saviour Jesus Christ.

**Amen.**

*The people are sprinkled with holy water.*

## THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Let us pray for the world and for the Church.

### Response:

Lord, in your mercy  
**hear our prayer.**

### Conclusion:

Hear us Father, through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
**who lives and reigns with you  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. Amen.**

## NOTICES

*Please stand if you wish*

## THE GREETING OF PEACE

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

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

## OFFERTORY HYMN: CP 141 "CHRIST THE LORD IS RISEN AGAIN"

- 1 Christ the Lord is risen again,  
Christ hath broken every chain.  
Hark, angelic voices cry,  
singing evermore on high,  
*Alleluia!*
  
- 2 He who gave for us his life,  
who for us endured the strife,  
is our Paschal Lamb to-day;  
we too sing for joy, and say  
*Alleluia!*
  
- 3 He who bore all pain and loss  
comfortless upon the cross,  
lives in glory now on high,  
pleads for us, and hears our cry:  
*Alleluia!*
  
- 4 He who slumbered in the grave  
is exalted now to save;  
now through Christendom it rings  
that the Lamb is King of kings.  
*Alleluia!*
  
- 5 Now he bids us tell abroad  
how the lost may be restored,  
how the penitent forgiven,  
how we too may enter heaven.  
*Alleluia!*

6 Thou, our Paschal Lamb indeed,  
Christ, thy ransomed people feed;  
take our sins and guilt away:  
let us sing by night and day  
*Alleluia!*

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## **PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS**

God our strength and salvation,  
receive all we offer you this day;  
grant that we who have received new life in baptism  
may live in the joy of the resurrection.  
**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 always and everywhere,  
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 saying:

**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.'

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.

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith.

**Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

† 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**

#### **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.**

## **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**

**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.**

## **INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

The gifts of God for the people of God.  
**May we who share these gifts be found in Christ and Christ in us.**

This is the table of communion with the earth,  
in which Christ became incarnate  
So come to this table, those who have much faith  
and those who would like to have more;  
those who have been here often  
and those who have not been for a long time;  
those who have tried to follow Jesus;  
and we who have failed.  
Come.

*Please stand if you wish*

## **POST-COMMUNION SENTENCE**

**Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord!"**

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

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.

## PRAYER OF SELF-OFFERING

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.**

## BLESSING

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

The blessing of the Living God, who brings you out of  
darkness be upon you now and forever. **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 forever.  
**Amen.**

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

*Please stand if you wish*

## **DISMISSAL**

Go in the peace of Christ, Alleluia! Alleluia!  
**Thanks be to God, Alleluia! Alleluia!**

## **RECESSIONAL HYMN: CP 159 "THE STRIFE IS O'ER"**

- 1 The strife is o'er, the battle done;  
now is the Victor's triumph won;  
O let the song of praise be sung:  
*Alleluia.*
  
- 2 Death's mightiest powers have done their worst,  
and Jesus hath his foes dispersed;  
let shouts of praise and joy outburst:  
*Alleluia.*
  
- 3 On the third morn he rose again  
glorious in majesty to reign;  
O let us swell the joyful strain:  
*Alleluia.*
  
- 4 Lord, by the stripes which wounded thee  
from death's dread sting thy servants free,  
that we may live, and sing to thee  
*Alleluia.*

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## **POSTLUDE: VINER: MAKE A JOYFUL NOISE**

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Where there is a † in the liturgy, you are invited to make a sign of the  
cross if you wish.

When the Gospel is read and we say “† Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ”,  
you are invited to make three small signs of the cross, on the  
forehead, on the lips and on the chest. This symbolises the Word of  
God in our minds, our words and our hearts.