

Saint George and Saint James  
Anglican Parish in the Borough of Queenscliffe

## Fourth Sunday of Easter

Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2020

*Today's Eucharist begins on page 119 of the Green Prayer Book, of which copies can be collected from the covered breezeway between St James Church and Gill Hall or the open porch on Mercer St side at St Georges Church.*

### Sentence

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.  
1 Peter 1.3

### Collect

Almighty and eternal God,  
the strength of those who believe  
and the hope of those who doubt:  
may we, who have not seen, have faith  
and receive the fullness of Christ's blessing;  
who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

### Liturgy of the Word

#### Acts 2.42-47

<sup>42</sup> They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. <sup>43</sup> Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. <sup>44</sup> All who believed were together and had all things in common; <sup>45</sup> they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. <sup>46</sup> 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, <sup>47</sup> 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.

**Psalm 23** (APBA p.243)

<sup>1</sup> The Lord is my shepherd:

therefore can I lack nothing.

<sup>2</sup> He will make me lie down in green pastures:

and lead me beside still waters.

<sup>3</sup> He will refresh my soul:

and guide me in right pathways for his name's sake.

<sup>4</sup> 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 comfort me.

<sup>5</sup> You spread a table before me

in the face of those who trouble me:

you have anointed my head with oil,

and my cup shall be full.

<sup>6</sup> Surely your goodness and loving-kindness

will follow me all the days of my life:

and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

**1 Peter 2.1-10**

<sup>1</sup> Rid yourselves, therefore, of all malice, and all guile, insincerity, envy, and all slander.

<sup>2</sup> Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation—

<sup>3</sup> if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.

<sup>4</sup> Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight, and

<sup>5</sup> like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.

<sup>6</sup> For it stands in scripture:

'See, I am laying in Zion a stone,  
a cornerstone chosen and precious;  
and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.'

<sup>7</sup> To you then who believe, he is precious; but for those who do not believe,

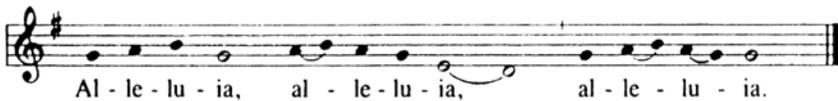
'The stone that the builders rejected  
has become the very head of the corner',

<sup>8</sup> and

'A stone that makes them stumble,  
and a rock that makes them fall.' They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do.

<sup>9</sup> But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvellous light.

<sup>10</sup> Once you were not a people,  
but now you are God's people;  
once you had not received mercy,  
but now you have received mercy.



**One does not live on bread alone,  
but on every word that comes forth from the mouth of God.**

## John 10.1-10

<sup>1</sup> '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. <sup>2</sup> The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. <sup>3</sup> The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own

sheep by name and leads them out. <sup>4</sup> When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. <sup>5</sup> They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers.<sup>6</sup> Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them. <sup>7</sup> So again Jesus said to them, 'Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep.<sup>8</sup> All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. <sup>9</sup> I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. <sup>10</sup> The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.

*Reading sheets for both Sunday, Wednesday and Friday Eucharists are usually available a week ahead of time. Prayerful reflection on the readings can be part of preparing ourselves for worship and Holy Communion.*

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