



Third Sunday of Easter

4 May 2025

GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

Setting: A Community Mass – Richard Proulx (1937-2010)

Introit

Jubiláte Deo – Plainsong

Welcome and Acknowledgement of Country

Entrance Hymn

683 TIS God! When Human bonds are broken

God! When human bonds are broken
and we lack the love or skill
to restore the hope of healing,
give us grace and make us still.

Through that stillness, with your Spirit
come into our world of stress,
for the sake of Christ forgiving;
all the failures we confess.

You in us are bruised and broken:
hear us as we seek release
from the pain of earlier living;
set us free and grant us peace.

Send us, God of new beginnings,
humbly hopeful into life.
Use us as a means of blessing:
make us stronger, give us faith.

Give us faith to be more faithful,
give us hope to be more true,
give us love to go on learning:
God! Encourage and renew!

Frederik Herman Kaan (1929 – 2009)

The Celebrant greets the people

Christ is risen. Alleluia!

He is risen indeed. Alleluia.

Sentence of Scripture

“The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor, to bind up the brokenhearted, and to proclaim release to the captives.”
from Luke 4:18 (cf. Isaiah 61)

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

2 Cor. 13:13

And also with you.

Good morning everyone, and a very warm welcome to our service today. Today is DV Sunday, a day when Anglican churches across the country take time to remember that God wants every person, home and community to be safe, loving, and kind. Sadly, not everyone experiences that — but we believe that Jesus calls us to be a Church that sees and cares for people who are hurting, and that models the kind of respect for all people that can build a safe, respectful and flourishing community.

In our Bible reading today, Jesus tells us why he came — to bring good news to the poor, to help people who are sad or hurting, and to bring hope and healing wherever there is pain.

So, whether today you have come to our service full of joy or are carrying unseen suffering, you are welcome here. We are all part of God’s big family — and today, we ask Jesus to help us be a church that shares his hope and light with everyone.

As we reflect on this let us pray

God of justice and compassion, your Son came among us to proclaim good news to the poor, release to the captives, and healing for the broken. On this DV Sunday, we remember those whose lives have been touched by violence, and we ask you to shine your light into every place of fear, to strengthen your Church to be a refuge, and to anoint us anew to follow Christ in his mission of healing and hope. Comfort those who are afflicted, strengthen those who speak out, and stir us, your Church, to be a place of hope, justice, and light. By your Spirit, renew us in your love, for the healing of our communities and the glory of your name. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Kyrie eleison

Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy

Christ, have mercy. Christ, have mercy

Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy

Invitation to Confession

The Deacon:

God calls us to live in the light of Christ, to speak truth with love, and to seek healing and restoration. Let us confess the ways we have fallen short of God's purposes, the times we have remained silent when we should have spoken, or when we have used our words or power to wound rather than to heal.

Silence is kept

Let us confess our sins in penitence and faith.

O Christ,
in whose body was named all the violence of the world,
and in whose memory is contained our profoundest grief,
we lay open to you: the violence done to us in time before
memory;
the unremembered wounds that have misshaped our lives;
the injuries we cannot forget and have not forgiven.
The remembrance of them is grievous to us;
the burden of them is intolerable.

We lay open to you:
the violence done in our name in time before memory;
the unremembered wounds we have inflicted;
the injuries we cannot forget and for which we have not been forgiven.
The remembrance of them is grievous to us;
the burden of them is intolerable.

We lay open to you:
those who have pursued a violent knowledge the world cannot forget;
those caught up in violence they have refused to name;
those who have enacted violence which they have not repented.
The remembrance of them is grievous to us;
the burden of them is intolerable.

We lay open to you:
the victims of violence whose only memorial is our anger;
those whose suffering was sustained on our behalf;
those whose continued oppression provides the ground we stand on.
The remembrance of them is grievous to us;
the burden of them is intolerable

The Celebrant:

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 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,
receive, 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, Amen.**

Collect

God of liberation and light, your Son Jesus came to set the oppressed free
and to proclaim the year of your favour. Open our eyes to see those who
suffer in silence, give us courage to speak your truth with love and, by your
grace, empower us to be agents of your healing and hope so that your church
may be a place of safety and sanctuary, where all may find freedom from fear
and the promise of new life in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Hope25 Collect

God of Hope
you call on us to be your witnesses in this uncertain world; by your Spirit
awaken in us
a true vision of your kingdom,
a greater certainty of our salvation, and
a deeper dedication to your service;
that through our words and actions the same Spirit may bring many who are
lost to be found,
and for them to celebrate the hope
that we can only have in Jesus Christ,
in whose name we pray. Amen

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

First Reading

Isaiah 61.1-4

The spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me
because the LORD has anointed me;
he has sent me to bring good news to the oppressed,
to bind up the brokenhearted,
to proclaim liberty to the captives
and release to the prisoners,
to proclaim the year of the LORD's favor
and the day of vengeance of our God,
to comfort all who mourn,
to provide for those who mourn in Zion—
to give them a garland instead of ashes,
the oil of gladness instead of mourning,
the mantle of praise instead of a faint spirit.
They will be called oaks of righteousness,
the planting of the LORD, to display his glory.
They shall build up the ancient ruins;
they shall raise up the former devastations;
they shall repair the ruined cities,
the devastations of many generations.

Hear the word of the Lord,
thanks be to God.

Psalm 34.11-19 (Chant – Howard Helvey (1968-))

- 11 Come, my children, listen to me:
and I will teach you the fear of the Lord.*
- 12 Which of you relishes life:
wants time to enjoy good things?*
- 13 Keep your tongue from evil:
and your lips from telling lies.*
- 14 Turn from evil and do good:
seek peace and pursue it.*
- 15 The eyes of God are on the righteous:
and his ears towards their cry.*
- 16 The Lord sets his face against wrongdoers:
to root out their memory from the earth.*
- 17 The righteous cry; the Lord hears it:
and frees them from all their afflictions.*
- 18 The Lord is close to those who are broken-hearted:
and the crushed in spirit he saves.*
- 19 The trials of the righteous are many:
but our God delivers us from them all.*

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.
Christ is risen, the Lord of all creation;
he has shown his love for all people.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.

Then Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone.

When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written:

‘The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,
because he has anointed me
to bring good news to the poor.
He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives
and recovery of sight to the blind,
to let the oppressed go free,
to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favour.’

And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to say to them, ‘Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.’

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

The Sermon – The Reverend Grant Sparks

Let us 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.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

The response to “God of healing, hope and justice”
 Is **“Shine your light in the darkness”**

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.

THE GREETING OF PEACE

Let love be genuine. Never pay back evil for evil.
 As far as it lies with you, live at peace with everyone. Romans 12.9,17,18
 The peace of the Lord be always with you. **And also with you.**

THE OFFERTORY

Offertory Hymn 587 TIS Fold to your heart your sister and your brother
Fold to your heart your sister and your brother:
where pity dwells, the peace of God is there;
to worship rightly is to love each other,
each smile a hymn, each kindly deed a prayer.

For he whom Jesus loved has truly spoken:
the holier worship which he deigns to bless
restores the lost, and binds the spirit broken,
and feeds the widow and the fatherless.

Follow with reverent steps the great example
of him whose holy work was doing good:
so shall the wide earth seem our father's temple,
each loving life a psalm of gratitude.

Then shall all shackles fall: the stormy clangour
of wild war music o'er the earth shall cease;
love shall tread out the baleful fire of anger,
and in its ashes plant the tree of peace. John Greenleaf Whittier (1807-92)

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.

It is indeed right and good, our duty and our salvation, always and everywhere
to give you thanks, holy Father, almighty and eternal God.

We thank you that in Jesus Christ you have shown yourself as the God who liberates the captives, opens the eyes of the blind, and sets the oppressed free.

When relationships meant for love become places of control and harm, you do not turn away but draw near with compassion. You stand with the vulnerable, you reveal truth hidden in darkness, and you offer hope where there is despair.

Through your church, you call us to be agents of your healing love, to speak truth with courage and tenderness, and to create communities where all may flourish in safety and dignity.

And so with angels and archangels, with all your people on earth and in heaven, we proclaim your great and glorious name, forever praising you and 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.'

The Deacon: Let us proclaim the mystery of faith

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.**

The Lord's Prayer

The Deacon:

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.**

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD AND COMMUNION

The Celebrant breaks the bread.

As this broken bread was once many grains,
which have been gathered together and made one bread:

**so may your Church be gathered
from the ends of the earth into your kingdom.**

Agnus Dei (Lamb of God)

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: grant us peace.

The gifts of God for the people of God.

Jesus Christ is holy.

Jesus Christ is Lord,

To the glory of God the Father.

All the children of God have a place at God's Table.

Anyone who would normally receive Holy Communion in their own Christian tradition is welcome to receive the Sacrament with us here today.

Those who prefer to receive a personal blessing from the priest rather than Holy Communion are invited simply to cross their arms in front of them so the priest knows their desire.

Gluten-free wafers are available on request.

Communion Anthem

Tantum Ergo – Gabriel Faure (1845-1924)

THE SENDING OUT OF GOD'S PEOPLE

God of hope and healing, in this sacred meal you have nourished us with the body and blood of your Son. As we have been strengthened at your table, make us bearers of light in places of darkness, voices of truth where silence has prevailed, and channels of your liberating love for all who are oppressed.

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

Mission Hymn

560 TIS All my hope on God is founded

**All my hope on God is founded;
all my trust he will renew,
through all change and chance he
guides me,
only good and only true.
God unknown, he alone
calls my heart to be his own.**

**Human pride and earthly glory,
sword and crown betray our trust;
all we build with care and labour,**

tower and temple, fall to dust.
But God's power,
hour by hour,
is my temple and my tower.

God's great goodness lasts for ever,
deep his wisdom, passing thought;
splendour, light and life attend him,
beauty springing out of naught.
Evermore
from his store
new-born worlds rise and adore.

Daily the almighty giver
will his bounteous gifts bestow;
in his will our souls find pleasure,
leading us where'er we go.
Love will stand
at his hand,
joy shall wait for his command.

Still from earth to God eternal
sacrifice of praise be done,
high above all praises praising
for the gift of Christ his Son.
Hear Christ call
one and all:
those who follow shall not fall.

Robert Bridges (1844-1930) alt.

The Celebrant blesses the congregation.

Almighty God,
who redeemed us through the resurrection of Christ,
who raised us to newness of life through the waters of baptism,
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 Deacon:

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia!
In the name of Christ. Alleluia!

Organ Postlude

Postlude in G minor - Frederick William Wadely (1882-1970)

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Cathedral Prayer		
Living and eternal Christ bless the ministry of this Cathedral as a place of pilgrimage, prayer and discovery. May our doors always be open to pilgrims, may our hearts always be open to one another, and may our minds always be open to new truth. Draw us deeply into the mystery of your life, your death and your resurrection, now and always. Amen.		
Prayers for those in need		
Joy Baldwin Sue Cotter Gail Gilmore Allen Madden Amy McArdle	Ruth Kingsley John McAnally Roy Ford John McFarlane	Mervyn Kingsley Aneta Jones Grace Clague Kahla Clague Ressinda Flower
Remembering those who have died		
Year's Mind: Necia Green, Pearl Inwood, Laurie Pocock, Kathleen Wheatley, Maxwell Denton, Allan Schafer, Zoe Schmutter, Ollie Layton, Iris Sanders & Graham Lentfer.		

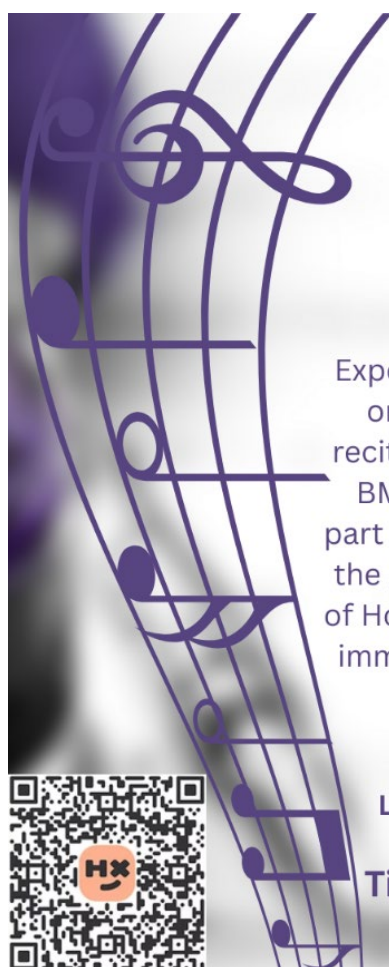
Around the Parish this Week	
Today	Third Sunday of Easter DV SUNDAY 9.00am – Cathedral Live & Online: www.graftoncathedral.org.au 4.00pm Cathedral Families
Birthdays this week	Evette Clague, Rev'd Grant Sparks & Colin Clague
Weekdays	Morning Prayer 8.30am Mon - Fri at the Cathedral &/or via Zoom Evening Prayer 5.15 Mon- Fri Zoom only Simply use the link on the Cathedral web page CALENDAR to access via Zoom Cathedral Office (Closed until 20 May) 9.00am–5.00pm(9-3 Fri) Cathedral Bookshop 9.30am–3.30pm(Tues-Fri) Cathedral OpShop 10.00am–4.00pm (Mon – Fri) 9.00-12.00 (Sat) Wednesday Worship 10.00am Please ensure that we have your email address and mobile number so we can reach out to you with information, news and pastoral support. If you need pastoral care or other support, please call Deacon Grant.
Next Sunday	Fourth Sunday of Easter 9.00am – Cathedral Live & Online: www.graftoncathedral.org.au
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Unearth the
Secrets of
Grafton
Cathedral -
Heritage Tour

Tickets on the
website

Date: Saturday, 10 May
Time: 2:00 PM
Location: Cathedral Church of Christ the King, Grafton



MUSIC OF HOPE ORGAN RECITAL

Experience the grandeur of the Cathedral organ in Music of Hope, a captivating recital by Director of Music Robert Eather BMusEd ACertCM FSCO Hon FGSM. As part of the Australian Heritage Festival and the Anglican Church of Australia's Season of Hope25, this special event invites you to immerse yourself in the beauty of sacred music in a historic setting.

Date: Saturday, 10 May

Time: 4:00 PM

Location: Cathedral Church of Christ the King, Grafton

Tickets on the website

HOPE25



YEAR 2025

CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL

APR

2 - Taize 8.30am
6 - Family Service
5pm
9 - Chrism Mass & Oils
Blessing 10am
17 Maundy Thursday
18 - Good Friday
20 - Easter Sunday
29 - Parish Council

MAY

4 - Family Service
4pm
7 - Taize 8.30am
10- Cathedral tour
2pm
10 - Music of Hope
Organ Recital 4pm
17 - Men's BBQ
Brekkie

JUN

1 - Family Service
4pm
4 - Taize 8.30am
8 - Pentecost
15 - Trinity Sunday

JUL

2 - Taize 8.30am
6 - Family Service 4pm
6-13 NAIDOC Week
8 - Parish Council
19- Men's BBQ Brekkie
25 - 141yrs since
Dedication

AUG

3 - Family Service
4pm
6 - Taize 8.30am

SEP

1-4 Oct Season of
Creation
3 - Taize 8.30am
5 - Parish Council
7 - Family Service 4pm
20 - Men's BBQ Brekkie

OCT

1 - Taize 8.30am
5 - Family Service 5pm
24-2Nov Jacaranda
Festival
26 - Organ Recital
3pm
26 - Ecumenical
Service 6.30pm

NOV

All Saints & All Souls
2 - Family Service 5pm
5 - Taize 8.30am
11 - Parish Council
15 - Men's BBQ
Brekkie
23 - Christ the King

DEC

3 - Taize 8.30am
6 - Family Service
5pm
Carols & Lessons
Christmas Services

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