

# ST ANDREW'S CATHEDRAL

Sydney Square



## Easter 5

**Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> May 2024**  
**10.30am**

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**Preacher:** The Reverend Canon Christopher Allan

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## Welcome to St Andrew's Cathedral!

We're glad that you've joined us today. As a church, we meet together to hear God speak through his word, the Bible. We sing and pray to encourage each other and bring glory to Jesus.

If you don't belong to a church of your own, we'd love you to join us regularly or help you find a church near where you live.

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## Important information

1. **If you feel unsafe** at any time, please let a staff member or usher know immediately.
2. Never leave your bags or other personal possessions **unattended**.
3. Please **no photographs/ video to be taken** during a church service without permission.
4. If children become unsettled, our **Parents' Room** is located adjacent the North Door (Town Hall side). A video feed of the service is provided.

#### **Toilets** (including accessible):

- by the North Door (Town Hall side)
- downstairs in Dean Cowper Hall - accessed from rear of Cathedral, using stairs or lift.

#### **Prayer Needs**

1. If you would like *personal prayer*; Visit [www.SydneyHeal.com](http://www.SydneyHeal.com), clicking on the 'pray for me' tab.
2. A Prayer (Healing) Service is held at 6pm Wednesdays in the Cathedral.

## Becoming or growing as a Christian

If you would like to speak to someone about becoming a Christian or have any questions about Christianity, please speak to a Minister after the Service or use the contact information to reach us.

More information about Christianity may be found at [twowaystolive.com](http://twowaystolive.com)

### **Believer's Prayer**

Dear God, I know that I am not worthy to be accepted by you. I am guilty of rebelling against you and ignoring you. Thank you for sending Jesus to die for me; paying my debt and bearing my punishment that I may be forgiven. Please forgive me and change me that I may live with Jesus as my ruler. *Amen*.

## DRAWING NEAR TO GOD

### Sentence of Scripture

"By faith Abraham, when called to go to a place he would later receive as his inheritance, obeyed and went, even though he did not know where he was going."  
Hebrews 11:8

### Hymn

### Amazing Grace

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| 1 Amazing grace – how sweet the sound:<br>that saved a wretch like me!<br>I once was lost, but now am found;<br>was blind, but now I see.        | 3 Through every danger, trial and snare<br>I have already come;<br>his grace has brought me safe thus far,<br>and grace will lead me home. |
| 2 God's grace first taught my heart to fear,<br>his grace my fears relieved;<br>how precious did that grace appear<br>the hour I first believed! | 4 The Lord has promised good to me,<br>his word my hope secures;<br>my shield and stronghold he shall be<br>as long as life endures.       |
| 5 And when this earthly life is past,<br>and mortal cares shall cease,<br>I shall possess with Christ at last<br>eternal joy and peace.          |  |

*Words: John Newton (1725-1807)*

*Music: 'New Britain', William Walker (1809-1875), arr. Horace Lincoln (1859-1948)*

### Confession

*If you, LORD, kept a record of sins, Lord, who could stand? But with you there is forgiveness, so that we can, with reverence, serve you.* Psalm 130:3-4

The Bible tells us not to hide our sins from God our heavenly Father, but to confess them with a repentant and obedient heart, so that we may be forgiven through his boundless goodness and mercy. We ought to admit our sins to God at all times, especially when we come together like this, to give thanks for the benefits we have received from him, to offer the praise that is due to him, to hear his holy word, and to ask him to supply whatever we need. With this in mind, let us approach the throne of our gracious God, with a true heart in full assurance of faith, and pray together:

**Merciful Father,  
we have strayed from your ways like lost sheep.  
We have followed too much the desires of our own hearts  
and have broken your holy laws.  
We have left undone what we ought to have done  
and we have done what we ought not to have done.  
Yet, good Lord, have mercy on us;  
restore those who are repentant,  
according to the promises declared to us  
through your Son Jesus Christ.  
Grant, merciful Father, for his sake,  
that from now on,  
we may live godly and obedient lives,  
to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

God desires that no one should perish, but that all should turn to Christ and live. We confess our sins in response to his call. God pardons those who humbly repent and truly believe the gospel. Therefore, we have peace with God, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Give thanks to the Lord for he is good.  
**His steadfast love endures forever!**

## **Anthem                      Jesu, the very thought of thee**

*Jesu, the very thought of thee, with sweetness fills the breast; But sweeter far thy face to see, and in thy presence rest. No voice can sing, no heart can frame; nor can the memory find a sweeter sound than Jesus' name, the saviour of mankind. O hope of every contrite heart, O joy of all the meek, To those who ask how kind thou art, how good to those who seek. But what to those who find? Ah! this nor tongue nor pen can show; The love of Jesus, what it is, none but his loved ones know. Jesu, our only joy be thou; as thou our prize wilt be: In thee be all our glory now, and through eternity.*

*Words: 12th century Latin, trans. E Caswall  
Music: Gordon Slater, arr. Paul Halley (b.1952)*

*At this time, children may leave for Cathedral Kids. Trained leaders will meet them at the rear of the Cathedral.*

## HEARING GOD'S WORD

### Prayer of preparation

#### Bible Reading

#### Genesis 12:1-9

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The LORD had said to Abram, 'Go from your country, your people and your father's household to the land I will show you.<sup>2</sup> I will make you into a great nation, and I will bless you; I will make your name great, and you will be a blessing. <sup>3</sup>I will bless those who bless you, and whoever curses you I will curse; and all peoples on earth will be blessed through you.'

<sup>4</sup>So Abram went, as the LORD had told him; and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he set out from Harran. <sup>5</sup>He took his wife Sarai, his nephew Lot, all the possessions they had accumulated and the people they had acquired in Harran, and they set out for the land of Canaan, and they arrived there.

<sup>6</sup>Abram travelled through the land as far as the site of the great tree of Moreh at Shechem. At that time the Canaanites were in the land. <sup>7</sup>The LORD appeared to Abram and said, 'To your offspring I will give this land.' So he built an altar there to the LORD, who had appeared to him.

<sup>8</sup>From there he went on towards the hills east of Bethel and pitched his tent, with Bethel on the west and Ai on the east. There he built an altar to the LORD and called on the name of the LORD.

<sup>9</sup>Then Abram set out and continued towards the Negev.

*At the conclusion of the reading:* This is the word of the Lord.

*Congregational response:* **Thanks be to God.**

#### Anthem

#### The Lord hath been mindful

*The Lord hath been mindful of us, and He shall bless us: He shall bless the house of Israel, He shall bless the house of Aaron. He shall bless them that fear the Lord, both small and great. Ye are the blessed of the Lord, you and your children. Ye are the blessed of the Lord, who made heaven and earth.*

*Words: Taken from Psalm 96 & 115*

*Music: SS Wesley (1810-1876)*

Paul, an apostle – sent not from men nor by a man, but by Jesus Christ and God the Father, who raised him from the dead –<sup>2</sup> and all the brothers and sisters with me, To the churches in Galatia: <sup>3</sup> Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>4</sup> who gave himself for our sins to rescue us from the present evil age, according to the will of our God and Father, <sup>5</sup> to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen. <sup>6</sup> I am astonished that you are so quickly deserting the one who called you to live in the grace of Christ and are turning to a different gospel – <sup>7</sup> which is really no gospel at all. Evidently some people are throwing you into confusion and are trying to pervert the gospel of Christ. <sup>8</sup> But even if we or an angel from heaven should preach a gospel other than the one we preached to you, let them be under God's curse! <sup>9</sup> As we have already said, so now I say again: if anybody is preaching to you a gospel other than what you accepted, let them be under God's curse! <sup>10</sup> Am I now trying to win the approval of human beings, or of God? Or am I trying to please people? If I were still trying to please people, I would not be a servant of Christ.

*At the conclusion of the reading:* This is the word of the Lord.

*Congregational response:* **Thanks be to God.**

## **The Apostles' Creed**

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again from the dead;  
He ascended into heaven,  
And is seated at the right hand of the Father;  
from there he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## TEACHING THE FAITH

**Sermon**

The Reverend Canon Christopher Allan

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### **Genesis 12:1-9 – The Promise**

## PRAYING FOR GOD'S WORLD

### Hymn                      Yet not I but through Christ in me

- 1    What gift of grace is Jesus my redeemer  
      there is no more for heaven now to give  
      He is my joy, my righteousness and freedom  
      my steadfast love; my deep and boundless peace.  
      To this I hold: my hope is only Jesus  
      for my life is wholly bound to his  
      oh how strange and divine, I can sing: all is mine  
      yet not I but through Christ in me.
  
- 2    The night is dark, but I am not forsaken  
      For by my side the Saviour he will stay  
      I labour on in weakness and rejoicing  
      For in my need his power is displayed.  
      To this I hold: my Shepherd will defend me  
      Through the deepest valley he will lead  
      Oh the night has been won, and I shall overcome:  
      Yet not I but through Christ in me
  
- 3    No fate I dread, I know I am forgiven  
      The future sure; the price it has been paid  
      For Jesus bled and suffered for my pardon  
      And he was raised to overthrow the grave  
      To this I hold: my sin has been defeated  
      Jesus now and ever is my plea  
      Oh the chains are released, I can sing: I am free  
      Yet not I but through Christ in me
  
- 4    With every breath I long to follow Jesus  
      For he has said that he will bring me home  
      And day by day, I know he will renew me  
      Until I stand with joy before the throne  
      To this I hold: my hope is only Jesus  
      All the glory evermore to him  
      When the race is complete, still my lips shall repeat:  
      Yet not I but through Christ in me

*Words: Jonny Robinson, Rich Thompson, Michael Farren (CityAlight)*

*Music: Jonny Robinson, Rich Thompson, Michael Farren (CityAlight), arr. Ross J Cobb*



## The Lord's Prayer

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

Let us 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.  
Lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,  
now and forever. Amen**

## Prayer of the Day

**Easter 5**

Heavenly Father, the giver of all good things, fill our hearts with thankfulness, and grant that by your holy inspiration we may think those things that are good, and by your merciful guidance may perform them; through our Lord Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

## Prayers

Be exalted, Lord, above the heavens.  
**Let your glory cover the earth.**  
Keep our nation under your care.  
**And guide us in justice and truth.**  
Let your way be known on earth.  
**Your saving power among the nations.**  
Send out your light and truth.  
**That we may tell of your saving works.**  
Hear our prayers, O Lord.  
**For we put our trust in you.**

## **Anthem**

## **O taste and see**

*O taste and see how gracious the Lord is: blest is the man that trusteth in him.*

*Words: Psalm 34, v8*

*Music: Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)*

## **GOING OUT TO SERVE**

## **Notices**

## **Hymn**

## **Great is your faithfulness**

- 1 Great is your faithfulness, O God my Father,  
you have fulfilled all your promise to me;  
you never fail and your love is unchanging –  
all you have been you for ever will be.

Refrain:

*Great is your faithfulness,  
great is your faithfulness,  
morning by morning new mercies I see;  
all I have needed your hand has provided -  
great is your faithfulness, Father, to me.*

- 2 Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest,  
sun, moon and stars in their courses above  
join with all nature in eloquent witness  
to your great faithfulness, mercy and love.

*Great is your faithfulness...*

- 3 Pardon for sin, and a peace everlasting,  
your living presence to cheer and to guide;  
strength for today, and bright hope for tomorrow -  
these are the blessings your love will provide.

*Great is your faithfulness...*

*Words: Thomas Chisolm (1866-1960)*

*Music: 'Great is thy faithfulness', William Runyan (1870-1957)*

## Prayer of Dedication

Lord and heavenly Father,  
you have brought us safely to this new day:  
keep us by your mighty power, protect us from sin,  
guard us from every kind of danger,  
and in all we do this day  
direct us in the fulfilling of your purpose,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. Amen.**

## Organ Postlude:

'Sonata III in A Major' - Mendelssohn: 1809-1847

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at the machine by the North Door.*

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## Acknowledgement of Country

As we gather in the presence of God, we acknowledge with respect the Traditional Custodians of the land on which we meet. In his wisdom and love, our Heavenly Father gave this land to the Gadigal people of the Eora nation (see Acts 17:26). On this land, they met for generations before the coming of British settlers.

As we now live together on these lands, we pray that God would unite us all in a knowledge of his Son, Jesus Christ, in whom and for whom all things were created.

## Feedback

We'd love to connect with you!

**Please scan the QR code to fill out our response form.**

我们很希望与各地说中文的华人联系。请联系Serena Cheung传道 (邮箱:[Serena.Cheung@sydney.anglican.asn.au](mailto:Serena.Cheung@sydney.anglican.asn.au)) 并留下你的联系方式、祷告需求或信息。若你需要一份讲道的中文翻译作参考, 请联系她。



WHAT'S ON during the week		SATURDAYS	
<b>MONDAYS</b>		9am	Men's Prayer (1 <sup>st</sup> Sat)
5:15pm	Choral Evensong (during term)	10am	Women's Prayer (3 <sup>rd</sup> Sat)
6pm	Cathedral Bible Study		
	1 <sup>st</sup> 3 <sup>rd</sup> 5 <sup>th</sup> Mondays		
<b>WEDNESDAYS</b>		<b>SUNDAYS</b>	
10am	Women's Bible Study (during term) (including Easy English)	8:30am	Holy Communion (1662 BCP)
5:30pm	Communion (2 <sup>nd</sup> Wed)	9am	Bible Studies
6pm	Healing Service	10:30am	Morning Church (with children's program)
7:30pm	Overcomers Outreach (1 <sup>st</sup> Wed)	12pm	Chinese Bible Study
<b>THURSDAYS</b>		3pm	Bible Studies
10am	Bible & English (during term)	3:30pm	Chinese Bible Study (Young Adults)
1:10pm	Organ Recital (1 <sup>st</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Thurs)	5pm	Cathedral Evenings Service
5:15pm	Choral Evensong (during term)		

## Giving

To give by electronic means, please indicate the ministry or congregation to which you belong or which project you support (e.g. 1030am, garden project)

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