

ST AGNES[†]

ANGLICAN CHURCH

Third Sunday of Easter

19th April 2026

Saint Agnes' Glen Huntly is a welcoming and hospitable faith community, celebrating God's compassion and love for all. As an Anglo-Catholic church, our faith, worship and community life finds its ultimate expression in encounter with the Risen Christ in Scripture and Sacrament. Together we are committed to growing in spirituality and service as disciples of Jesus, glorifying God and serving our local community.

You can find out more about us at www.saintagnes.org.au.

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REGULAR SERVICES

Sunday

8:00am: Eucharist (Saint John's)
9:30am: Choral Eucharist (Saint John's)
9:30am: Sung Eucharist (Saint Agnes')
6:00pm: Choral Evensong
(Saint John's, First Sunday)
6:00pm: Evensong & Benediction
(Saint John's, Third Sunday)

Weekday Eucharists

10:00am: Tuesday (Saint Agnes')
10:15am: Friday (Saint John's)

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We acknowledge and respect the traditional custodians of this place and their stewardship of the land that now sustains us all and on which we worship the God of all Reconciliation and Hope

GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

Text marked with  is sung to the Mass Setting by Michael Dudman. The symbol  indicates where the Sign of the Cross is customarily made. Please stand when the bells are rung.

OPENING HYMN

1. Jesus lives! your terrors now
can, O death, no more appal us;
Jesus lives! by this we know
now the grave cannot enthrall us.

Hallelujah!

2. Jesus lives! for us he died;
then may we, for Jesus living,
pure in heart, in him abide,
glory to our Saviour giving.

Hallelujah!

3. Jesus lives! our hearts know well
naught from us his love shall sever:
fame, or hurt, or powers of hell
tear us from his keeping never.

Hallelujah!

4. Jesus lives! henceforth is death
not for us a gloomy portal
when we take our final breath,
but the gate to life immortal.

Hallelujah!

5. Jesus lives! to him the throne
over all the world is given;
may we go where he is gone,
rest and reign with him in heaven.

Hallelujah!

*Christian Fürchtegott Gellert 1715-69
tr. Frances Elizabeth Cox 1812-97 and others
TIS 372*

✠ In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Let us pray.

Silence is held as we gather our hearts and minds into the presence of God

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hidden: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

‘Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God, the Lord is one; you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind and with all your strength.’ Jesus said ‘This is the great and first commandment. And the second is like it: you shall love your neighbour as yourself.’

God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy, welcoming sinners and inviting them to the Lord's table. Let us confess our sins in penitence and faith, with a sincere and a true heart.

Merciful God, our maker and our judge, we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, and in what we have failed to do: we have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves; we repent, and are sorry for all our sins. Father, forgive us. Strengthen us to love and obey you in newness of life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

♪ Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

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 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, *here it is customary to make a slight bow*
we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, here it is customary to make a slight bow
**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:
Here it is customary to bow for the duration of the words 'receive our prayer'
receive our prayer.
**For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High**
Jesus Christ, here it is customary to make a slight bow
**with the Holy Spirit,
in the ✠ glory of God the Father. Amen.**

THE COLLECT

Gracious Father, who in your great mercy made glad the disciples with the
sight of the risen Lord: give us such awareness of his presence with us that
we may be strengthened and sustained by his risen life, and serve you
continually in righteousness and truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Please sit.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING

A reading from the Book of Acts

[2.14a, 36-41]

But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them: 'Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say.

Therefore let the entire house of Israel know with certainty that God has made him both Lord and Messiah, this Jesus whom you crucified.'

Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and to the other apostles, 'Brothers, what should we do?' Peter said to them, 'Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him.' And he testified with many other arguments and exhorted them, saying, 'Save yourselves from this corrupt generation.' So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added.

For the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM

[116:1-4, 11-18]

I love the Lord, because he heard my voice:
the voice of my supplication;

**Because he inclined his ear to me:
in the day that I called to him.**

The cords of death encompassed me,
the snares of the grave took hold on me:

I was in anguish and sorrow.

Then I called upon the name of the Lord:

‘O Lord, I beseech you, deliver me !’

How shall I repay the Lord:
for all his benefits to me?

**I will take up the cup of salvation:
and call upon the name of the Lord.**

I will pay my vows to the Lord:
in the presence of all his people.

**Grievous in the sight of the Lord:
is the death of his faithful ones.**

O Lord, I am your servant,
your servant and the child of your handmaid:
you have unloosed my bonds.

**I will offer you a sacrifice of thanksgiving:
and call upon the name of the Lord.**

I will pay my vows to the Lord:
in the presence of all his people,

**In the courts of the house of the Lord:
even in your midst, O Jerusalem. Praise the Lord.**

SECOND READING

A reading from the First Letter of Peter.

[1.13-25]

Therefore prepare your minds for action; discipline yourselves; set all your hope on the grace that Jesus Christ will bring you when he is revealed. Like obedient children, do not be conformed to the desires that you formerly had in ignorance. Instead, as he who called you is holy, be holy yourselves in all your conduct; for it is written, ‘You shall be holy, for I am holy.’

If you invoke as Father the one who judges all people impartially according to their deeds, live in reverent fear during the time of your exile. You know that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your ancestors, not with perishable things like silver or gold, but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without defect or blemish. He was destined before the foundation of the world, but was revealed at the end of the ages for your sake. Through him you have come to trust in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are set on God.

Now that you have purified your souls by your obedience to the truth so that you have genuine mutual love, love one another deeply from the heart. You have been born anew, not of perishable but of imperishable seed, through the living and enduring word of God. For

‘All flesh is like grass
and all its glory like the flower of grass.
The grass withers,
and the flower falls,
but the word of the Lord endures for ever.’

That word is the good news that was announced to you.

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

Please stand. A Gradual hymn is sung

GRADUAL HYMN

**1. Abide with me; fast falls the eventide:
the darkness deepens; Lord, with me abide:
when other helpers fail, and comforts flee,
help of the helpless, O abide with me.**

**2. Swift to its close ebbs out life's little day;
earth's joys grow dim, its glories pass away,
change and decay in all around I see:
O thou who changest not, abide with me.**

**4. I fear no foe with thee at hand to bless;
ills have no weight, and tears no bitterness.
Where is death's sting? Where, grave, thy victory?
I triumph still, if thou abide with me.**

**5. Hold thou thy cross before my closing eyes;
shine through the gloom, and point me to the skies:
heaven's morning breaks,**

**and earth's vain shadows flee;
in life, in death, O Lord, abide with me.**

*Henry Francis Lyte 1793-1847 alt
TIS 586*

Please turn to face the Book of the Gospels.

GOSPEL

Alleluia, **alleluia.**

Repent, and be baptised every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

Alleluia.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke.

[24:13-35]

Here it is customary to trace three small crosses on the forehead, lips and heart

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Now on that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. And he said to them, 'What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?' They stood still, looking sad. Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, 'Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?' He asked them, 'What things?' They replied, 'The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of

angels who said that he was alive. Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see him.' Then he said to them, 'Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?' Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.

As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. But they urged him strongly, saying, 'Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over.' So he went in to stay with them. When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. They said to each other, 'Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?' That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. They were saying, 'The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!' Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

For the Gospel of the Lord,
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

THE SERMON

The Sermon is followed by a time of silence and a musical reflection.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

Let us together stand to 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, *here it is customary to make a slight bow***

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,

Here it is customary to make a low bow from the waist until '...became truly human'
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 *here it is customary to make a slight bow*
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 FAITHFUL

Let us pray for the world and for the Church.

Prayers are offered for the Church and for the world. Each petition ends with...

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

The final petition for all the faithful departed ends...

Rest ☩ eternal grant to them, O Lord:
and let light perpetual shine upon them.
May they rest in peace:
and rise in glory.

The prayers of intercession may conclude with this final prayer, after which all stand

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.**

All stand.

GREETING OF PEACE

The risen Christ came and stood among his disciples and said, 'Peace be with you.' Then were they glad when they saw the Lord. Alleluia

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

We greet each other with a sign of Christ's peace.

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

A collection is taken to support the life and mission of the parish.

OFFERTORY HYMN

**1. Christ the Lord is risen again;
Christ has broken every chain;
hark! the angels shout for joy,
singing evermore on high:
*Hallelujah!***

2. He who gave for us his life,
who for us endured the strife,
is our paschal Lamb today;
we too sing for joy, and say:
Hallelujah!

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:
Hallelujah!

4. He who slumbered in the grave
is exalted now to save;
now through all the church it rings
that the Lamb is King of kings:
Hallelujah!

5. Now he bids us tell abroad
how the lost may be restored,
how the penitent forgiven,
how we too may enter heaven:
Hallelujah!

6. Christ, our paschal Lamb indeed,
Christ your ransomed people feed.
At the end of earthly strife
raise us, Lord, to endless life.
Hallelujah!

Michael Weisse 1488-1534
tr. Catherine Winkworth 1827-78 alt.
TIS 365

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND CONSECRATION

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.

The priest continues in thanksgiving...

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,** *here it is customary to make a low bow from the waist*
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.

The priest continues with the prayer of consecration...

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

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

The Eucharistic Prayer continues...

... we worship you, Father,
in songs of never-ending praise:

♫ **Blessing and honour and glory and power**
are yours for ever and ever. Amen.

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, and 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 AND COMMUNION

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.

A period of deep silence is held with silent adoration before the Blessed Sacrament. The priest breaks the bread while the Agnus Dei is sung

♩ O Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us.
O Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us.
O Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,
grant us peace.

Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.
Happy are those who are called to his supper.
**Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,
but only say the word, and I shall be healed.**

All baptised Christians who seek Christ in this sacrament are invited to receive Holy Communion. Anyone is welcome to receive a blessing instead.

Notices may be given here, after which please stand.

The priest prays the post-communion prayer, followed by

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.

BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

The priest pronounces the blessing

The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is pleasing in his sight; *here it is customary to bow, or genuflect on the left knee* and the blessing of God almighty, ✠ the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Go in the peace of Christ, Alleluia, Alleluia:
Thanks be to God, Alleluia, Alleluia.

CLOSING HYMN

1. Hallelujah! sing to Jesus,
his the sceptre, his the throne;
hallelujah! his the triumph,
his the victory alone;
hark, the songs of peaceful Zion
thunder like a mighty flood:
'Jesus out of every nation
has redeemed us by his blood.'

2. Hallelujah! not as orphans,
are we left in sorrow now;
hallelujah! he is near us,
faith believes, nor questions how;
though the cloud from sight received him
when the forty days were o'er,
shall our hearts forget his promise,
'I am with you evermore'?

3. Hallelujah! bread of heaven,
and on earth our food, our stay;
hallelujah! here the sinful

flee to you from day to day;
intercessor, friend of sinners,
earth's redeemer, plead for me
where the songs of all the sinless
sweep across the crystal sea.

4. Hallelujah! King eternal,
you the Lord of lords we own;
hallelujah! born of Mary,
earth your footstool, heav'n your throne:
you within the veil have entered,
robed in flesh, our great high priest;
you on earth both priest and victim
in the eucharistic feast.

William Chatterton Dix 1837-98
TIS 517

The organist plays the Postlude.

Please join us for Morning Tea.

NEWS & NOTICES

ELECTION OF SYNOD REPRESENTATIVES

Two nominations were received for the positions of Lay Representative and one nomination was received for Alternate Lay Representative from the parish in preparation for the Fifty-Fifth Synod of the Diocese of Melbourne. The number of nominations not exceeding vacancies there is no need for an election. Congratulations to our new Lay Representatives Robert Buckmaster and Dashika Manokaran, and Alternate Lay Representative Sebastian Harvey.

VICAR ON LEAVE 23 APRIL TO 5 MAY INCLUSIVE

Please note that the Vicar will be on leave from Thursday 23 April until Tuesday 5 May, inclusive. He will be travelling solo to Hong Kong to experience its culinary and sartorial delights, as well as two Sundays at St John's Cathedral of the Anglican 'Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui'. Fr Luke Hopkins will be at Saint John's Finch Street on Sunday 26 April and Archdeacon Colleen O'Reilly who will be at Saint John's Finch Street on Sunday 3 May. Fr Marc will be at Saint Agnes' as usual on those Sundays as well as officiating at Choral Evensong on Sunday 3 May and can be contacted for any pastoral emergencies.