

**THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH**  
 Morning Prayer 8.30am—Evening Prayer 5.00pm  
 Wednesday, Thursday and Friday this week.

**MONDAY 6 April—Office Closed**

**TUESDAY 7 April—Office Closed**

**WEDNESDAY 8 April**

**11.30am** Eucharist in the Chapel  
 followed by BYO lunch in  
 Dempster Room

**6.30pm** Communion and Curry

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**TMA**—The Melbourne Anglican, April  
 edition is available today at the back of the  
 church. Please take a copy.

**CAKE & PRESERVES STALL**—The stall  
 is on 9 May outside Priceline in Burke Road.  
 Diana is seeking fruit now for jams and  
 preserves.

**ABM ENVELOPES** for Easter are available  
 today.

**PARISH WEBSITE:** A reminder that each  
 Sunday's 'Contact' and sermon are uploaded  
 promptly each weekend to the parish website:  
[www.stjohnscamberwell.org.au](http://www.stjohnscamberwell.org.au). If you do not  
 have access to the website and would like a  
 printed copy of the sermon, please contact the  
 Parish Office.

**SERVERS WELCOME:** There will be an  
 in-service for servers 10-11am Saturday 2  
 May in the church. All current servers are  
 invited and encouraged. Enquirers are most  
 welcome. Enquiries to Ross Smith or David  
 Moore.

**NEXT SUNDAY - 12 April**

**Easter 2**

Acts 4. 32-37; Psalm 133;  
 1 John 1. 1-2.2; John 20. 19-31

**8am EUCHARIST**

**Presider:** David Moore  
**Preacher:** David Moore  
**Deacon:** Kuncoro Rusman  
**Sub-Deacon:** Cynthia Nyholm  
**Readers:** Pamela Bowen & Oliver Beaumont  
**Intercessor:** Hans Ferdinands  
**Server:** Hans Ferdinands  
**Euch. Asst.** Hans Ferdinands

**9.00am BREAKFAST**

**10am SUNG EUCHARIST**

**Presider:** David Moore  
**Preacher:** David Moore  
**Deacon:** Kuncoro Rusman  
**Sub-Deacon:** Cynthia Nyholm  
**Readers:** Jonathan Way  
 Wendy Way  
**Intercessor:** Muriel Porter  
**Servers:** Neil Nyholm (MC)  
 Geoff Vincent, Jenny Cook, James  
 Moorhouse  
**Euch. Assts.** Sub-deacon; Jenny Cook  
**Kidz@Church:** Activities at the back of the church

**12 noon Regina Coeli**

**3.00pm INDONESIA EUCHARIST**

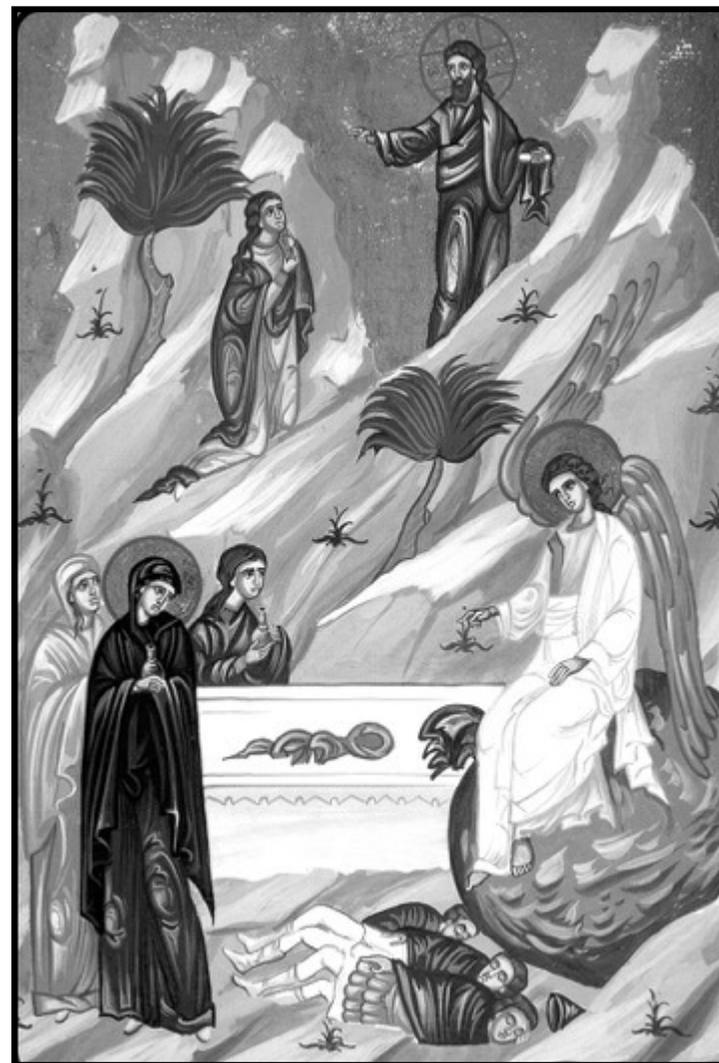
David Moore, Kuncoro Rusman

**6.00pm CONTEMPLATIVE  
 SERVICE**



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 Easter Day 5 April 2015



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## SERVICES TODAY

**WELCOME! SELAMAT DATANG! WOMINJEKA!** We are glad to have you join us in the sacred liturgy. With generations of Christ's followers we are all welcomed around the banquet table of the Word made flesh—regardless of gender, race, colour, sexual orientation, social status or any other distinction.

### 6.00am Vigil followed by Champagne Breakfast

Presider: David Moore  
Preacher: David Moore  
Deacon: Kuncoro Rusman  
Sub-Deacon: John Manton  
Servers: Neil Nyholm (MC)  
Julian Rait, Jenny Cook, Hans  
Ferdinands, Clare Tomasov  
Euch. Asst. Sub-Deacon; Clare Tomasov

### 10.00am Sung Eucharist

Presider: David Moore  
Preacher: David Moore  
Deacon: Kuncoro Rusman  
Sub-Deacon: Cynthia Nyholm  
Readers: Noel Anderson  
Margaret Anderson  
Intercessor: Muriel Porter  
Cantor: Judy Moore  
Servers: Geoff Vincent (MC)  
Alison Asquith, James  
Moorhouse, Sue Banting,  
Neicia Shaw  
Euch. Assts. Sub-Deacon; Neicia Shaw  
KIDZ@CHURCH: Clare Tomasov

### 12 noon Regina Coeli

### 3.00pm Indonesian Congregation Kuncoro Rusman

**ALLELUIA! CHRIST IS RISEN!** A Happy & Holy Easter to you, and to all whom you love. May you be blessed this great and momentous morning – by the warmth of fire and light, in the touch of oil and water, with the sweet fragrance of incense and the joyous sound of bells, in the taste and feel of Sacramental bread and wine, and in the company of companions on the Way. May you know the peace of the risen Christ, and the mystery of unexpected union with God and with each other.

**EASTERTIME** After the liturgical simplicity and austerity of Lent, today we pull out all the stops – bells, magnificent flowers, gold and white cloths, an abundance of candles, the fragrance of incense, singing many Alleluias. 40 days of preparation for 50 days of celebration - *Christ is risen! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

**THANK YOU!** Holy Week and the Easter Triduum have required of us great commitment and devotion. Thanks to all who have travelled on the way, for the companionship and encouragement to keep the feast - especially to all who have offered so much time, talent and money: arrangers and suppliers of flowers, food and drink, cleaners, servers, intercessors, musicians, welcomers, readers, polishers, linen pressers, gardeners, money counters, Paschal Candle painter... Particular thanks to the liturgy committee, to Director of Music David and the choir, to Hospitality Committee coordinator Penny and her team of caterers, to Sanctuary Guild coordinator Wendy and her team of flower arrangers, to Office Administrator Dawn, to Sacristan Ross and deputy Sacristan Neil, and to Verger Keith.

## Waters of Life

On the last Sunday before Ash Wednesday the font was drained and sealed, and has remained dry until today. In today's dawning light the new waters of our baptism have been blessed, we have been sprinkled. In the readings of the Great Vigil we were recalled to the life that God creates out of the floodwaters of chaos, of the journey out of slavery into freedom in the promised land, and of our baptism into Christ's death and resurrected life. Today we have reaffirmed the promises made at our own baptism. We have turned again to Christ, affirming that wholeness of life is to be found in the 'death of death' on the Cross, in the self-sacrifice of Christ.

Today the font is full. In Eastertime we touch water again after the ashen days of Lent, making the sign of the cross upon ourselves. We re-affirm our faith because baptism is at the heart of our Christian journey, always at the heart of our communal celebration of the death and resurrection of Christ. The waters of the filled font, at the entrance, recall us to our vocation every time we enter here. Let us always enter via the waters of the Font, regularly touching water.

During the 50 days of this great Easter season we are frequently reminded of the journey from darkness to light, from the pre-dawn stumbling to the first light of Easter Day's brilliance, from the despair of the shattered Jesus taken down from the Cross to the new hope in the empty tomb and the very present Christ. We declare and re-affirm our own calling from darkness to light, our own calling to be a ministering community of Christ-lights. We own for ourselves what we all say to the newly baptised: *Confess Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, look for his coming in glory;* and we pray for ourselves as well as the newly-baptised, *Shine as a light in the world to the glory of God the Father.*

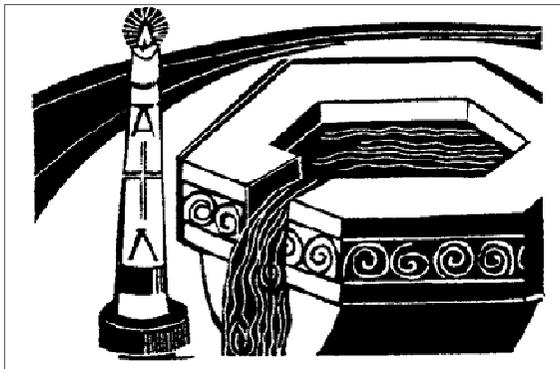
Being *the light of Christ* means living lives of loving service, being ministers of the gospel of Jesus Christ, all of us. Sweeping aside all our little protests - that we are not capable, not good enough, not holy enough, and so on - Christ calls us by our baptism to be God's ministering community here. Incredibly, we are given all that we need for a life of self-giving and reconciling service. What was dead in us has been raised to new life through new birth by water and Spirit.

# Christ is risen! Alleluia!

## Suddenly

*R S Thomas*

As I had always known  
he would come, unannounced,  
remarkable merely for the absence  
of clamour. So truth must appear  
to the thinker; so, at a stage  
of the experiment, the answer  
must quietly emerge. I looked  
at him, not with the eye  
only, but with the whole  
of my being, overflowing with  
him as a chalice would  
with the sea. Yet was he  
no more than before,  
his area occupied  
by the unhaloed presences.  
You could put your hand  
in him without consciousness  
of his wounds. The gamblers  
at the foot of the unnoticed  
cross went on with  
their dicing; yet the invisible  
garment for which they played  
was no longer at stake, but worn  
by him in his risen existence.



My Dear Friends,

What a joy it is to celebrate with you this great Paschal feast. It has taken considerable effort. It has disturbed our regular habits and patterns. It has required a certain amount of exertion and endurance. It may have even pushed us into unfamiliar or uncertain terrain. But now, having wept together in the garden of tears on Thursday night, been silenced and overwhelmed by love on Friday, and brought out of pre-dawn darkness into marvellous light this morning, we have seen each other anew as the darkness has been peeled back by resurrection light.

For the Paschal feast is the church's great rite of initiation: leading us through the deep waters of betrayal, passion, death, and silence, to the astonishing and unbelievable light of liberation. It's our initiation into the 'mystery which has been concealed since the foundation of the world, but now revealed' - the mystery that in losing life we find it. If we have allowed this Paschal Mystery to penetrate us, if we have allowed ourselves to be drawn into it's truth, then we will have come to this morning with a new heart, and a peace such as the world cannot give.

The world cannot give this peace because of its commitment to market principles, competitiveness, self-centredness, tribalism, nationalism, every form of grasping and every attempt to secure our lives. Whereas the Christian Pascha is the unbelievable proclamation that by dying to all these, we are given more than we could ever imagine. We who have entered into this Paschal Mystery are discovering this unexpected – and undeserved – new life. We are a new creation in Christ because we are dying to self: and being born into The Self, the Divine Mystery who is the source of all.

Those who are initiated into Christ's death and resurrection truly share in his life. This is St Paul's great insight: 'No longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me.' Sharing in Christ's death is the liberation from all fear and anxiety: Do not be afraid! Those initiated into the Paschal Mystery are those who know the liberating and saving truth which turns the world upside down and sets people free to become fully human, truly bearers of the Divine image and likeness.

Thanks be to God. And thank you, for your companionship through these holy days, through this initiation into the Paschal Mystery. Alleluia! Christ is risen!

With my love, David

# Paschal Candle

The Paschal Candle is the principal symbol of the raised Christ, standing high on its pedestal, in our midst throughout Eastertime. The Paschal Candle illuminated our way in the darkness this morning. From it we take our own small lights. The Paschal Candle burns brightly from Easter Day through to the Day of Pentecost, 50 days later. 40 days of Lenten preparation for 50 days of Easter celebration. After Eastertime the Paschal Candle is lit again for baptisms, funerals, and the great feasts.

The candle is pierced with nails to mark the five wounds of the Crucified – in hands, feet and side. Our prayers and hopes are carried deep in the wounds of Christ, who rejoices whenever we rejoice, who suffers in all our sufferings, our light in the darkest of nights. The resurrected Christ blesses by the indelible wounds: *Put your finger here and see my hands.* The only omnipotence known to God is the eternal power of suffering between the 'Yes!' and the 'No!' of two thieves, the Love which by holding the opposites brings to birth a new creation.

Christ crucified and risen is truly human and truly divine, in whom heaven and earth meet: *Christ once raised dies no more; Death has no more dominion over him.* Above and below Christ are the first and last letters of the Greek alphabet, **Α** ALPHA and **Ω** OMEGA – *I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end.* Nothing in all eternity and all creation is beyond the reach of the love of the crucified God.

The Paschal Candle also bears the numerals of the current 'year of grace', for we celebrate the fact that Christ *is* risen, not that Christ *was* raised. *Christ has died* is historical fact, disputed by no one. *Christ is risen*, and *Christ will come again* are declarations of faith, of trust, by which we desire to be living temples of the Christlike God.

Featured on 2015's Paschal Candle is the **χ ρ** CHI RHO, one of the earliest Christian symbols, the first two letters of the name of Christ in Greek, **ΧΡΙΣΤΟΣ** CHRISTOS. By the grace of the Holy Spirit, hovering as a dove, the **ΧΡΙΣΤΟΣ** voluntarily accepts descent into the dark and watery tomb of the abyss – and by this self-emptying becomes the firstborn of the dead.

**THANKSGIVING:** A reminder that we will worship together as one parish community at **12noon on Sunday 19 April**, to celebrate our Patronal Festival and Thanksgiving. Two Thanksgiving letters have been distributed to everyone on the parish's pastoral roll, the second containing important information about what we mean by Thanksgiving. If you have not already returned the initial response, indicating your intention to attend at the Patronal feast and Thanksgiving lunch, please do return these to the parish office as soon as possible. The second mailout included the **Commitment** form which all of us are invited to pray about and complete prior to the Patronal festival, so that we are ready to offer them at the Altar on the Eucharist that day. If you have any questions or concerns, please do contact me or one of the Wardens. *Fr David*

**KEITH ON LEAVE:** As we all know, Keith Dempster, Honorary Verger, makes many things happen around the parish. However, most of us would probably be shocked to discover the full extent of Keith's loving ministrations at St John's. The Churchwardens have once again had their hands full arranging cover for all of Keith's duties for the next month! From tomorrow, Easter Monday, Keith will be taking his annual 'sabbatical', returning on Saturday 2 May. Our heartfelt thanks Keith - enjoy your well-deserved break. *Fr David*

**VERGER:** On the matter of Verger, it's time for more of us to share the load of the many tasks Keith has been almost single-handedly undertaking, for us. During this time of Keith's annual sabbatical some of us are picking up some of these duties, but that sharing of responsibility ought not to last only one month. Can you assist? Could you share with others in furniture setting-up, cleaning, maintaining, opening and closing on Saturdays and public holidays, preparation of the church on Sunday mornings, setting up for Anglicare Auxiliary and other parish activities, assisting at funerals and weddings, ensuring that the toilets are clean and stocked for Sundays and other parish event occasions? Speak with one of the Wardens or with me. *Fr David*



**YEAR'S MIND:** We remember before God Peter Jones, Jean Brownell, Jean Friend, Margaret Henfry, Betty Mills, Nell Thomson, Nance Williams, James Moorhouse (Bishop), Norman Manton, Robert Dann (Bishop), Colin Amos, and Richard Milson Millott, whose anniversaries occur at this time.

**PRAYER JOURNAL:** The Easter-Pentecost Journal of Scripture & Prayer is available today. Please collect a copy.

**RECEPTION INTO THE ANGLICAN COMMUNION** Please pray for Tetty Hutagalung, Rika Rayner, and Christian Mundung, preparing to be Received into the Anglican Communion at the Patronal Feast, 12noon Sunday 19 April.

**MINISTRY OF HEALING:** is always available at any time, simply contact one of the clergy.

**EASTER WEEK ARRANGEMENTS:** The office will not be open on Easter Monday or Tuesday. There will NOT be a 12 noon Eucharist on Easter Tuesday. There WILL be a Eucharist at 11.30am on Easter Wednesday and also at 6.30 pm Communion and Curry.

**FUTURE DATES  
COMMUNION & CURRY—  
WEDNESDAY 8 APRIL 6.30pm**

**PASTORAL CARE SUPPORT TEAM**  
meets Tuesday **14 APRIL** 9.30am— in Dempster Room.

**PATRONAL FESTIVAL and  
THANKSGIVING : 19 April 12 noon**,  
followed by Thanksgiving Lunch. (NB The  
only Liturgy on this day is at 12 noon.)

**SERVERS WELCOME: 2 May—10-  
11am** in the church.

**CAKE & PRESERVES STALL: 9 May -  
9am-1pm.**

**ASCENSION DAY 14 May—6.30pm**

**DAY OF PENTECOST—May 24**