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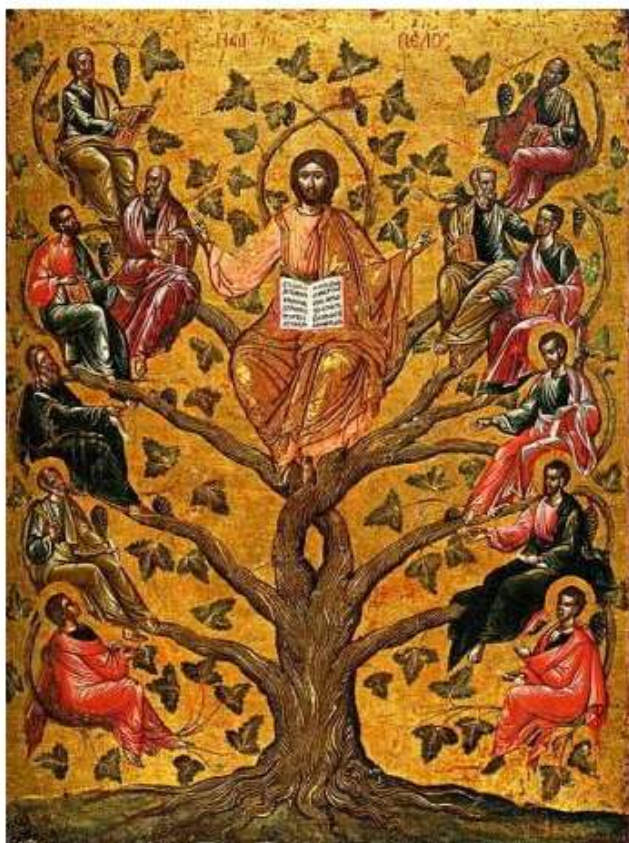


✝ **All Saints Church. Sunday 10.30am**  
Cnr High St & Murray Rd, Preston  
✝ **St George's Church. Sunday 9am**  
Cnr Ralph and Byfield St, Reservoir

**SUNDAY 2<sup>ND</sup> MAY 2021**

**4<sup>th</sup> Sunday after EASTER**

Welcome to our services today as we celebrate the Church's Easter Season.



*Jesus said, "I am the true vine . . . Abide in me as I abide in you . . . and bear much fruit." (John 15)*

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#### HYMNS TODAY

First 474 Here in this place  
Gradual 626 Lord of Creation  
Offertory 526 Lord Jesus Christ  
Final 390 Alleluia



**CHRIST IS RISEN!**

**HE IS RISEN**

**INDEED!**

**ALLELUIA!**

# THE FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EASTER

2<sup>nd</sup> May, 2021

**First Reading**

**Acts 8:26-40**

**A reading from the Acts of the Apostles**

*Philip proclaimed the good news about Jesus*

Then an angel of the Lord said to Philip, "Get up and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." (This is a wilderness road.) So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. Then the Spirit said to Philip, "Go over to this chariot and join it." So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, "Do you understand what you are reading?" He replied, "How can I, unless someone guides me?" And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this: "Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter, and like a lamb silent before its shearer, so he does not open his mouth. In his humiliation justice was denied him. Who can describe his generation? For his life is taken away from the earth." The eunuch asked Philip, "About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?" Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. As they were going along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, "Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptised?" He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptised him. When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he was passing through the region, he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

This is the word of the Lord.

**℟️ Thanks be to God.**

**Responsorial Psalm**

**Ps. 22(21)**

**Response:** *I will praise you, Lord, in the assembly of your people.*

My vows I will pay before those who fear him.  
The poor shall eat and shall have their fill.  
They shall praise the Lord, those who seek him.  
May their hearts live for ever and ever!

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All the earth shall remember and return to the Lord,  
all families of the nations worship before him;  
They shall worship him, all the mighty of the earth;  
before him shall bow all who go down to the dust. ℟️



And my soul shall live for him, my children serve him.  
They shall tell of the Lord to generations yet to come,  
declare his faithfulness to peoples yet unborn:  
“These things the Lord has done.”

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## Second Reading

1 Jn. 4:7-12

### A reading from the First Letter of John

*Not that we loved God but that he loved us*

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. God’s love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us.

This is the word of the Lord.

℟. **Thanks be to God.**

## Gospel Acclamation

**Alleluia! Alleluia!** Live in me and let me live in you, says the Lord;  
my branches bear much fruit. **Alleluia!**

## GOSPEL

Jn. 15:1-8

### ✠ A reading from the holy gospel according to John

*Those who live in me, and I in them, bear much fruit.*

Jesus said to his disciples, “I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower. He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples.

This is the Gospel of the Lord

℟. **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

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## PARISH NEWS THIS WEEK

\*Parish Council meets today at 12 after All Saint's Service and Morning Tea.

\*\*Food Service on Friday.

\*Meals on Saturday. Maybe soon return from take-away back to sit-down!

\*No mid-week services this week. Next Sunday 9am at St G's & 10.30am at All Ss

\*On Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> May we'll celebrate a Baptism + Mother's Day with Simnel Cake.

**Please pray for these who are sick or in special need:** Kevin, Sandie, Emmett, Asya, Anita, Elise, Brian, Fadi, Teresa, Janette, Kathy, George, Dianne, Margaret, Hasti, Dot & Dudley, Sebastian, Joanne, Willy, Laurie, Lillian, Les, Leonie, Loraine

*Our Pray List is updated mthly using **PRAYERS BOOK** at All Saints or gives names to FrD.*

**Memorials (anniversary of deaths) this week: Please pray for/remember:**

William Gibson, Doris Shea, Edie Mendoza, Doris Pymar (snr) and Doris Pymar (jr), Fr Rex Jones, Thomas Graf, , Effie Agar, Gordon Smith, Margaret Perry, Gordon Bramley, Emily May Foster, Ruberta Jo Sutherland, Joan Parsons and Betty Ward.

*"May they rest in peace and rise in glory."*



**Being attached to Christ and growing to maturity.**

We were reminded last week that Christ is the Good Shepherd who cares for us; he is our guide, protector and comforter. But the Risen one also wants us to share in his ministry – **to be Shepherds ourselves!** God calls and empowers his saints for every kind of ministry. We may remain "children of God" but we are to out-grow childish ways, indulging fears and greed and being tossed about as we follow our own whims . . . (Eph 4:11-14)

For those who are maturing as adult followers:

- As we trust in God's love and God's future everything can change and everything becomes possible. (See Heb 11:1-3)
- As we accept that we are "strangers and pilgrims" on this earth we become increasingly free.
- As we experience God's acceptance and compassion, we discover also that God wants honesty to rule our hearts and lives.
- As we grasp that knowing and doing what God wants, quickly, is best for us we learn to offer ourselves as a "daily, living sacrifice (See Romans 12:1-2); to serve God's kingdom and witnesses to Christ.
- Getting all this, we learn to trust in God's daily blessings and provision, both as a receiver and giver. (2 Corinthians 9:8)

