



Anglican Parish of Hamilton

Second Sunday of Easter

12th April 2026

Sentence: 1 Peter 1.3

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.

Collect

Almighty and eternal God, the strength of those who believe and the hope of those who doubt :may we, who have not seen, have faith and receive the fullness of Christ's blessing; who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

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Christ Church-Hamilton

St Peter's Glenthompson

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¹⁴ 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. ²² ‘You that are Israelites, listen to what I have to say: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with deeds of power, wonders, and signs that God did through him among you, as you yourselves know—²³ this man, handed over to you according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of those outside the law. ²⁴ But God raised him up, having freed him from death, because it was impossible for him to be held in its power. ²⁵ For David says concerning him, “I saw the Lord always before me, for he is at my right hand so that I will not be shaken; ²⁶ therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced; moreover, my flesh will live in hope. ²⁷ For you will not abandon my soul to Hades, or let your Holy One experience corruption. ²⁸ You have made known to me the ways of life; you will make me full of gladness with your presence.” ²⁹ ‘Fellow Israelites, I may say to you confidently of our ancestor David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. ³⁰ Since he was a prophet, he knew that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would put one of his descendants on his throne.³¹ Foreseeing this, David spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, saying, “He was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh experience corruption.”³² This Jesus God raised up, and of that all of us are

witnesses.

Hear the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Psalm: 16

1. Preserve me, O God :for in you have I taken refuge.
2. **I have said to the Lord, You are my lord: and all my good depends on you.**
3. As for those who are held holy on the earth: the other gods in whom people delight,
4. **Though the idols are many that they run after: their offerings of blood I will not offer, nor take their name upon my lips.**
5. The Lord is my appointed portion and my cup: you hold my lot in your hands.
6. **The share that has fallen to me is in pleasant places: and a fair land is my possession.**
7. I will bless the Lord who has given me counsel: at night also he has instructed my heart.
8. **I have set the Lord always before me: he is at my right hand, and I shall not fall.**
9. Therefore my heart is glad and my spirit rejoices: my flesh also shall rest secure.
10. **For you will not give me over to the power of death: nor suffer your faithful one to see the Pit.**
11. You will show me the path of life: in

your presence is the fulness of joy,
and from your right hand flow
delights for evermore.

2nd Reading: 1 Peter 1.1-12

To the exiles of the Dispersion in Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia, and Bithynia, ² who have been chosen and destined by God the Father and sanctified by the Spirit to be obedient to Jesus Christ and to be sprinkled with his blood: May grace and peace be yours in abundance. ³ Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, ⁴ and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, ⁵ who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. ⁶ In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, ⁷ so that the genuineness of your faith—being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honour when Jesus Christ is revealed. ⁸ Although you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, ⁹ for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls. ¹⁰ Concerning this salvation, the prophets who prophesied of the grace that was to be yours made careful search and inquiry, ¹¹ inquiring about the person or time that the Spirit of Christ within them

indicated, when it testified in advance to the sufferings destined for Christ and the subsequent glory. ¹² It was revealed to them that they were serving not themselves but you, in regard to the things that have now been announced to you through those who brought you good news by the Holy Spirit sent from heaven—things into which angels long to look!

Hear the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia

Jesus said to him, ‘Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.’

Alleluia

The Holy Gospel: John 20.19-31

The Lord be with you

And also with you

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
According to St John

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ

¹⁹ When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, ‘Peace be with you.’ ²⁰ After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. ²¹ Jesus said to them again, ‘Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.’ ²² When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, ‘Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³ If you forgive the sins of any,

they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.’²⁴ But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came.²⁵ So the other disciples told him, ‘We have seen the Lord.’ But he said to them, ‘Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.’²⁶ A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, ‘Peace be with you.’²⁷ Then he said to Thomas, ‘Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.’²⁸ Thomas answered him, ‘My Lord and my God!’²⁹ Jesus said to him, ‘Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.’³⁰ Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book.³¹ But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

For the Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

Intercessions for the Eucharist and for you to say at home

The response to the bidding:

Dear Lord.... is Please answer our prayers.

Dear Lord....**Please answer our prayers.**

We pray for the people who are being

affected by wars in the world, especially the people in the Middle East. We pray for the people and children and animals who are suffering from hunger in the world that they can overcome their situation as soon as possible.

Dear Lord....Please answer our prayers.

We pray for the people of northern Australia who are being affected by the continuous cyclones that the cyclones stop very shortly and the people and animals get the help they need very quickly.

Dear Lord....Please answer our prayers.

We pray for all the farmers that need fuel and water and fertilisers they need to put in their crops and for the farmers, especially around Hamilton, that need water for their homes and gardens that they get decent rain very soon.

Dear Lord....Please answer our prayers.

We pray for the recently Departed and their families that you Lord help them and enfold them in your embrace.

Dear Lord....Please answer our prayers.

We pray for families and friends who are being affected by ill health that they recover and recover well very quickly.

Dear Lord....Please answer our prayers.

We pray for Bishop Garry and Bishop Scott and all Priests and their families in the Diocese of Ballarat and everyone in the Parish of Hamilton that you Lord keep them healthy and safe from harm.

Dear Lord....Please answer our prayers.

Lord please guide the leaders of the world to put a stop to the wars. Please help and guide us to do your Will. **Amen**

For Your Prayers This Week

For the sick and in need and those who are preparing for surgery:

Bishop Garry, Vivian McKellar, Bishop Scott & his family, Lorraine, Sharon, Judy Trompf.

For Those Who Have Died

Years Mind

Herbert Eales, S. Winter-Cooke, William Harrison, Catherine Chesswas, George Benson, Charles Mitchell, Thelma Duncan, Harry Cooper, Daphne Sharrock, Euan Stephen, Eleanor Lean, John Riddle, John McGregor, Joseph Elliott, Cora Wines, Harry Walter.

For The Wider Church and Its Ministry

- Igreja Anglicana de Mocambique e Angola
- North Queensland: Keith Joseph
- Glenelg Wannon: Wayne Corker
- Kowree: Wayne Corker
- Kenainj
- Our local hospitals and all who work in health care.

Today's Homily

His wounds are our wounds.

It was a very simple business card and its simplicity is what made it so striking. There was no gloss on the card, there were pretty pictures or elegant curly whirly script.

Just the person's name, their role and some basic contact details. The absence of dizziness and complications was what made it so powerful and attractive.

It gave me pause to think. If Our Lord had a business card then I wonder what it might look like. You could go all out with

all his titles, Messiah, Lord, Friend, Brother, Saviour and add some nice crosses around the edge of the card for special effect. The contact details might prove a little trickier though. To the best of my knowledge I have never discovered an email address, google account, fax or mobile phone number.

Instead ... Maybe something like this might be printed.

“For all enquiries, sit still, listen and if you need to ... then speak. The things you have to say are important to Me, but not nearly as important as the things I have to say to you.”

But I believe that today's gospel gives us a clue as to what The Master's business card would like.

‘Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you!” After he said this, he showed them his hands and side.’

The wounds that were inflicted so brutally, actually are transformed into symbols of loving peace. Yes, you can string me up. You can drive big rusty nails through my hands and feet, you can pierce my side but I will not be sucked into your petty and heinous trap, the unending, vicious cycle of retribution, retaliation and revenge which can only disappoint and must result in death.

Instead I will meet you behind your locked doors of fear and questions. And instead of showing you a clenched fist pumping in the air I will gently open my palm and show you where the nails went through.

And it's the same with Thomas. Here Thomas.

Put your finger here; see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side.

His business card has the imprints of my wounds. The graphics of love and the simplicity of those scars is what makes them so potent and so irresistible.

In my little time as a parish priest I have discovered that the most spectacular folk are those who carry their scars with panache and grace. There's little or no fanfare, they just get on with the very serious but enjoyable business of loving others into his nearer presence.

So for reassurance to his jittery disciples, who want to believe but who understandably can't quite believe ... Our Lord says look at my wounds.

He doesn't say Look at my eyes, or my hair do, or face, but look atmy wounds.

I invite you to meet me in my wounds. And yes there are times when I will meet you in the dancing and wine and eros and joy of the wedding at Cana, but when the chips are depleted and the bottle is empty and despair ensnares you and you are wounded in whatever way you happen to be, I will meet you exactly where you. I will reach out my wounded hand and gently hold your wounded hand.

Let me tell you how I have a tiny sense of this. One of the loveliest things about being in a parish for longer than 30 seconds is that you come to know some of the wounds of those who you serve. Those who have selflessly and with limitless generosity invited you, like Our Lord, to gaze upon their scars and scrapes. And

when I come along the altar rail and place the broken Him on the palm of your hand it's almost like I am saying

"I know your brokenness; here, is he who was also broken. The pierced one longs to heal you.

And even after more than 40 years when my hair has turned a different colour and my jowls are ... umm... jowelly. All of this is still an undeserved, humbling and thrilling privilege.

Part of the message of today's gospel is simply this.

We discover each other at our finest and best when we discover each other not just in that winning smile, but when we discover each other in our wounds.

When we hear him say with gentle, tender clarity. When you are are looking for me

You will find me in my wounds

And I will find you in your wounds."

Then the doors of fear are unlocked. The walls of doubt crumble and the light of the resurrection can flood our lives, our community and our world.

His wounds are our wounds are my neighbours wounds are His wounds. They always were. They always will be for ever and ever Amen.

Next Weeks Homily

Of 'Affirmation'. PART 1 of 2

dNews

Each week. There is a new free complimentary dNews.

Fr. David's easy quiz

What did Mary Magdalene see in Jesus' tomb?

- Nothing, it was empty
- Angels
- Jesus
- Fr. David with his biretta on
- The Apostles

Fr. David's hard quiz

How many holy oils do we use as a Church?

- 1
- 2
- 3
- 4

The answers from last week's quiz were:

Easy quiz: Maundy Thursday

Hard quiz: Mary Mother of Our Lord

Thought of the week from Mothers' Union

Sunday 12th April, 2026

Blessings for families and households

'Children are a heritage from the Lord, offspring are a reward from him' (Psalm 127:3)

The word of God is very positive about marriage and children. The family with different generations is a true blessing from the Lord. How vital that the members of the MU continue to support marriage and family life. We were created as relational people and the blessing of good relations with family is immense. We should be so thankful to God for this provision and if he has blessed us in this

way, we need to rejoice. One thing we can do is to include single people in our family life and honour them as well.

Question for thought:

How can I support marriage and Christian family life in our society?

Gracious Lord, we pray for members in the Diocese of Canberra/ Goulburn as they seek to reach out in their community, and for Dr Monica Short in her leadership of members as they work towards the future. We pray that you God will give them energy and sustain them. We also bring before you the Diocese of Dogura in Papua New Guinea as they support communities through literacy programs, anti-violence campaigns and marriage counselling. Give them courage to speak of your love in sending Jesus, saviour of the world. Amen

Cuppa and chatter

Cuppa and chatter is back on and happening on Thursdays. Ladies to Lemon Myrtle from 2.15pm until 3.00pm and Gents to Thommo's Tavern at 3:00pm. All are welcome.

Roster

There is a new roster at the back of Christ Church

The Outreach and Fundraising committee

next gathers on Thursday 23rd of April at 1:30pm. All are very welcome.

2 dates to keep in Mind for St. Peter's Glenthompson.

- Sunday May 10th. Mothers Day /birthday. Special starting time at 8:30am.
- St. Peter's Day Sunday June 28th

FUTURE BOOK FAIRS

A Parish meeting will be held after the 10.30am Eucharist at Christ Church on April 12th.

The Mothers' Union has decided that it will no longer undertake the co-ordinating role of future Book Fairs- but members will be fully involved with future Book Fairs in their usual competent and efficient way.

This meeting will be an opportunity for all of the Parish to be involved in continuing the Book Fair that has become such an important feature of the annual Hamilton community.

Please come along and share your ideas and commitment

Susan Mason 0408528781

Wanted

Small quiet farmhouse or cottage sought to rent by lady with one dog. Very tidy with excellent references. Contact Deacon Jannie 0420283809 with a text message please.

'Hooly Dooly' said the Easter bunny. It's Parish Council on Thursday 16th of April at 5:30pm. All are very welcome.



Services for this week

Wednesday	15 th April	Holy Communion 10.00am	Christ Church Hamilton
Saturday	18 th April	Vigil 6.00pm	Christ Church Hamilton
Sunday	19 th April	Eucharist 9.00am	St Mark's Cavendish
		Eucharist 10.30am	Christ Church Hamilton

Reader 1: Gavin *Reader 2:* John *Intercessor:* Heather *Sidesmen:* Jenny & Glenis W

Eucharist Assistant: Lofty