



# Anglican Parish of Hamilton

## Third Sunday of Easter

### 19th April 2026

**Sentence:** Acts 2.38–39

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.

**Collect**

O God, your Son made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of bread: open the eyes of our faith, that we may see him in his redeeming work; 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   St Mark's Cavendish   All Saints' Peshurst

<sup>14</sup> 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. <sup>36</sup> Therefore let the entire house of Israel know with certainty that God has made him both Lord and Messiah, this Jesus whom you crucified.’ <sup>37</sup> 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?’ <sup>38</sup> 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. <sup>39</sup> 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.’ <sup>40</sup> And he testified with many other arguments and exhorted them, saying, ‘Save yourselves from this corrupt generation.’ <sup>41</sup> So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added..

Hear the word of the Lord  
**Thanks be to God**

*Psalm* 116.1-4; 116.11-18

1. I love the Lord, because he heard my voice: the voice of my supplication;
2. **Because he inclined his ear to me: in the day that I called to him.**
3. The cords of death encompassed me, the snares of the grave took hold on me: I was in anguish and

sorrow.

4. **Then I called upon the name of the Lord: ‘O Lord, I beseech you, deliver me !’**
11. How shall I repay the Lord: for all his benefits to me?
12. **I will take up the cup of salvation: and call upon the name of the Lord.**
13. I will pay my vows to the Lord: in the presence of all his people.
14. **Grievous in the sight of the Lord: is the death of his faithful ones.**
15. O Lord, I am your servant, your servant and the child of your handmaid: you have unloosed my bonds.
16. **I will offer you a sacrifice of thanksgiving: and call upon the name of the Lord.**
17. I will pay my vows to the Lord: in the presence of all his people,
18. **In the courts of the house of the Lord: even in your midst, O Jerusalem. Praise the Lord.**

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: 1 Peter 1.13-25

<sup>13</sup> 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. <sup>14</sup> Like obedient children, do not be conformed to the desires that you formerly had in ignorance. <sup>15</sup> Instead, as he who called you is holy, be holy yourselves in all your conduct; <sup>16</sup> for it is written, ‘You shall be holy, for I am

holy.’<sup>17</sup> 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.<sup>18</sup> You know that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your ancestors, not with perishable things like silver or gold,<sup>19</sup> but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without defect or blemish.<sup>20</sup> He was destined before the foundation of the world, but was revealed at the end of the ages for your sake.<sup>21</sup> 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.<sup>22</sup> 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.<sup>23</sup> You have been born anew, not of perishable but of imperishable seed, through the living and enduring word of God.<sup>24</sup> For ‘All flesh is like grass and all its glory like the flower of grass. The grass withers, and the flower falls,<sup>25</sup> but the word of the Lord endures for ever.’ That word is the good news that was announced to you.!

Hear the word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God.**

*Gospel Acclamation*

**Alleluia, alleluia**

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?’

**Alleluia**

*The Holy Gospel:*            Luke 24.13-35

The Lord be with you

**And also with you**

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ

According to St Luke

**Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ**

<sup>13</sup> Now on that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem,<sup>14</sup> and talking with each other about all these things that had happened.<sup>15</sup> While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them,<sup>16</sup> but their eyes were kept from recognizing him.<sup>17</sup> And he said to them, ‘What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?’ They stood still, looking sad.<sup>18</sup> 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?’<sup>19</sup> 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,<sup>20</sup> and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him.<sup>21</sup> 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.<sup>22</sup> Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning,<sup>23</sup> 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.<sup>24</sup> 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.’<sup>25</sup> Then he said

to them, ‘Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! <sup>26</sup> Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?’ <sup>27</sup> Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures. <sup>28</sup> As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. <sup>29</sup> 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. <sup>30</sup> When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. <sup>31</sup> Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. <sup>32</sup> 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?’ <sup>33</sup> That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. <sup>34</sup> They were saying, ‘The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!’ <sup>35</sup> 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**

## **Intercessions for the Eucharist and for you to say at home**

The response to the bidding:

In You we trust...is...Let us never be confounded

**In You we trust .... Let us never be confounded**

Lord Jesus Christ, as we bring our petitions in your name, cleansed, redeemed and blessed by your Holy Spirit, we give thanks that You are here amongst us. Open our eyes that we might see You, the Word of God, afresh.

We pray for the Church. We pray that we, your people, may live transformed lives, reflecting the hope that we have in God’s grace. We pray for Garry our Bishop, Scott our Assistant Bishop, David our incumbent priest and Jannie our Deacon, each in their ministry. Bless your Church, we pray, with a clear message for a world crying out for hope.

*In You we trust .... **Let us never be confounded***

We pray for the nation and our community. We pray that You will raise up wise and honest leaders, who are answerable to You, dear Lord. For all those who serve in the armed forces, in the emergency services and the caring services, that they may be always and, in all places, sustained by your presence.

*In You we trust .... **Let us never be confounded***

We pray for the children and teachers, as the schools begin a new term. Give wisdom to all who are appointed to nurture the next generation.

*In You we trust .... **Let us never be confounded***

We pray for those in need; the sick, the lonely, the outcast, and those in fear. Lay

your hands of love and healing upon all who call upon your name, we pray O Lord, and for those whom we name in our hearts at this time.....

*In You we trust .... **Let us never be confounded***

We remember those who have gone before us, and thank you for the love, care and guidance that we have received, and for the shared hope that we have in your resurrected life, Lord Jesus.

These things we ask you Father, Son and Holy Spirit, our God who hears and loves and delivers our souls from death into a glorious life with You. **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**

Thomas Bilston, Jean Milne, Ronald Tait, Dikea Kipreou, Andrew Templar, Gertrude Dickenson, John Relley, Leonard Crawley, Joan Lyons, Keith Lanyon, Dorothy Lyons, Kevin Stapleton, Lesley Ferguson, Leslie King, Athol Potter, All those who have fallen in war.

### **For The Wider Church and Its Ministry**

- The Diocese of Washington – The Episcopal Church
- West Moorabool: Jonathan Sturman
- All Souls' Lae
- Migrants; Refugees; Asylum seekers and others.

## **Today's Homily**

### **Of affirmation. PART 1 of 2**

I thought that I would start with a true story to show you what affirmation does not look like.

I experienced 'Non affirmation' frequently in college because I was an overly sensitive, immature student at theological college.

One of my tutors went to great lengths to point out my incompetence when they cheerfully wrote the following note on one of my hard fought essays...

"Dear David,

Thank you very much for this piece of work. Sadly, the logic of your essay completely escapes me. However, if you wanted, I would be happy to buy you a beer and perhaps you might try to explain it to me."

That is not what affirmation looks like.

So what does it look like?

In his book 'Christ in the wilderness' Bishop Stephen Cottrell wrote.

"No human being can thrive without affirmation...this is the truth that lies in the scriptures. In sixth form I found teachers who believed in me. They did not think that education was pouring knowledge in, rather it was drawing potential out."

And this is what affirmation looks like. Affirmation does not seek to impose its own form of wisdom and stringent restrictions. Its own self serving body of self righteous knowledge. This style of teaching can only stifle and crush. As Bishop Stephen incisively wrote. 'No one

can thrive without affirmation’.

Affirmation is essential to us.

Authentic affirmation starts with the other, the underling, the apprentice. It looks into the heart and soul of the student, sees what is there and draws out the potential and possibilities by offering consistent and constant affirmation. Rather than diminishing the other, it celebrates the them. Affirmation fosters possibilities and encourages them to flourish. And having blossomed and flourished it can then offer fruit, fruit that will last. This fruit will be enjoyed, it will nurture others and be rejoiced in.

The Master’s affirmation of St. Peter is well known and it is worth repeating here as we look at it through the lens of affirmation.

It begins with a simple Q n A session.

Peter gets the answer right and is affirmed for this.

‘When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, “Who do people say the Son of Man is?”

Simon Peter answered, “You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.”

Jesus replied, “Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah, for this was not revealed to you by flesh and blood, but by my Father in heaven.”

However, the bit that I want to refer you to is a line that we frequently skip over.

“ For this was not revealed to you by flesh and blood, but by my Father in heaven.”

And there in lies our own shiny key in showering others with affirmation.

We must always try to see others in the same light as our heavenly Father does. How does our Heavenly Father see them? What can He reveal about them to you?

That they are flawed certainly. That they are scarred and bruised... always. That they are loved continuously, that they are to be offered unflinching forgiveness.

A really good place to start, is to ask our Heavenly Father to reveal to us who this person truly is. It is quick, easy and tempting to listen to what flesh and blood has to say about others. It’s a much harder but much more fruitful exercise to have some silence and listen to what our Heavenly Father has to say about them.

And if you are very brave perhaps you might stop and listen to what our Heavenly Father has to say about you. Your own self.

You are my child, who I love, with you I am well pleased.

What if we really owned those words for ourselves and integrated them into our every day life. Wouldn’t we then understand that we are affirmed and ... how much easier it would be to affirm others knowing that the Heavenly Father is saying exactly the same thing to Fred Nark who drives us bonkers and has that nasty anti social habit that must never be mentioned.

So perhaps my tutor was not so far off the mark. The things you and I dabble in do not quite fit into a concise, well reasoned, 3 points and a conclusion, footnoted essay. No wonder they wrote...

Thank you very much for this piece of

work. Sadly, the logic of your essay completely escapes me. However, if you wanted, I would be happy to buy you a beer and perhaps you might try to explain it to me.”

In the end I didn't take him up on the offer. The opportunity to affirm one another was missed. But I reckon if we had, we would have seen each other and affirmed each other as only brothers and sisters can and should.

*For your reflection.*

What is the heavenly Father saying to you about your own Fred Nark?

What is the Heavenly Father saying to you about yourself?

### **Next Weeks Homily**

Of 'Affirmation' .....Part 2 of 2

### **dNews**

Each week. There is a new free complimentary dNews.

### **Fr. David's easy quiz**

This year at our Annual Meeting we need to elect how many Parish nominators

- 2 and 2 supplementary
- 3 and 2 supplementary
- 3 and 3 supplementary
- We can have as many as we like.

### **Fr. David's hard quiz**

This year at our Annual Meeting we need to elect how many Synod Representatives

- 3 and 2 supplementary
- 2 and 3 supplementary
- 5 and 1 supplementary
- 4 and 2 supplementary

**The answers from last week's quiz were:**

Easy quiz: Angels

Hard quiz: 3

## **Thought of the week from Mothers' Union**

Sunday 19th April 2026

### **Caring for creation and community**

‘Six days do your work, but on the seventh do not work so that your ox and your donkey may rest, and so that the slave born in your household and the foreigner living among you may be refreshed’ (Exodus 23:12).

When God created us as his image-bearers, we were given a mandate to steward the world. Sin has made us exploit the world and not care for it as we should. One of the ways in which we can be a blessing to our family and the society around us is to ensure that they have the benefit of weekly rest from their labours. But there are many other ways as well. It is no accident that the RSPCA had Christian origins, for the care of animals is also part of the human responsibility.

*Question for thought:*

*How do I express my care for the world including others?*

Loving Lord, we bring before the situation in DR Congo and pray there will be an end to persecution and the instability that it brings. We pray for members in the Dioceses of Kinshasa and Kisangani as they support their communities. Help them to stand firm in their faith in you in the midst of conflict and provide practical and the pastoral care to the many who are victims of the conflict. May they know that

‘The Lord is their Shepherd’ who cares for them. 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.

### 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.

### 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 28<sup>th</sup>

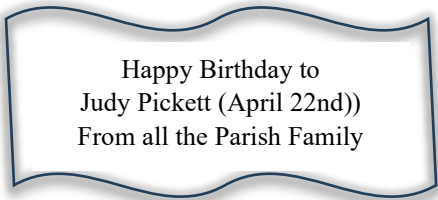
### BOOK FAIR THANKYOU

An afternoon tea to thank all that have helped with the Book Fair – this year and in previous years-

Will be held on MONDAY 4th of May commencing at 2pm in the Church Hall.

Please come along and enjoy the fellowship and our gratitude.

Susan M 0408528781



### Services for this week

Wednesday	22nd April	Holy Communion 10.00am	Christ Church Hamilton
Saturday	25th April	Vigil 5.00pm	Christ Church Hamilton
Sunday	26th April	Eucharist 9.00am	St Peter's Glenthompson
		Eucharist 10.30am	Christ Church Hamilton
		Eucharist 4.00pm	All Saints' Penshurst

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