



Anglican Parish of Hamilton
Easter Day
5th April 2026



*Jeanine and Fr. David wish everyone
a very happy and Holy Easter.*

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Christ Church-Hamilton

St Peter's Glenthompson St Mark's Cavendish All Saints' Penshurst

Sentence:

Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us; therefore let us keep the feast.

Collect

Glorious Lord of life, by the mighty resurrection of your Son you overcame the old order of sin and death to make all things new in him: grant that we, who celebrate with joy Christ's rising from the dead may be raised from the death of sin to the life of righteousness; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

1st Reading Acts 10.34-43

³⁴ Then Peter began to speak to them: 'I truly understand that God shows no partiality, ³⁵ but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. ³⁶ You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. ³⁷ That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: ³⁸ how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. ³⁹ We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; ⁴⁰ but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, ⁴¹ not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. ⁴² He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. ⁴³ All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.'

Hear the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Psalm: 118.1-2; 118.14-24

1. O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good: his mercy endures for ever.
2. **Let Israel now proclaim: that his mercy**

endures for ever.

14. The Lord is my strength and my song: and has become my salvation.
15. **The sounds of joy and deliverance: are in the tents of the righteous.**
16. The right hand of the Lord does mighty things: the right hand of the Lord raises up.
17. **I shall not die but live: and proclaim the works of the Lord.**
18. The Lord has disciplined me hard: but he has not given me over to death.
19. **Open me the gates of righteousness: and I will enter and give thanks to the Lord.**
20. This is the gate of the Lord: the righteous shall enter it.
21. **I will praise you, for you answered me: and have become my salvation.**
22. The stone that the builders rejected: has become the head of the corner.
23. **This is the Lord's doing: and it is marvellous in our eyes.**
24. This is the day that the Lord has made: let us rejoice and be glad in it.

2nd Reading: Colossians 3.1-4

¹ So if you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is,

seated at the right hand of God. ² Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, ³ for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. ⁴ When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory

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Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia

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Alleluia

The Holy Gospel: Matthew 28.1-10

The Lord be with you

And also with you

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ

According to St Matthew

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ

¹ After the sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. ² And suddenly there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. ³ His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. ⁴ For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. ⁵ But the angel said to the women, ‘Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. ⁶ He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. ⁷ Then go quickly and tell his disciples, ‘He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him.’ This is my message for you.’ ⁸ So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. ⁹ Suddenly Jesus met them and said, ‘Greetings!’ And they came to him, took hold of his feet,

and worshipped him. ¹⁰ Then Jesus said to them, ‘Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me.’

For the Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

Intercessions for the Eucharist and for you to say at home

I live in faith of the Resurrection, but such is the nature of my faith that so much of me remains entombed.

*Please follow the intercessions in the pew sheet and join in the response ‘**break open my tomb**’ in bold type.*

Where I’ve buried my compassion,
break open my tomb.

Where I’ve buried my sense of mercy,
break open my tomb.

Where I’ve buried my humility,
break open my tomb.

Where I’ve buried my humanity
break open my tomb.

Where I’ve buried my love,
break open my tomb.

Where I’ve buried my sense of joy,
break open my tomb.

Where I’ve buried my willingness to forgive,
break open my tomb

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

John Norris, Norman Kenny, Errol Jenkins, Herbert Booker, Estelle McComb, James Charman, Thomas Schimells, Gertrude Morgan, Joyce Wood, Collin Nichol, Valerie Clarke, Francis Young, G.A.C. Innes-Priest, Mary Middleton, Joan Henderson, Gertrude Hogan, Sandra Duncan, Max Marshall, Keith Ezard, Caren Lovett

For The Wider Church and Its Ministry

- Pray for the peace of Jerusalem
- MU Australia: Felicity Lowrey (Ballarat President)
The Auxiliary of ABM: Alice Knight
Girl's Friendly Society: Wendy Veal
- Bokopai & Bulolo / Wau
- Those suffering through the abuse of drugs.
Those involved in drug rehabilitation.

Today's Homily

The rolled away stone - proof of life.

There are three popular theories to explain the resurrection of the Master.

First, that Jesus held his breath and stopped his heart long enough so that everyone thought he was dead, no stethoscopes or ECGs in those days. Then when he was safely ensconced in the tomb he simply got up, shifted the gigantic stone, walked out and started appearing all over the place. Hey presto, we have a resurrection. And I have met people who genuinely believe this with everything they are. Thus they also believe that death really is the full stop of life

and there is absolutely nothing that follows. Nothing.

There are a couple problems with this theory.

You don't actually survive Roman Crucifixion. These guys are cracker jack at their job and death by crucifixion was as brutal as it was certain. We tend to think that Our Lord was just one of three that were crucified but the reality was that there was a whole forest of crosses. It was a well run and efficient industry of death.

Further I ask you to remember the lance that pierced Jesus' side with blood and water flowing out.

The second theory to explain the resurrection was that the apostles came to the tomb in the middle of the night, overpowered the well paid, grumpy guards who were working night shift, moved the stone and stole the body.

Then it was just a quick little broadcasting announcement to tell the world that He had risen as he promised. Ta Da!

Somehow this doesn't fit with the frightened and fearful disciples who scarpered off after Jesus' arrest and who dared not show their faces at the crucifixion. Understandable really. I'm sure that our Roman soldier friends would have found a spare cross lying around and it would have been a simple matter to do the obvious. The apostles were marked men and met in fear behind closed doors.

I'm not convinced by the stealing of the body theory and neither is Mother Church.

Which leaves of course the third option that the Resurrection happened as the gospels and creed tell us and we say every Sunday.

We believe in the resurrection and life everlasting. And just as the Stone and tomb could not confine Him neither will our coffins and graves confine us.

This year, the thing that strikes me most

powerfully and I find the most compelling is that rolled away boulder.

I remember the woman on the way to the tomb talking about the cost of living increase, the rising price of fish and olives at the market. They were also asking 'Who will roll away the stone for us?' Clearly this was a substantial task and would take some doing. It was an obstacle for the women in their mission to anoint the body of the one they loved.

But Obstacles are also our wings.

Every single one of us, just like those women encounter obstacles. We see the path ahead, we see what could be and yet there always seems to be this insurmountable boulder in the way. It blocks our path and causes us to say 'O bother!' I'm sure there are other words instead of 'O Bother'. So we are faced with choices.

We could... Turn around and mutter 'Well clearly it will never happen'. But the women trod on in the eerie early morning darkness ... in faith.

We could wring our hands and dither for a long time and be stuck with exactly the same result as the previous option. Or...

We could say to ourselves 'Whacko! An opportunity. Here's what I'm going to need and these are the skills I'm going to have to find. 'who will roll away the stone?' Lets show this boulder who is boss and continue along towards the new dimension with joy and alacrity.

This is not the easiest option. It will demand of you vigour and resilience. It will involve asking and often there will not be progress for some time. Boulders can be mighty stubborn if they choose to be.

No matter the success or bitter failure in dealing with our day to day boulders, we will discover much later that we are different people because of this adventure as were the women who, in the end, didn't have to worry about the

stone. We will have learnt and we will have been enhanced and we are older and a little smarter. It might have been wiser to get a forklift than use dynamite. But in the throes and parry and grist of our enterprise we will also discover that we have grown wings and learned to fly.

I think a lot about that particular boulder at this time of year. The one in the garden that seemed to seal the grave and death forever, but actually became proof of life with winged angels inside waiting for us. Christ is Risen... He is risen indeed

Next Weeks Homily

His wounds are our wounds

dNews

Each week. There is a new free complimentary dNews.

Fr. David's easy quiz

Holy Thursday is sometimes called

- Last Supper Thursday
- Foot washing Thursday
- Laundry day (stripping of the altar)
- Maundy Thursday

Fr. David's hard quiz

On Easter Sunday 3 Mary's visited the tomb.

Which of these was NOT among them

- Mary of Magdala
- Mary Mother of James
- Mary Salome
- Mary Mother of Our Lord.

The answers from last week's quiz were:

Easy quiz: Joseph of Arimathea

Hard quiz: Jerusalem

So here's the go with daylight saving

Daylight saving finishes in the wee hours of Sunday April 5th. This means that... Our Saturday night Vigil on Saturday 11th of April will move from 6:00pm to 5:00pm. The first 4:00pm Mass for All saints Penshurst will be on Sunday April 26th

Thought of the week from Mothers' Union

Sunday 5th April 2026

He is Risen

'He is not here, but he has risen' (Luke 24:6) This was the three days which changed the world for ever. On Friday it was the death of Jesus for our sins. On Sunday it was his resurrection for our new life. It was the angel who said these 'He has risen' to the women who had come to care for the body of the dead Jesus. Of course, some of his disciples doubted. But when they met the risen Lord, even Thomas could see and touch the truth. They are the ones who are the witnesses. Their witness gives us hope, hope for our life with Jesus in the world to come. It is one thing to face death without hope; it is different thing to face death with a hope based on the truth of Jesus and his resurrection.

Question for thought:

Is my hope secure?

Almighty heavenly Father, we pray for the Diocese of Lweru in Tanzania and for relief from the poverty which affects so many and especially families where many feel overwhelmed. We give thanks that members of Mothers Union are working to help women with vocational training and health awareness. May they be assured of your love for them in all they do. In Jesus' name we pray. 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.

TODAY'S HYMNS

649 334 326 389

Happy Birthday to
Claire Hilsdon (April 6th)
Beryl Povey (April 6th)
From all the Parish Family

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.

BOOK FAIR CLOSE AND PACKING UP.

The Book Fair will close on Wednesday afternoon April 1st.

Thank you to everyone who has assisted in any way and ensured that once again it has been a wonderful Out Reach/ Mission project for the parish. Final numbers are to be finalised but it looks as if about \$15000 has been raised.

The packing up of the books will commence on Saturday 4th April at 9.30am.

Many hands make light work- so come for ten minutes or come for a few hours- all are welcome. The delivery of the books and furniture to Peter's shed will be on Monday the 6th April

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

Something to enjoy

Softly and gently, dearly-ransom'd soul,
In my most loving arms I now enfold thee,
And, o'er the penal waters, as they roll,
I poise thee, and I lower thee, and hold thee

And carefully I dip thee in the lake,

And thou, without a sob or a resistance,
Dost through the flood thy rapid passage take,
Sinking deep, deeper, into the dim distance. {370}

Angels, to whom the willing task is given,

Shall tend, and nurse, and lull thee, as thou liest;

And masses on the earth, and prayers in heaven,

Shall aid thee at the Throne of the Most Highest.

Farewell, but not for ever! brother dear,

Be brave and patient on thy bed of sorrow;
Swiftly shall pass thy night of trial here,
And I will come and wake thee on the morrow.

The Oratory.

January, 1865

Alleluia

He is

Risen