

# ST THOMAS BECKET ANGLICAN CHURCH

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## 21 APRIL 2013, 4<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER

*Holy Communion at 10:30am*

Welcome, especially if you are visiting. Junior Church meets in the schoolroom, please ask the sidesmen for more information. Please make sure you switch your mobile phone off or to silent mode. Thank you.

### **Introit Hymn 142**

Order One

Preparation and Penitence

Gloria in Excelsis

### **Come, Let Us With Our Lord Arise**

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### **Collect for 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter**

Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ is the resurrection and the life: raise us, who trust in Him, from the death of sin to the life of righteousness that we may seek those things which are above, where He reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

### **First Reading**

*A reading from the book of Acts.*

### **Acts 9:36-end**

Now in Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was devoted to good works and acts of charity. At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs. Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, who heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him with the request, ‘Please come to us without delay.’ So Peter got up and went with them; and when he arrived, they took him to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing tunics and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was with them. Peter put all of them outside, and then he knelt down and prayed. He turned to the body and said, ‘Tabitha, get up.’ Then she opened her eyes, and seeing Peter, she sat up. He gave her his hand and helped her up.

Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive. This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. Meanwhile he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner.

**Psalm 23**

*Response: The Lord is my Shepherd, there is nothing I shall want. (x2)*

- 1 The Lord is my shepherd; therefore can I lack nothing.
- 2 He makes me lie down in green pastures and leads me beside still waters.
- 3 He shall refresh my soul and guide me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake. **R**
- 4 Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me. **R**
- 5 You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me; you have anointed my head with oil and my cup shall be full. **R**
- 6 Surely goodness and loving mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever. **R**

**Second Reading**

**Revelation 7:9-end**

*A reading from the book of Revelation.*

After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying, 'Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!' And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshipped God, singing, 'Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honour and power and might be to our God for ever and ever! Amen.' Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, 'Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?' I said to him, 'Sir, you are the one that knows.' Then he said to me, 'These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. For this reason they are before the throne of God, and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them. They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat; for the Lamb at the centre of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.'

**Gradual Hymn 589**

**The King Of Love My Shepherd Is**

Reader: *Hear the Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.*

**Response: Glory to you, O Lord.**

**Gospel Reading**                      **St John 10:22-30**

At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, 'How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly.' Jesus answered, 'I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name testify to me; but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father's hand. The Father and I are one.'

*This is the Gospel of the Lord.*

**Response: Praise to you, O Christ.**

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**Offertory Hymn 622**                      **Will You Come And Follow Me**

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**Communion Hymn 517**                      **Loving Shepherd Of Thy Sheep**

**Post-Communion Prayer**

Merciful Father, You gave Your Son Jesus Christ to be the Good Shepherd, and in His love for us to lay down His life and rise again: keep us always under His protection and give us grace to follow in His steps; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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**Recessional Hymn 311**                      **Lord, Enthroned In Heavenly Splendour**

Dismissal: *Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.*

**Response: In the Name of Christ, Amen.**



# SHARED PRAYERS

*By Erika Hori*

## **Sunday, 21<sup>st</sup> April, 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter, Saint Anselm of Canterbury, †1109**

“Remove grace, and you have nothing whereby to be saved. Remove free will and you have nothing that could be saved.”

## **Monday, 22<sup>nd</sup> April**

Dear Lord, we ask your blessing and guidance as the newly elected Church Council takes up its duties. We are looking forward to an exciting new year to enrich this parish and spread your welcome beyond.

## **Tuesday, 23<sup>rd</sup> April, Saint George, patron saint of England**

The wild beast of conflict and destruction is once again turning its ugly head toward modern civilisation. Pray that we have the courage and strength to defeat it just as St. George defeated the dragon.

## **Wednesday, 24<sup>th</sup> April**

Faith: you know you're gonna live thru the rain / Lord you got to keep the faith / Faith: don't let your love turn into hate / Right now we got to / Keep the faith... (*Keep the Faith, Bon Jovi*)

## **Thursday, 25<sup>th</sup> April, Saint Mark the Evangelist**

Almighty God, by the hand of Mark the evangelist you have given to your Church the Gospel of Jesus Christ the Son of God: We thank you for this witness, and pray that we may be firmly grounded in its truth... (*Preface of All Saints, BCP*)

## **Friday, 26<sup>th</sup> April**

Of course it's the same old story. Truth usually is the same old story. (*Margaret Thatcher*)

## **Saturday, 27<sup>th</sup> April**

Faith is the antiseptic of the soul... it pervades the common people and preserves them... they never give up believing and expecting and trusting. (*Leaves of Grass, Walt Whitman*)

## NOTICES

**Philipp is not available** this coming week from 22-26 April, as he is in Kiel for the penultimate BFD seminar.

**The Traditional Service** is back on for the feast of Saint George, that is next week, on 28 April at 10:30am.

**Worship service:** The next one will take place on Sunday, 28 April at 5pm.

**The new Assistants and Sidesmen's roster** is on the table at the door. Please put your name down for the dates you can serve and/or read.

**Kirchentag rosters** need filling in! Please have a look at the Kirchentag board and put your name down to help, if you can. **Especially if you can help with catering for the Meissen service on the Saturday evening!** Please talk to Birte, Deb Zeni or Cicely.

**Bible Study** will resume at Fr Matthew's flat on Wednesday 8 May at 19:00 (after Kirchentag). All are welcome. The theme will be announced shortly.

**Ascension Day on 9 May:** There will be a service at 10:30am and one at 6:00pm. This is the same day as Hafengeburtstag.

**The church council** meeting will be on Monday, 22 April 6.30pm.

**ESU:** On Tuesday, 28 May, Fr Matthew will be giving an evening lecture to the English-Speaking Union about Australia. Please see Phil Zeni if you are interested in attending.

**Kirchentag:** Anyone who wants to help on the CAECG (Council of Anglican and Episcopal Churches in Germany) stand at Kirchentag, please have a talk to Birte.

**The choir rehearses** on Tuesday 23 April at 6.30pm and Tuesday 30 April at 6.30 to prepare the music for the Healing Service and Holy Communion with Bishop David during Kirchentag.