

Alstonville Anglicans

Fifth Sunday of Easter 10th May 2020

You are welcome to join us this week...

- Sunday@8am. A short Anglican Service of Worship via **Facebook Live (Alstonville Anglicans)**
- Sunday@6pm A conversation approach. Join us via Zoom. Link available on the website www.anglicans.live
Meeting ID: 934 099 691 Password: 030920
- Anam Cara – a meditation group. Wednesday 9am via Zoom. Link available on the website www.anglicans.live

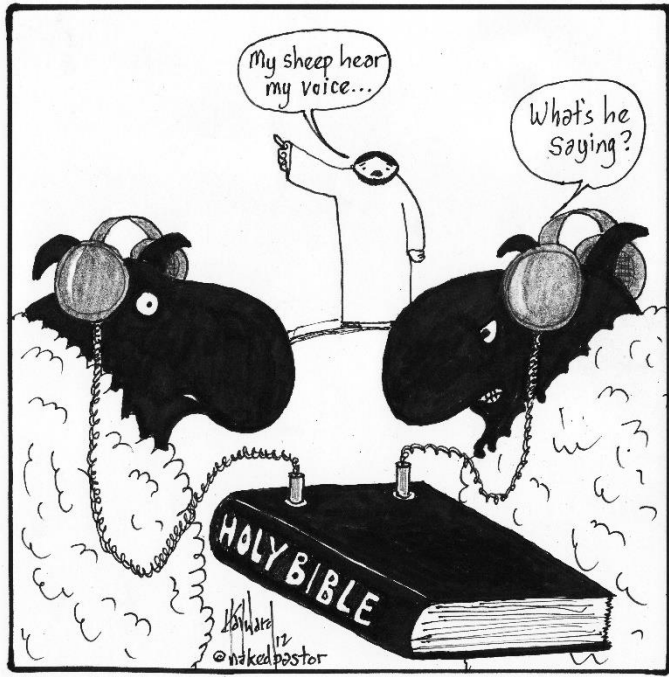


Sharing the Good Life

We acknowledge the Bundgalung people, traditional custodians of the Land.

Our doors are open: LGBTQIA+ welcome here

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Dear Friends

What do you think of when you hear the word 'home'? What does the phrase 'to feel at home' mean to you? As you reflect on home consider stepping into the deepest home within ...

"There is a secret place. A radiant sanctuary. As real as your own kitchen. More real than that. Constructed of the purest elements. Overflowing with the ten thousand beautiful things. Worlds within worlds. Forests, rivers. Velvet coverlets thrown over featherbeds, fountains bubbling beneath a canopy of stars. Bountiful forests, universal libraries. A wine cellar offering an intoxication so sweet you will never be sober again. A clarity so complete you will never again forget. This magnificent refuge is inside you. Enter. ... Ask no permission from the authorities. Slip away. Close your eyes and follow your breath to the still place that leads to the invisible path that leads you home.

-Mirabai Starr

"The Calling" from the Introduction to her translation of Teresa of Avila's The Interior Castle

Enjoy your time at home this week.

Desiree

Easter 5A 8am Liturgy 10 May 2020

Sentence of day

'I am the way, and the truth, and the life,' says the Lord. 'No one comes to the Father except through me.' John 14.6

TiS 611 God of Grace and God of Glory

1. God of grace and God of glory,
on your people pour your power;
now fulfil your Church's story,
bring the bud to glorious flower.
Grant us wisdom,
grant us courage,
for the facing of this hour.
2. Cure your children's warring madness;
bend our pride to your control;
shame our wanton selfish gladness,
rich in things and poor in soul.
Grant us wisdom,
grant us courage,
lest we miss your kingdom's goal.
3. Save us from weak resignation
to the evils we deplore;

let the gift of your salvation
be our glory evermore.
Grant us wisdom,
grant us courage,
serving you whom we adore.

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Introduction

I greet you from the other side
Of sorrow and despair

**With a love so vast and shattered
It will reach you everywhere**

And I sing this for the captain
Whose ship has not been built
**For the mother in confusion
Her cradle still unfilled**

For the heart with no companion
For the soul without a king

I greet you from the other side
Of sorrow and despair

**With a love so vast and shattered
It will reach you everywhere**

from "Heart with no Companion" (from Various Positions by Cohen)

Welcome and acknowledgement of country

Prayer of day

Everliving God,
whose Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth,
and the life:
give us grace to love one another,

to follow in the way of his commandments,
and to share his risen life;
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy
Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

TiS 682 When human voices cannot sing (Murray)

1. When human voices cannot sing
and human hearts are breaking,
we bring our grief to you, O God,
who knows our inner aching.
2. Set free our spirits from all fear –
the cloud of dark unknowing,
and let the light, the Christ-light show
the pathway of our going.
3. Make real for us your holding love,
the love which is your meaning,
the power to move the stone of death,
the hope of Easter morning.
4. And let the one we love now go
where we, in faith, shall follow,
to travel in the Spirit's peace,
to make an end to sorrow.

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John 14:1-14

¹ "Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. ² In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you?³ And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. ⁴ And you know the way to the place where I am

going.”⁵ Thomas said to him, “Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?”⁶ Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.”⁷ If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.”⁸ Philip said to him, “Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.”⁹ Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’?”¹⁰ Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works.¹¹ Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves.¹² Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father.¹³ I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son.¹⁴ If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.

Sermon

Intercessions

Response (R) is sung:

Deeply descend into I AM.

Deeply descend into ONE.

Let us pray for the preservation of the earth.

Silence

Deeply descend into I AM.

Deeply descend into ONE.

Let us pray for our nation.

Silence

Grant that we may so honour one another that all may be enriched by our common heritage and freed from despair, poverty and exclusion.

Deeply descend into I AM.

Deeply descend into ONE.

Let us pray for the Church and its mission.

Silence

Deeply descend into I AM.

Deeply descend into ONE.

Let us pray for ourselves and our community.

Silence

Deeply descend into I AM.

Deeply descend into ONE.

Let us pray for those in need.

Silence

Comfort and heal, all who are in sorrow, need, sickness, or any other trouble. Give to those who care for them wisdom, patience and gentleness and, to us all, your peace.

Deeply descend into I AM.

Deeply descend into ONE.

Let us give thanks for the faithful departed.

Silence

Deeply descend into I AM.

Deeply descend into ONE.

Our Father in heaven,

hallowed be your name,

your kingdom come,

your will be done,

on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins

as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial,

and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are
yours
now and for ever. Amen.

Spiritual Communion

Soul of Christ, **sanctify me.**

Body of Christ, **save me.**

Blood of Christ, **inebriate me.**

Water from the side of Christ, **wash me.**

Passion of Christ, **strengthen me.**

O good Jesus, **hear me.**

Within your wounds, **hide me.**

Let me never be separated from you.

From the malignant enemy, **defend me.**

In the hour of my death, **call me,**

And bid me come to you,

That with your saints **I may praise you**

Forever and ever.

Amen.

Blessing

Go forth into the world in peace;

be of good courage;

hold fast that which is good;

render to no one evil for evil;

strengthen the faint hearted;

support the weak;

help the afflicted;

give honour to all; love and serve the Lord,

rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit;

and the blessing of God almighty,

the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,

be among you and remain with you always.

Amen. Alleluia. Alleluia.

Final Song

TiS 666 We are marching in the light of God / Siyahamba

1. We are marching
in the light of God
We are marching in the light of God
We are marching in the light of God
We are marching in the light of God

We are marching
We are marching O ho
We are marching in the light of God.
We are marching
We are marching O ho
We are marching in the light of God.

2. We are living
in the love of God
We are living in the love of God
We are living in the love of God
We are living in the love of God

We are living
We are living O ho
We are living in the love of God.
We are living
We are living O ho
We are living in the love of God.

3. We are moving
in the power of God
We are moving in the power of God
We are moving in the power of God
We are moving in the power of God

We are moving
We are moving O ho
We are moving in the power of God.
We are moving
We are moving O ho
We are moving in the power of God.

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Spiritual Communion

Lord Jesus Christ, the spirit of timeless wisdom,

Your kindness melts my hard, cold soul.

Handsome lover, selfless giver,

Your beauty fills my dull, sad eyes.

I am yours, you made me.

I am yours, you called me,

I am yours, you saved me,

I am yours, you loved me,

Hold me to you so I am never lost.

Give me death, give me life,

Give me sickness, give me health,

Give me honour, give me shame,

Give me weakness, give me strength.

I will have whatever you give,

That I might be with you.

Discussion Questions

What do you think of when you hear the word 'home'?

What does the phrase 'to feel at home' mean to you? Where do you feel most at home?

What places and with which people do you feel truly 'at home'.

Closing prayer

In sleep may we be made new this night.

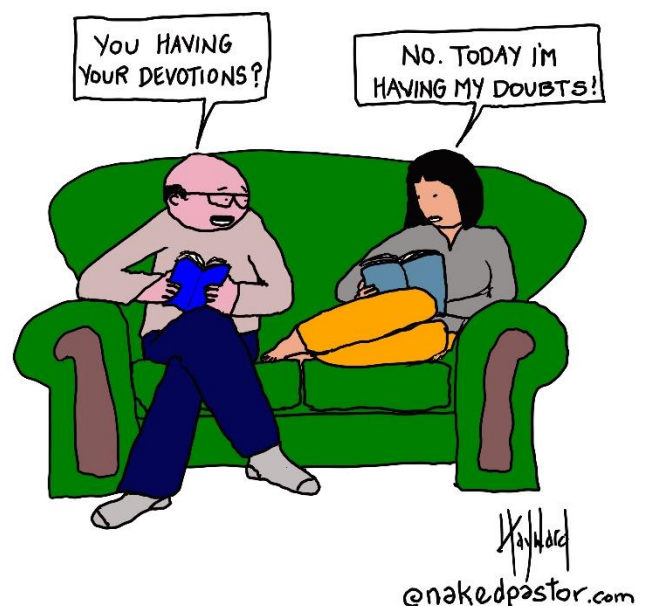
In sleep may we let go of today
and release the worries of tomorrow.

In sleep may we know you
as Soul within our soul
as Guide within our dreams
as Lover within our longings.

In sleep may we be one with you
one with earth's darkness
one with heaven's shining
one with each creature dying
one with each newborn breath.

In sleep may we be one with you
and one with all.

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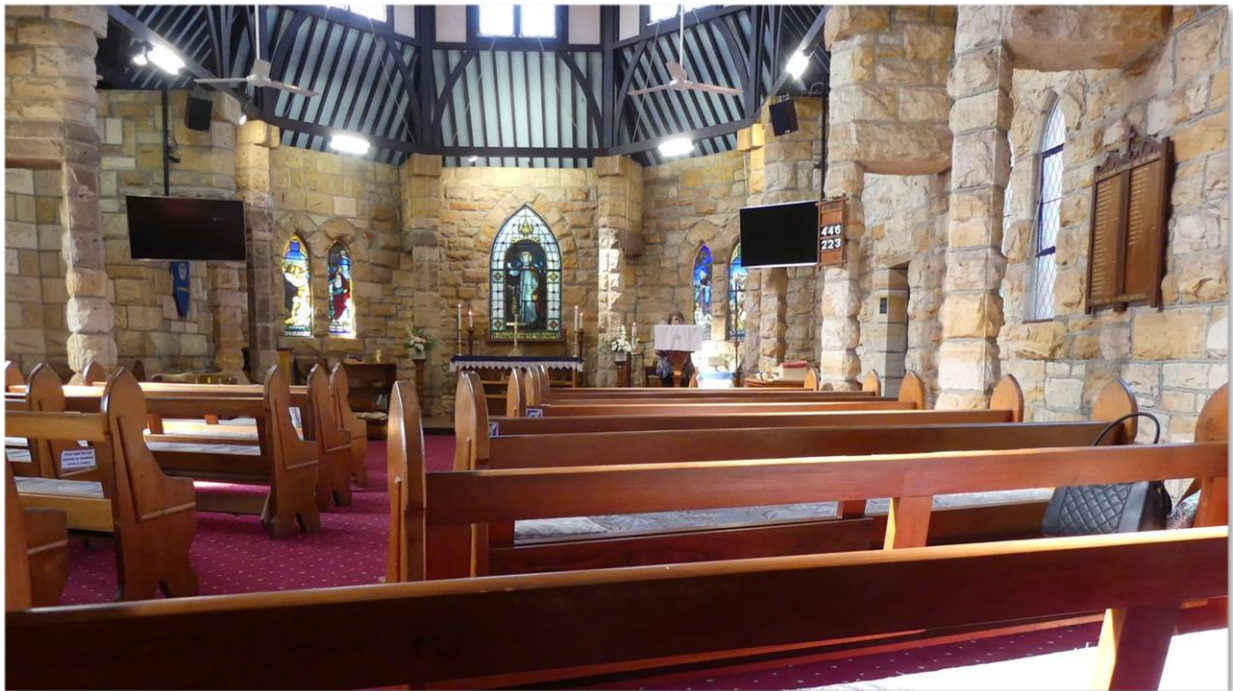


Notices

From Denise Ashdown: I knits caps and socks for Premi babies and would appreciate any baby wool that anyone wants to get rid of whilst cleaning out. I have used up all I had. Donations could be left at my drive way or I could collect .Many thanks, Denise Ashdown (66283187 or [email kdashdown@yahoo.com.au](mailto:kdashdown@yahoo.com.au))



Does anyone have any ipads / iphones they no longer use? The office would welcome donations of Apple devices. (not too old)



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**We give thanks to God for all people making offertories to
the vision of God's Kingdom here on earth.**

Option 1

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Option 2

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