

**Caversham Park Morning Service
Sunday, 27 April 2025**

Lighting the Peace Candle

Hymn 1 I will enter His gates x 2

This is the day the Lord has made.

All So, let us rejoice and be glad in it.

This is none other than the house of God,

All and this is the gate of heaven.

Introduction

Lighting the Candles

In lighting these candles we ask you to remember the situations we bring to you.

Prayer of Approach Let us pray:

God our source and guide and goal:

you have made us in your image and set us in a world full of beauty;

you dwell in light unapproachable, yet you have come to be among us, full of grace and truth;

you are the power from on high, coming in wind and flame to work your wonders in our midst.

Gracious God, awaken us from sleep that we may worship you in spirit and in truth:

through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Hymn 2 I hear the sound of rustling (on guitar)

Invitation to Confession

The gospel calls us to turn away from sin and be faithful to Christ.

As we offer ourselves to him in penitence and faith,

we renew our confidence and trust in his mercy.

All God of mercy,

we acknowledge that we are all sinners.

We turn from the wrong that we have thought and said and done,

and are mindful of all that we have failed to do.

For the sake of Jesus, who died for us, forgive us for all that is past,

and help us to live each day in the light of Christ our Lord. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness

May the almighty and merciful Lord grant us pardon and forgiveness of all our sins,

Grant us time for amendment of our lives, and the grace and strength of the Holy Spirit.

All Amen

The Collect

Almighty Father,

you have given your only Son to die for our sins and to rise again for our justification:

grant us so to put away the leaven of malice and wickedness

that we may always serve you in pureness of living and truth;

through the merits of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you,

in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

All Amen

1st Reading - Acts 5. 27-32 (NIV)

Responsorial Psalm - Psalm 118. 14-29 (NIV - led by a congregation member)

Hymn 3 The Lord is my strength and my song x 2

3rd Reading - John 20. 19-31 (NIV)

Talk

Hymn 4 Jesus stand among us (vv1&2)

Prayer Let us pray:

You are with us, O God, to knit us together in mutual love and caring.

You pour out abundant gifts that enrich our existence and challenge us to give our best.

Let the words of our mouths proclaim the dawn of redemption that Christ inaugurates.

Let the actions that arise from our hearts and minds spread abroad the good news of his reconciling love.

Plant in every heart, we pray, the love of Him who is the Saviour of the world, our Lord Jesus Christ;

and with that love burning, make this world of ours a world of Hope and Promise - for all peoples, and for all times.

All these things we ask and pray to you about in the name of Christ Jesus - who gives to us the light we need to walk into each day as your holy and beloved people. Amen

Affirmation of Faith

Let us declare our faith in God:

All I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayers of Intercession (by a congregation member)

The Lord's Prayer

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray:

All Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name;

thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread;

and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us;

and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen

Hymn 5 When we walk with the Lord

Praying over the Collection (music played as the collection brought forward)

Bless, O God, these gifts - which we offer in obedience to your most holy law and in thankfulness for your most gracious love. May their use bring praise unto your glorious name.

We ask it in Jesus' name. **Amen**

Notices

Dismissal – The Blessing

Let us bless each other by saying the Grace to each other, and also to those people who are not physically here with us, but are sharing in our worship.

**All The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
and the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit
be with us all, ever more. Amen**

Hymn 6 I serve a risen Saviour