



Christ Church Cathedral and St Peter's Hamilton



Weekly News Sunday 12 April 2020

EASTER DAY



Welcome to worship today, especially all who are visiting

JOIN OUR SERVICES ONLINE

Sunday

8.30am: Eucharist – *Bishop Peter, Presider & Preacher*

5.30pm: Evening Prayer

**Then 8.30am and 5.30pm each day on
YouTube, Christ Church Cathedral Facebook
and St Peter's Hamilton Facebook.**

Dear Parish Family,

Time seems to have a different quality at the moment, doesn't it? Our journey through the Triduum, the Great Three days, begins tonight, and yet I am very aware that as a community we will not be gathering to physically make these days together. I have been reflecting much this week on the experience of the disciples that first Easter, when, they found themselves dispersed, expectations changed, and, the risen Christ with them in the rooms where they were.

My prayer is that as we journey these extraordinary days, you may also know the presence of the risen Christ with you where you are.

The Cathedral website, <http://www.newcastlecathedral.org.au/> has links to both the Cathedral Facebook page and the Cathedral YouTube channel, which has videos of services on it. Usually the service is available from 8.30am and 5.30pm each day. In addition, the Cathedral Facebook page also has posts from *The Choirs of Christ Church Cathedral, Newcastle* Facebook page, and the *Christ Church Cathedral Family Ministry* Facebook page, as well as other posts with additional resources for prayer and reflection. You don't need to be on Facebook to see the Cathedral Facebook page – just click “not now” when you're asked if you want to create an account!

Thank you to everyone who has sent in updated parish roll information. If you haven't done that yet, could you please email the parish office. Likewise, please let me know if you or someone you know, hasn't received their Morning and Evening Prayer Booklets yet. ***Also, when you are speaking with someone from the parish, could you please check that they are receiving these emails, and if not, please ask them to let us know.***

I am thankful to Naomi Johnson and all who continue to share their creative works for Creativity At The Cathedral. I have sent lots of copies of the Holy Week Creativity booklet to friends and family so we can share in a different way. Please feel free to share these resources.

Finally, I offer this poem by Pamela Egan as part of my prayer for us this Easter. May we indeed know grace, joy, comfort, strength, love and resurrection light and life in this time.

On the day of Good Friday
My true love gave to me
His own self upon a bare tree.

On the Saturday that followed
My true love gave to me
Rest after pain
And his own self upon a bare tree.

On the first day of Easter
My true love gave to me
Life, new life,
Rest after pain
And his own self upon a bare tree.

All the day after Easter
My true love gives to me
Grace for my living,
Joy in my giving,
Comfort in sorrow,
Strength for tomorrow,
Love without end -
His risen light,
Life, new life,
Rest after pain
And his own self upon a bare tree.

Pamela Egan (found in Words of Comfort, Christopher Herbert compiler, Church House Publishing, London, 2000, pp.54-55.)

With my thanks and prayers.
Dean Katherine

Stewardship:

In this time, the best way to exercise our stewardship, to support the work of the parish, is through electronic giving. Our stewardship is an expression of our thankfulness to God, offering as we have received. Could I encourage you please, if you do not already give electronically to support the work of the parish, that you begin to do so during this time.

The account details are:

Name: Electronic Giving Account

BSB: 705-077

Account Number: 00040917. (The 8 digit account number (including the three os) should be included in the account number.)

If you would like information on how you can contribute to the Music Fund, Missions, and other ministries, please contact the parish office so we can share those details with you. Thank you for your generosity, which supports ministry now and in the future.

Donations for Flowers – we look forward to when we can fill the Cathedral again with flowers. **If you would like to make a donation in memory of a loved one** or as a **thank-offering** to be remembered when the cathedral is open once more, please advise Suzanne Evans on 4955 9170.



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MAINLY MUSIC IS CURRENTLY IN RECESS

Please check our Cathedral Ministry Facebook page and our Cathedral Facebook for fun activities and resources you can do at home!

Creativity at the Cathedral: We need your help! This initiative cannot run without people who are willing to share their creative endeavours: art, poetry, photography, needlework, music – the list is endless and limited only by our imaginations. Please consider submissions for the season of Easter as we journey through this time together. Please send your offerings to johnson.n@planetmail.net, or phone Naomi Johnson on 0405 819 350.

From the Cathedral's Director of Music, Peter Guy...

It goes without saying that we are currently experiencing a Holy Week and Easter experience unlike any other that we hope to experience again. But we remain hopeful in the promise of resurrection, which is not just confined in one way to one time of the year. We know that we will come through this and once again feel the familiar experience of the joy of Easter when we are able to be together.

In the mean time, I'm working on ways that music can be shared with you all. I received many positive comments from posting "All Glory, Laud and Honour" on YouTube last week, and I will attempt to continue doing this through our isolation. There will be hymns available for you to sing along at home, or to just sit, be quiet, and pray. These will be shared on the choir's Facebook page, but if you don't have access to that, I have set up a choir "channel" on YouTube. There will be a few videos there that may hopefully give you pause to reflect and be joyful during this time.

You can find that channel by clicking on this link: https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCj1uCQsfG7Ek4NLW_SJzvRQ?

On Easter Sunday morning you'll be able to hear the triumphant strains of "Thine be the glory" via this channel. (I also played a descant on the last verse to keep the sopranos happy!). Many will know, but some will not, that the tune for this hymn is taken from a chorus from Handel's oratorio, Judas Maccabeus - "See, the conquering hero comes!" It seems quite apt, does it not? However, did you know this tune has been adapted in many other ways? In Germany it has been used for an Advent song (Tochter Zion), in French as "A toi la gloire, O Ressuscité!" (the original from which Thine be the glory is translated). It's even been adapted for a Jewish song to be used during Hanuukah.

Beethoven used the tune for twelve variations for piano and cello (Beethoven greatly admired Handel as a composer), and if you lived in Britain in the 19th century, you would have generally have heard it played by brass bands at the opening of a new railway station!

I wish you all peace during this very different experience of Holy Week. May you take strength from knowing that God, through Christ, has experienced our suffering and isolation, has overcome it, and shows us the way to eternal life and joy.

As part of our isolation, Naomi Johnson is undertaking to write a blog post for the choir once a week. She expresses beautifully the feelings that so many of us share. These are posted on the choir's Facebook page, but if you are not on Facebook, head to <https://newcastlecathedralchoir.wordpress.com> to keep up to date. New posts will generally appear on Saturdays.

Support a choral cause!... There's still time to top up on your wine supplies at discounted prices and to assist with fundraising for the choir. With every carton of Brokenwood wine that is sold, \$20 is donated to the UK Choir Tour 2020 fund. At a 30% discount, this is too good an opportunity to miss! Spread the word (and the code!) to your family and

friends and help us to send all our choristers to England! Order online at www.brokenwood.com.au/Fundraisers and use the promo code: CHOIR



Message from the Samaritans:

In this unusual time there is a greater need for your support



\$25

could contribute to a counselling session for a child recovering from trauma.



\$50

could give emergency assistance to a woman fleeing domestic violence.



\$100

could contribute to a support worker for a NSW family living in poverty.

Your donation provides hope and stability for the community in Newcastle & beyond. Support your local community.

ONLINE: Click [here](#) to Donate online to Samaritans today.

PHONE: To donate by phone please call **1300 656 336** and one of our staff will assist you in making a donation using your credit card.

Please send any notices for inclusion in the pew sheet to cathedral@newcastlecathedral.org.au by 9am on Tuesday

We have taken measures to ensure that the Cathedral is a safe environment for all. All who work with children or youth have completed Safe Ministry Training and all clergy, staff and volunteers are subject to strict employment measures such as working with children checks. The Cathedral is committed to being a place where survivors of abuse experience care and support. For a confidential discussion, please call or email the Director of Professional Standards 1800 774 945 dps@newcastleanglican.org.au or survivorsupport@newcastleanglican.org.au

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