



SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

17TH MAY 2026

10:00 a.m.

Before the service, speak with God; during the service, let God speak to you; after the service, speak to one another.

Dear Parishioners and Friends of St Bartholomew's, the launch of our Centenary celebrations is fast approaching on the 31st May with Choral Evensong at 3pm following our very successful Melba Festival last Saturday evening. What a great beginning we have had. If you have not RSVP as requested, please do to help with seating and catering. The RSVP address is, stbartsburnley@gmail.com Further details of events planned can be found below.

The Gospel for today's is part of what is known as the High Priestly Prayer and comes at the end of the farewell discourse in John's Gospel. We have a confused group of disciples challenged by what Jesus is speaking about. The prayer is addressed to God with the disciples sitting in enabling them to hear words of comfort and protection. We are also invited to sit in, listen and be assured that God is with us. The place of the Church in the world today is not easy, challenged by other faiths and modes of belief and action that differ from a God of love and justice. Being church is risky business for us all who claim Christ as the Light and love of the world.

Centenary Year Plans

St Bartholomew's Burnley parish events update for our centenary year .



St Barts - Celebrating 100 years of worship and community service

2026 marks the Centenary of St Bartholomew's Anglican church in Burnley St, Richmond: a beacon for worship, faith and inclusion through the Great Depression, Second World War, to the social and technological challenges we face today.

Join us as we celebrate with these community events:

- ▲ 9 May, 5.30 pm - Nellie Melba's Birthday Concert with Melba Opera Trust singers
- ▲ 31 May, 3.00 pm - Choral Evensong, historical display, entertainment, refreshments and silent auction supported by local businesses.
- ▲ 23 August - 5.00 pm Choral Evensong for St Bartholomew's Day
- ▲ 13 September - Creation and environment Sunday with Jo Knight from Anglican Overseas Aid and forum on Climate change
- ▲ 25 October - Dedication Festival Choral Eucharist to celebrate the 100 years.

Faith into the future

INTROIT Hymn AM 363 Here in this place

Mass Setting Dudman

Sentence This is eternal life, that we may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent.

The priest says

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

Christ is risen. Alleluia.

He is risen indeed. Alleluia.

Let us Pray.

Almighty God,
to whom all hearts are open, all
desires known,
and from whom no secrets are hidden:
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love you,
and worthily magnify your holy name,
through Christ our Lord. **Amen**

PENITENTIAL RITE

Risen Christ, rising in glory, dispel the darkness of our hearts and

minds.

Silence is kept

Lord, like Mary at the empty tomb, we fail to grasp the wonder of your presence. Lord, have mercy.

Lord have mercy.

Like the disciples behind closed doors, we fear to be seen as your followers. Christ have mercy.

Christ have mercy.

Like Thomas in the upper room, we are slow to believe and to trust in you. Lord, have mercy.

Lord have mercy.

The Absolution

Almighty God who has promised forgiveness to all who turn to him in faith: pardon you and set you free from sins, strengthen you in all goodness and keep you in eternal life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Kyrie eleison sung

Lord have mercy, Lord have mercy, Lord have mercy

Christ have mercy, Christ have mercy,

Christ have mercy

Lord have mercy, Lord have mercy,

Lord have mercy

The Gloria is sung

Glory to God in the highest,

and peace to God's people on earth. Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father. Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us.

you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High

Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

The Collect For the Seventh Sunday of Easter

O God, whose son, Jesus, prayed for his disciples, and sent them into the world to proclaim the coming of the your kingdom: by your Holy Spirit, hold the church in unity, and keep it faithful to your word, so that breaking bread together, we maybe one with Christ in faith and love an service, now and forever.

Amen

At the time of choosing an incumbent {we say together}

Bountiful God,
give to this parish a faithful pastor

who will faithfully speak your word
and minister your sacraments.
An encourager who will equip your people
for ministry and enable us to fulfil our
calling.
Give to those who will choose, wisdom,
discernment and patience,
and to us give warm and generous
hearts, for Jesus Christ's sake. **Amen.**

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

A reading from the prophet Acts 1.6-14

So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" ⁷He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. ⁸But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." ⁹When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. ¹⁰While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. ¹¹They said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven."

¹²Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day's journey away. ¹³When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying, Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. ¹⁴All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

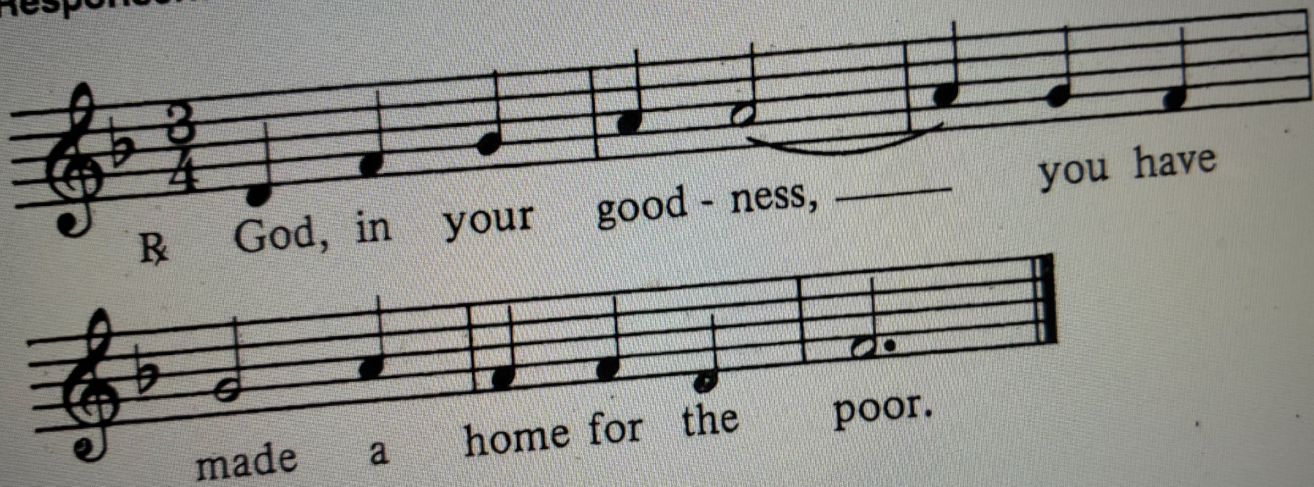
Reader Hear the word of the Lord

ALL Thanks be to God

Psalm 68 1-10,32-35

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 67:4-7. 10-11. R cf. v.11.
Kathleen Boschetti MSC



A reading from 1Peter 5

⁵Now as an elder myself and a witness of the sufferings of Christ, as well as one who shares in the glory to be revealed, I exhort the elders among you ²to tend the flock of God that is in your charge, exercising the oversight, not under compulsion but willingly, as God would have you do it—not for sordid gain but eagerly. ³Do not lord it over those in your charge but be examples to the flock. ⁴And when the chief shepherd appears, you will win the crown of glory that never fades away.

⁵In the same way, you who are younger must accept the authority of the elders. And all of you must clothe yourselves with humility in your dealings with one another, for "God opposes the proud, but gives grace to the humble." ⁶Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, so that he may exalt you in due time. ⁷Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you.

⁸Discipline yourselves, keep alert. Like a roaring lion your adversary the devil prowls around, looking for someone to devour. ⁹Resist him, steadfast in your faith, for you know that your brothers and sisters in all the world are undergoing the same kinds of suffering.

¹⁰And after you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, support, strengthen, and establish you. ¹¹To him be the power forever and ever. Amen. ¹²Through Silvanus, whom I consider a faithful brother, I have written this short letter to encourage you and to testify that this is the true grace of God. Stand fast in it. ¹³Your sister church in Babylon, chosen together with you, sends you greetings; and so does my son Mark. ¹⁴Greet one another with a kiss of love. Peace to all of you who are in Christ

For the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation {stand}

Cantor **Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia,**

All who love me will keep my words, and my Father will love them and we will come to them

ALL Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia,

Reader The Lord be with you

ALL And also with you

Reader The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John 17.1-11

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ

After Jesus had spoken these words, he looked up to heaven and said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, ²since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. ³And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. ⁴I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. ⁵So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed.

⁶"I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. ⁷Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; ⁸for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. ⁹I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. ¹⁰All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them.

¹¹And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one.

Reader For the Gospel of the Lord
ALL Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

HOMILY Father Ray

Let us together affirm the faith of the Church.

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit
and the virgin Mary
and became truly human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge
the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son
is worshipped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the
forgiveness of sins.
+We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

PRAYERS FOR THE WORLD AND THE CHURCH {Please stand or sit}

FOR THE NEEDS OF THE WORLD: Peace in the Middle East, Sudan, Congo Venezuela and Ukraine for the Jewish community for the Richmond Churches Food and for all organizations that provide safety and relief during this summer season and all those in need.

For the Leaders of the world that they will end conflict and seek to bring harmony and justice to the whole of creation.

FOR THE SICK, RECOVERING, AND THOSE WHO GRIEVE Bruce, Jack, Nanette, Liam, Craig, Helen, Marilyn, Marcus, Alan and Lee, Sandra, Jean and family, David and family, Robert and Family

FOR THOSE RECENTLY DECEASED: Robert Knowles, David Ricahardson and Bruce Kelsall

FOR THOSE WHOSE YEAR'S MIND OCCURS THIS WEEK: Aziz Baround, Dorothy Blair, Nicola Cacopardo Brian Healy, Winifred {nan}Ricketts, Gordon Crow,

Almighty God you have promised to hear our prayers,
grant that what we have asked in faith we may by your grace receive,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

THE GREETING OF PEACE

We are the body of Christ.
His spirit is with us

The peace of the Lord be always with you.
And also with you

OFFERTORY HYMN AM 556 Beauty for Brokenness

During the singing of the Hymn a collection will be taken.
Electronic giving is available at the entrance to the Church.

THE EUCHARIST

We now lift up to God the world and the church as we offer prayers and thanksgiving.

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation, through your goodness we have this bread to offer, fruit of the earth and work of human hands, it will become for us the bread of life. **Blessed be God for ever.**

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation, through your goodness we have this wine to offer, fruit of the vine and work of human hands, it will become for us the cup of salvation. **Blessed be God forever**

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right to praise you, faithful
God, always and everywhere,
for with your only begotten Son
and life-giving Spirit,
you are the one true God from everlasting to everlasting.

At the dawn of time you wrought from
nothing a universe of beauty and
splendour, bringing light from
darkness
and order from chaos.

You formed us, male and female, in your
image, and endowed us with creative
power.

We turned away from you but you did not abandon us.
You called us by name and searched
us out, making a covenant of mercy,
giving the law, teaching justice by the prophets.

And so we praise you,

joining with your faithful people of every time and place, singing the eternal song:

sung

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

When the fullness of time was come,
you sent your Son to be born of Mary.

Bright image of your glory,
he learnt obedience to you in all things, even to death on a cross,
breaking the power of evil,
freeing us from sin and putting death to flight.

You raised him from death,
exalting him to glory
and the new day dawned.

On the night he was betrayed
your Son Jesus Christ shared food with
his friends, his companions on the way.

While at the table he took
bread, blessed, and broke
it,
and giving it to them, said:
'Take, eat; this is my body.'

He took a cup of wine,

and, giving thanks, he gave it to them,
and said, 'This is my blood of the
covenant,
which is poured out for
many. Do this in
remembrance of me.

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith

Sung

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Therefore, living God, as we obey his
command, we remember his life of
obedience to you, his suffering and
death,
his resurrection and exaltation,
and his promise to be with us forever.
With this bread and this cup
we celebrate his saving death until he comes.

Accept, we pray, our sacrifice of praise and
thanksgiving, and send your Holy Spirit
upon us and our celebration that all who
eat and drink at this table
may be strengthened by Christ's body
and blood to serve you in the world.

As one body and one holy people,
may we proclaim the everlasting
gospel of Jesus Christ our Lord,

through whom, with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory is yours, eternal God, now and forever.

sung

Blessing and honour and glory and power are yours for ever and ever. Amen.

As our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are confident to pray,

**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 forever. Amen.**

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD AND THE COMMUNION

Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!

The disciples knew the Lord Jesus in the breaking of the bread.

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The bread which we break, alleluia,

is the communion of the body of Christ.

The disciples knew the Lord Jesus in the breaking of the bread.

We are one body, alleluia,
for though many we share one bread.

All who wish to come are welcome for this is the table of the Risen Lord.

The words of administration are:

The body of Christ, the bread of heaven. **Amen.**
The blood of Christ, the cup of salvation. **Amen.**

THE SENDING OUT OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Living God,
make us apostles of the risen Christ.
Give us joyful hearts, words of hope,
and grace to recognize the Lord Jesus when he meets us,
wherever we are on the road.

Most Loving God,
You send us into the world you love
Give us grace to go thankfully and with courage
In the power of your spirit

Recessional Hymn AM 784 Stand up Stand up for Jesus

BLESSING

The blessing of the Living God, who brings light out of darkness, be upon you now and forever.

Amen.

The blessing of the risen Christ, who sends you as apostles into all the world be upon you now and forever. **Amen.**

The blessing of the Holy Spirit, who fills the church with joy and praise, be upon you now and forever. **Amen.**

The blessing of our God, the holy and glorious Trinity, be upon you and remain with you now and forever. **Amen.**

Notices.

Please join us for morning tea in the guild room a time for fellowship and sharing.

Please remember to RSVP for the launch on the 31st May for Choral evensong

Thursday 10am mass this week followed by coffee and chat.

BSL/ parish opportunity shop open Tuesday -Saturday 10am - 4.30pm

Rosters

	17th May	24th May
1st Reading	Prue Borthwick	Greg Scott
2nd Reading	Greg Scott	Michael Mc Girr
Intercessions	Michael Mc Girr	Sandra Mc Mahon
Euch. Assistant	Kim Ricketts	Jonathan Harrison
Welcomers	Kathy Kozlowski +Anne Czech	Evan Costello+Anne Czech
Hospitality	Evan Costello +Kim Ricketts	Andre Lim+ Lee Ewe