



# ST STEPHEN'S UNITING CHURCH

197 Macquarie St, Sydney

*An Oasis of Christian Worship, Thought and Action*

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***24 April 2016 – 10 am***

***MORNING WORSHIP***

***Easter 5***

**ANZAC commemoration**

Led by Rev. Ken Day



Celebrating the Queen's 90<sup>th</sup> birthday

**ANZAC  
DAY** 

## **SOME HELPFUL NOTES FOR YOU ABOUT THE WAY THIS WORSHIP SERVICE FLOWS:**

- **CHILDREN** are welcome here. If you have a pram, there are aisles beside the walls where you can 'park' your pram, if that helps. Also, there is more pram space at the back of the church where there is a wider gap. Children do not disturb us, and we are very happy for you to explain to your children what is happening during the service.
- We stand to sing. In the Order of Service it will say other places **WHERE WE STAND UP**, if you are able.
- **HYMNS** are numbered and found in the red hymn book *Together in Song*, or printed in the Order of Service.
- If the **LORD'S SUPPER** (communion) is being celebrated, (there will be a white cloth on the communion table) everyone of every age and background is welcome to share in the supper with us. We serve bread (and gluten free bread is available if you indicate to the server) and grape juice.
- **TEXT IN BOLD** is to be said by the congregation.
- It is the tradition at St Stephen's to refrain from talking during the **PRELUDE** and **POSTLUDE** as these form part of our worship.
- After the service has concluded, you are most welcome to join us downstairs in the hall for **MORNING TEA**. Please use the stairs at each end of the vestibule.
- **TOILETS** are located downstairs below the vestibule. A baby changing table is located in the women's toilet area.
- For those with **IMPAIRED HEARING** a hearing loop is available in the church. Please switch your hearing aid to the 'T' position.

# ***The Gathering of the People of God***

## **Organ Prelude**

*'Air' from the 'Water Music'*

*G F Handel (1685 - 1750)*

## **Call to Worship**

## **Processional Hymn 370**

*Christ the Lord is risen today*      (Easter Hymn)

*If able, let us remain standing*

## **Greeting**

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

**And also with you.**

## **Confession**

### **Declaration of Forgiveness**

Let us praise the name of the Lord,  
for God's name alone is exalted;  
God's glory is above earth and heaven.  
God has raised up Jesus from the dead  
faithful in conquering sin and death  
for all God's people,  
Praise the Lord!  
Hear then Christ's word of grace to us:  
'Our sins are forgiven'.

### **Thanks be to God**

And so we stand together to sing the song of never ending praise:

# Sanctus

P. Matthias

With power

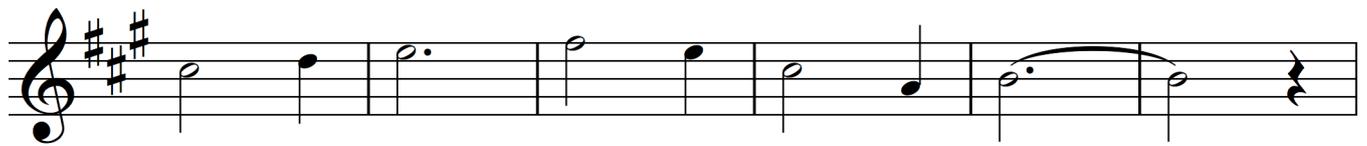


Organ

**All:** Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho - ly Lord.



God of pow'r and might. — *Choir:* [Ho - ly, ho - ly,



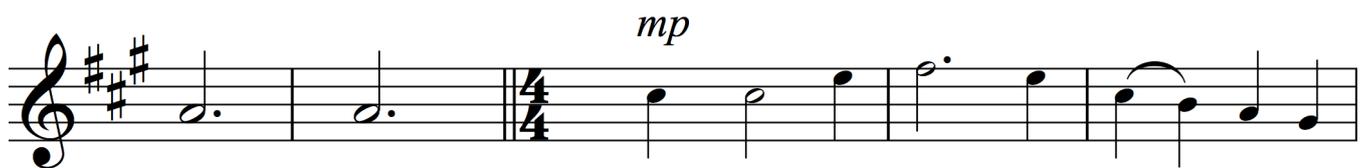
ho - ly Lord. God of pow'r and might. — ]



**All:** Heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -



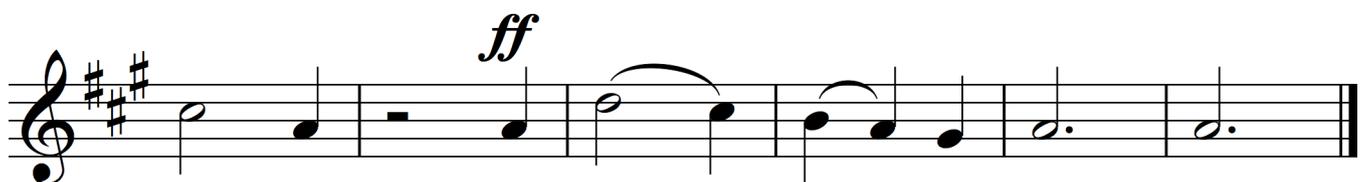
san - na. Ho - san - na. Ho - san - na in\_\_ the



high - est. *Choir:* [Bless - ed is he who comes in the



name of the Lord. — ] **All:** Ho - san - na. Ho -



san - na. Ho - san - na in\_\_ the high - est.

*Please be seated*

## **Welcome**

*Ministry and mission news, celebrations and pastoral prayer.*

## ***Marking the Queen's 90<sup>th</sup> birthday***

The Servant Queen and the King she serves.

## **Prayers for the Queen**

### **Hymn 256**

*From heaven you came, helpless babe*  
(Servant King)

## **Passing of the Peace**

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**And also with you.**

### **Collect for Easter 5**

Listen for the word of God to you:

### **A reading from Revelation 7: 9-17**

<sup>9</sup>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. <sup>10</sup>They cried out in a loud voice, saying, "Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!" <sup>11</sup>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 worshiped God, <sup>12</sup>singing, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honour and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen."

<sup>13</sup>Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" <sup>14</sup>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. <sup>15</sup>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. <sup>16</sup>They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat; <sup>17</sup>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."

*We stand to sing: (sung twice)*

***Behold, behold, I make all things new***

Behold, behold, I make all things new  
beginning with you and starting from today.  
Behold, behold, I make all things new,  
my promise is true for I am Christ the way.

*John L Bell (Iona Community)*

**The Gospel reading is from John 13: 31-35**

<sup>31</sup>When he had gone out, Jesus said, “Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. <sup>32</sup>If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. <sup>33</sup>Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, ‘Where I am going, you cannot come.’ <sup>34</sup>I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. <sup>35</sup>By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.”

In this is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **Anthem** (Psalm for Easter 5)

### ***Cantate Domine***

*Text: Psalm 148:1-2*

*Music: Giuseppe Pitoni (1657-1743)*

Cantate Domino canticum novum,  
laus ejus in ecclesia sanctorum.  
Lætetur Israel in eo qui fecit eum,  
et filii Sion exultent in rege suo.

*Sing to the Lord a new song,  
his praise in the assembly of the saints.  
Let Israel rejoice in He who made them,  
and the people of Zion rejoice in their King.*

## ***Marking ANZAC Day 2016***

### **A poem for ANZAC**

**Ode**     *All stand*

They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old:  
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.  
At the going down of the sun and in the morning,  
We will remember them.

**Lest we forget**

### **Last Post**

## **Minute's Silence**

## **Reveille**

*Please be seated*

## **Prayers of the People**

### **Lord's Prayer**

**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.**

**Hymn 441** *Behold! The Mountain of the Lord* (Glasgow)

## **Sermon**

# ***The Sending Forth of the People of God***

The **Offering** will be received during the following hymn:

**Hymn 455**      *For all the saints*      (Sine Nomine)

## **Blessing**

... and remain with you always. **Amen.**

## **Dismissal**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
**In the name of Christ.**

## **Sung Threefold Amen**

## **Organ Postlude**

*Fugue on 'God Save the Queen'*

Max Reger (1873 - 1916)

Adapted from *Uniting in Worship 2* (2005)  
Bible Readings taken from the *New Revised Standard Version* (1989)