

A Service to Celebrate
The Commencement of Ministry
of
A.M. (Tony) Wright
as Rector of
the Parish of Willoughby Park

Wednesday 12th August, 2020

7pm



Welcome [Rev Joel Moroney]

Hymn

O Praise the Name (Anástasis)

Verse 1

I cast my mind to Calvary
Where Jesus bled and died for me
I see His wounds His hands His feet
My Saviour on that cursed tree

Verse 2

His body bound and drenched in tears
They laid Him down in Joseph's tomb
The entrance sealed by heavy stone
Messiah still and all alone

Chorus

O praise the Name of the Lord our God
O praise His Name forevermore
For endless days we will sing
Your praise
Oh Lord oh Lord our God.

Verse 3

Then on the third at break of dawn
The Son of heaven rose again
O trampled death where is your sting
The angels roar for Christ the King

Chorus

O praise the Name of the Lord our God
O praise His Name forevermore
For endless days we will sing
Your praise
Oh Lord oh Lord our God.

Verse 4

He shall return in robes of white
The blazing sun shall pierce the night
And I will rise among the saints
My gaze transfixed on Jesus' face

Chorus

O praise the Name of the Lord our God
O praise His Name forevermore
For endless days we will sing
Your praise
Oh Lord oh Lord our God.

Repeat chorus

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Families Minister [Rev Joel Moroney]

Christian friends, we have gathered together to celebrate God's goodness to this parish in the appointment of the Reverend Antony Mathew Wright as Rector. He has been called by God to exercise a position of great spiritual responsibility as the Pastor of this congregation. We shall be praying for him, and praying for the congregation in this new stage of God's work in this Parish.

As we celebrate the commencement of this new ministry, let us first come before our heavenly Father in prayer, using the words our Saviour taught us:

**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.
Lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and for ever. Amen.**

Heavenly Father, as we listen to your word give us spiritual wisdom and understanding, so that we may know you better, love you more, and please you in all things, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Bible Readings

Mark 10:35-45

[Matt Bourne]

1 Corinthians 1:18-2:5

[Peter Young]

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

**Right Rev Chris Edwards, Bishop of North
Sydney**

Hymn

No Other Name

Verse 1

There is no other name
In heaven can be found
Through whom we are redeemed
Through whom Your grace abounds
No other name can save
But Jesus Christ our Lord

Verse 2

There is no other name
In heaven can be found
Through whom we are redeemed
Through whom Your grace abounds
No other name can save
But Jesus Christ our Lord

Chorus

My joy in sorrow's tears
My strength to cast out fears
No other name
But Jesus Jesus
My hope in darkest night
My broken soul's delight
No other name
But Jesus Jesus

Verse 3

There is no victory
But Jesus crucified
No other cure for sin
But that our Saviour died
No other hope we have
But that He rose again
He rose again

Chorus

Verse 4

No other throne endures
No other song remains
But worthy is the Lamb
Who was for sinners slain
When every knee shall bow
And tongue confess You are Lord
You are Lord

Chorus

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The Parish Nominators present the Rector-designate to the Bishop with these words:

We present to you the Reverend Tony Wright to be admitted to the office of Rector and the care of God's people in this parish.

Bishop Tony, the people of this parish have gathered to recognise and greet you as their Rector. I bring you greetings from Glenn, the Archbishop of Sydney. This document bearing his seal records your licence and authority to perform the office of Rector of this parish.

The Bishop hands him the licence.

Tony, do you before God and in the presence of this congregation commit yourself to this new trust and responsibility?

Rector With God's help, I do.

Bishop Be a faithful minister of God's holy word and sacraments, and a faithful pastor under the great Shepherd of our souls.

My brother Tony, at your ordination, you were exhorted in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to remember the dignity of the high office and charge to which you were called: that is to say, to be a messenger, watchman, and steward of our Lord; to teach and forewarn, to feed and provide for the Lord's family; to seek for Christ's sheep who are scattered abroad, and for his children who are surrounded by temptation in this world, that they may be saved through Christ for ever.

Have always therefore printed in your mind how great a treasure is committed to your care: the church is Christ's flock, for whom he shed his blood. This church and congregation whom you must serve is his bride and body. Pray to God the Father, through our Saviour Jesus Christ, for the assistance of the Holy Spirit; so that as you daily read and study the Scriptures, you may grow in your ministry. By God's grace, may you be a godly pattern for the people to follow, as you seek to conform your life and the life of this congregation to the teaching of Christ.

Let us pray.

Almighty God, giver of all that is good, you have appointed various orders of ministry in your church; bless your servant Tony now called to serve you in this parish. Fill him with your Holy Spirit and the truth of your word, and clothe him with Christ-likeness of character, that he may faithfully serve you to the glory of your name and to the benefit of your people. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Wardens come forward and face the people.

Michael Jones Tony, we thank God that he has sent you to teach us and encourage us and admonish us from his holy word. Take this Bible, remembering that all Scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the people of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.

[2 Timothy 3:16-17]

Mission Leader [Rev Steve Jeffries]

Will you be faithful in reading, studying and mediating on the word of God; will you be faithful in proclaiming and teaching it; and will you encourage others to grow in their knowledge and understanding of God's word, that they may live in accordance with its truth?

Rector I will, the Lord being my helper.

Michael Jenkins Tony, we thank God that you have come to us as a pastor of God's people, keen to see the extension of God's kingdom in Christ Church, Lavender Bay Anglican Church. By God's grace, may you make disciples of all peoples, baptising them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them the commandments of Jesus.

[Matthew 28:19]

Mission Leader Will you be faithful in making disciples of all peoples; and will you be faithful in ministering Baptism and the Lord's Supper in accordance with God's word and the discipline of this Church?

Rector I will, the Lord being my helper.

Greg Parkes Tony, we thank God that you have come to us as a man of prayer. May you follow the apostle's pattern by praying for us and leading us in prayer, so that we may lead lives worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing him in every good work.
[Colossians 1:9-10]

Mission Leader Will you intercede for the people committed to your care, and pray that God would lead both you and them into a richer and deeper knowledge of his will, in all spiritual wisdom and understanding?

Rector I will, the Lord being my helper.

Bishop Tony, you have been appointed and licensed to exercise your ministry as Rector of this parish with all the privileges and responsibilities of your office; may the Lord guard your going out and your coming in.

Wardens and parishioners of Willoughby Park Anglican Church, remember the Apostle Paul's exhortation:

We ask you to respect those who work hard among you, who are over you in the Lord and who admonish you. Hold them in the highest regard in love because of their work. Live in peace with each other.

[1 Thessalonians 5:12-13]

The Rector is joined by his family

I present to you Tony Wright, your new Rector, his wife Susan, and their children, Hannah, Ethan, Sophie and Tim.

Jen Meek Tony, on behalf of the parishioners we welcome you and your family to Willoughby Park. We offer you our friendship and support as we join together in the work to which God has called us in this parish, and as we share in the wider ministry of Christ throughout the world.

Bishop To you, my brother in Christ, I present the people committed to your care.

People **We welcome you in the name of the Lord as our pastor and brother in Christ. We shall pray for you as we ask you to pray for us. May God enable us to fulfil the ministries to which he has called us.**

Bishop I now ask you, therefore, to join in prayer to Almighty God, that he will enable our brother to serve him faithfully in word and deed, so that he will be a true pattern of Christian living.

People **Almighty God, the giver of all good gifts, we pray that you would grant to your servant, now called to this parish, the strength of your Spirit. Fill him with truth, compassion and humility, so that he may faithfully serve you to the glory of your name and the benefit of your church, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Prayers

Prayers for mission and for the progress of the gospel are offered.
[Rev Steve Jeffries]

Then follow prayers for the church and our parish offered by a member of the congregation. **[Kate Jones]**

The Rector concludes with a prayer of thanksgiving.

Welcome by Cr Gail Giles-Gidney, Mayor of Willoughby

Hymn It is Well with my Soul

Verse 1

When peace like a river
Attendeth my way
When sorrows like sea billows roll
Whatever my lot
Thou hast taught me to say
It is well
It is well with my soul

Chorus

It is well with my soul
It is well
It is well with my soul

Verse 2

Tho' Satan should buffet
Tho' trials should come
Let this blest assurance control
That Christ hath regarded
My helpless estate
And hath shed His own blood
For my soul

Chorus

It is well with my soul
It is well
It is well with my soul

Verse 3

My sin O the bliss
Of this glorious tho't
My sin not in part but the whole
Is nailed to the cross
And I bear it no more
Praise the Lord
Praise the Lord O my soul

Chorus

It is well with my soul
It is well
It is well with my soul

Verse 4

And Lord haste the day
When the faith shall be sight
The clouds be rolled back as a
scroll
The trump shall resound
And the Lord shall descend
Even so it is well
With my soul

Chorus

It is well with my soul
It is well
It is well with my soul

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Rector

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

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord
In the name of Christ, Amen