



HOLY TRINITY ANGLICAN CHURCH WILLIAMSTOWN

10th January 2021

Epiphany of Our Lord Holy Communion



On behalf of everyone at Holy Trinity, a warm welcome to this community, a faithful Christian presence in Williamstown since 1854. Holy Trinity welcomes everyone to all services and events, regardless of age, gender, sexual orientation, race or background. Thank you for being part of our worship today.

This worship service will be live streamed on the parish YouTube channel from 9am Sunday morning, links are on our website under 'Services'.

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Please take this order of service with you

REFLECTION

There is much beautiful imagery connected to the feast of Epiphany. Wise men from the East captures the imagination and is a reminder that the birth of the King of the Jews is about more than just the people of Israel. Jesus was born as a revelation of God to the whole world. The gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh are full of imagery and meaning that allude to the multifaceted Messiahship of Jesus – kingship, divinity, death. The ongoing revelation of Jesus to the world is our calling and our responsibility, that I hope we can embrace with joy, even if the journey isn't always easy. Blessings to you all this Epiphany.
Rev Elizabeth



PARISH PRAYER POINTS



For the Church:

- Pray for The Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia
- The Diocese of Riverina
- Department of Theological Education
- St. Mary's Camberwell South

In our Community:

As part of our regular cycle of prayer, we pray for Rev'd Margaret Burt, Sally and Peter Johnson, Kelly-Marie, Scott & Emily Gaskell.

We pray for those who are suffering or unwell at this time, including: Gordon and Audrey Beal, Ron and Joan Bates, Barbara and Brett Hingston, Anne Mulholland, Helen, Heather Jobling, Bryan Matty, Laurie McLay, Robert Mander, Marjorie Todd

Acknowledgement

We acknowledge that our church is on the sovereign lands of the Yalukit Willum of the Kulin Nation. We pay our respects to First Nation's Elders past, present and emerging.

THE GATHERING OF THE PEOPLE

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

THE SENTENCE

They saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and worshipped him. Matthew 2.11

THE PRAYER OF PREPARATION

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

CONFESSION

Christ the Son of God has been revealed as a light to the nations.

Silence may be kept.

Let us bring our darkness to his light, confessing our sins in penitence and faith.

Merciful God, our maker and our judge, we have sinned against you in thought, word and deed, and in what we have failed to do. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves; we repent, and are sorry for all our sins. Father forgive us. Strengthen us to love and obey you in newness of life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

ABSOLUTION

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

KYRIE ELEISON

Lord have mercy **Lord have mercy**
Christ have mercy **Christ have mercy**
Lord have mercy **Lord have mercy**

GLORIA

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

COLLECT FOR THE DAY

Almighty God, you have filled Eternal God, who by a star led Magi to the worship of your Son: guide the nations of the earth by your light, that the whole world may see your glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

The First Reading: Isaiah 60:1-6. Read by Laurence Gray.

Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you. For darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the Lord will arise upon you, and his glory will appear over you. Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn. Lift up your eyes and look around; they all gather together, they come to you; your sons shall come from far away, and your daughters shall be carried on their nurses' arms. Then you shall see and be radiant; your heart shall thrill and rejoice, because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you, the wealth of the nations shall come to you. A multitude of camels shall cover you, the young camels of Midian and Ephah; all those from Sheba

shall come. They shall bring gold and frankincense, and shall proclaim the praise of the Lord.

For the Word of the Lord **Thanks be to God**

PSALM 72.1-7, 72.10-14

- ¹ Give the king your judgement, O God:
and your righteousness to the son of a king,
- ² **That he may judge your people rightly:
and the poor of the land with equity.**
- ³ Let the mountains be laden with peace
because of his righteousness:
and the hills also with prosperity for his people.
- ⁴ **May he give justice to the poor among the people:
and rescue the children of the needy,
and crush the oppressor.**
- ⁵ May he live while the sun endures:
and while the moon gives light,
throughout all generations.
- ⁶ **May he come down like rain upon the new-mown fields:
and as showers that water the earth.**
- ⁷ In his time shall righteousness flourish:
and abundance of peace, till the moon shall be no more.
- ¹⁰ **The kings of Tarshish and of the isles
shall bring tribute:**
the kings of Sheba and Seba shall offer gifts.
- ¹¹ All kings shall fall down before him:
and all nations do him service.
- ¹² **He will deliver the needy when they cry:
and the poor that have no helper.**
- ¹³ He will pity the helpless and the needy:
and save the lives of the poor.
- ¹⁴ **He will redeem them from oppression and violence:
and their blood shall be precious in his sight.**

The Second Reading: Ephesians 3:1-12. Read by Warren Madsen

This is the reason that I Paul am a prisoner for Christ Jesus for the sake of you Gentiles— for surely you have already heard of the commission of God’s grace that was given to me for you, and how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I wrote above in a few words, a reading of which will enable you to perceive my understanding of the mystery of Christ. In former generations this mystery was not made known to humankind, as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: that is, the Gentiles have become fellow-heirs, members of the same body, and sharers in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel. Of this gospel I have become a servant according to the gift of God’s grace that was given to me by the working of his power. Although I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given to me to bring to the Gentiles the news of the boundless riches of Christ, and to make everyone see what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things; so that through the church the wisdom of God in its rich variety might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. This was in accordance with the eternal purpose that he has carried out in Christ Jesus our Lord, in whom we have access to God in boldness and confidence through faith in him.

For the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God**

THE GOSPEL according to Saint Matthew 2:1-12

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, ‘Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage.’ When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, ‘In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet: “And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least

among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel.”’ Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, ‘Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage.’ When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure-chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

This is the Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ**

THE SERMON

Rev Elizabeth Murray

A time of silence is kept

THE CREED

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.

THE PRAYERS

Intercessions will be led by Ingrid Dodd

The response to each is usually **Hear our prayer.**

The time of prayer concludes with

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 *(Please stand)*

We are the body of Christ.

His spirit is with us.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

Offerings

Donations to support the life & work of Holy Trinity are most welcome.

We rely on your generosity.

*Direct EFT details: BSB: 033100; Account number: 490175;
cash/cheques can be left in the plate as you leave today or go to
www.htw.org.au and click on 'Donate now'.*

THE OFFERTORY

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation. Through your goodness we have these gifts to share. Accept and use our offerings for your glory and for the service of your kingdom.

Blessed be God for ever.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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.

The prayer continues

... for ever praising you and saying:

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.

The prayer continues

... Let us proclaim the mystery of faith.

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

The prayer continues

... in songs of never ending praise:

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

As this bread was once many grains which have been gathered together and made one bread, **so may your church be gathered from the ends of the earth into your kingdom.**

Jesus, Lamb of God, have mercy on us.

Jesus, bearer of our sins, have mercy on us.

Jesus, redeemer of the world, grant us your peace.

The gifts of God for the people of God. Come let us take this holy sacrament in remembrance that Christ died for us, and feed on him in our hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

HOLY COMMUNION

All baptized Christians are welcome to receive communion. If you require a gluten-free wafer, please let the priest know.

If you do not wish to receive communion and would like to receive a blessing, please also come forward and indicate to the priest your desire for a blessing. After you have received communion, please return to your seats

Communion is distributed with these words

The body of Christ the bread of heaven keep us in eternal life.

Amen.

The blood of Christ the cup of salvation keep us in eternal life.

Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A prayer is said which concludes with ...

Loving God, **we offer ourselves to you as a living sacrifice through Jesus Christ our Lord. Send us out in the power of your spirit to live and work to your praise and glory.**

Notices may be given

BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

May Christ the Son of God be manifest to you, that your lives may be a light to the world; and the blessing of blessing of God, Eternal Majesty, Incarnate Word and Abiding Spirit, be with us all, now and always. **Amen.**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

In the name of Christ. Amen.

PARISH NEWS

**Happy Birthday to:
Adrian Pagan for Tuesday**



Completion of the Annual Meeting:

There will be a brief Parish Meeting to accept the audited accounts, after the service on the 24th January.

Welcome

We warmly welcome Pamela McFadyen into the role of Voluntary Parish Administrator.
For now, the office hours will be Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Christmas Fare.

There are still some items available for sale, see Janice for details.

THE PARISH AT A GLANCE

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Baptism Arrangements:

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Parish Office, Tuesday & Thursday

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(in recess, resuming Friday 29 January)

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HOLY TRINITY PASTORAL CARE

The Parish is divided into zones to cover the wide areas of pastoral care.

For those living in the **Village**, your team representative is

Christa Fatouros : 03 9393 9317

Nursing Homes: Rev Elizabeth Murray

Williamstown Central: Valerie Dripps 0412 372 524,

Victoria St/Hannan St areas: Ann Hodges 0417 581 662

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If you are in need or know of someone who needs help, please contact either the above person in your area or call the vicar.