

**HOLY TRINITY ANGLICAN CHURCH  
WILLIAMSTOWN**

**22 March 2020**

**Fourth Sunday in Lent  
Mothering Sunday**

**8am: Eucharist**

**10am: Sung Eucharist**

**6pm: Contemplative Service**



*On behalf of everyone at Holy Trinity, a warm welcome to this church and 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.*

## REFLECTION

As well as being the Fourth Sunday in Lent, this week is also traditionally Mothering Sunday. Variouslly a day when people were expected to visit their "Mother" church, and/or a day for those in domestic service to go home and visit their mothers, often taking a piece of Simnel cake with them. So, separated from the secular "Mother's Day", we take this time to thank God for mothers and mother-figures who inspire, empower and nurture us. We remember Jesus' own mother Mary, the faithful woman who: gave birth to God incarnate, raised the child Jesus, and then journeyed with her adult son during his ministry around Galilee, all the way to the Cross in Jerusalem. As we continue through our Lenten journey, and live through the uncertainty and anxiety of our current circumstances, let us remember to be supportive and kind as a community, thinking of the good of others, not just ourselves. If you can't join us for worship, you can access the pew sheet and listen to recent sermons on our website. Know that you are in my prayers. Rev Elizabeth



## PARISH PRAYER POINTS



### For the Church:

- Pray for the Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui
- Ministry with the Torres Strait Islander people of Australia
- Archdeaconry of Melbourne

### We pray for

- Parish of St Thomas', Langwarrin w. St Peter's, Pearcedale
- Anglican Parish of Croydon Hills and Wonga Park – Pastoral Service with Bishop Barker
- St George's Ivanhoe East – Pastoral Visit with Bishop Blackwell
- Shelford Grammar School – Commissioning School Principal with Bishop Blackwell
- Parish of St Eanswythe's, Altona w. St Clements's, Laverton – Maori Service with Bishop Prowd

### In our Community:

As part of our regular cycle of prayer, we pray for Margaret Burt, Sally Burt and Peter Johnson, Rachel Clark and Paul McNear, Kellie-Marie, Scott and Emily Gaskell, Helen Green, Anna Grove, Wilma Robarts

We pray for those who are suffering or unwell at this time, including: Gordon and Audrey Beal, Ron and Joan Bates, Anne Mulholland, Helen, George Hodges, Heather Jobling, Bryan Matty, Laurie McLay, Robert Mander, May Kofoed, Diane Robinson, Ian Stewart, Marjorie Todd, Carol Williams, David Vial.

### Reflection after Communion

We invite you to light a prayer candle at one of the candle bowls after communion - either beside the altar rail, or in the memorial chapel.



*We acknowledge that we worship here on the sovereign lands of the Yalukit Willum of the Kulin Nation. We pay respect to Elders past, present and emerging.*

*During the current health emergency please respect the personal space of others and also do not shake hands.*

## **THE GATHERING OF THE PEOPLE**

At 10am **THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN TIS 650** Brother sister let me serve you

Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins,  
**whose mercy endures for ever.**

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

## **THE SENTENCE**

*'I am the light of the world', says the Lord, 'Those who follow me will have the light of life'*  
*John 8:12*

## **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**

Let us confess our sins in penitence and faith, confident in God's forgiveness.

**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**

*Said together at 8am. Sung when organist is present (756 in hymn book)*

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

## **COLLECT FOR THE DAY**

Gracious God, in order that we children of earth might discern good from evil you sent your Son to be the light of the world: as the light of Christ shines upon us, may we learn what pleases you, and live in truth and goodness; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

## **THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD**

**The First Reading:** 1 Samuel 16: 1-13 read by 8am: Valerie Dripps

10am: Laurence Gray

The LORD said to Samuel, 'How long will you grieve over Saul? I have rejected him from being king over Israel. Fill your horn with oil and set out; I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons.' Samuel said, 'How can I go? If Saul hears of it, he will kill me.' And the LORD said, 'Take a heifer with you, and say, "I have come to sacrifice to the LORD." Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do; and you shall anoint for me the one whom I name to you.' Samuel did what the LORD commanded, and came to Bethlehem. The elders of the city came to meet him trembling, and said, 'Do you come peaceably?' He said, 'Peaceably; I have come to sacrifice to the LORD; sanctify yourselves and come with me to the sacrifice.' And he sanctified Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice.

When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, 'Surely the LORD's anointed is now before the LORD.' But the LORD said to Samuel, 'Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him; for the LORD does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the LORD looks on the heart.' Then Jesse called Abinadab, and made him pass before Samuel. He said, 'Neither has the LORD chosen this one.' Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, 'Neither has the LORD chosen this one.' Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel, and Samuel said to Jesse, 'The LORD has not chosen any of these.' Samuel said to Jesse, 'Are all your sons here?' And he said, 'There remains yet the youngest, but he is keeping the sheep.' And Samuel said to Jesse, 'Send and bring him; for we will not sit down until he comes here.' He sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy, and had beautiful eyes, and was handsome. The LORD said, 'Rise and anoint him; for this is the one.' Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the presence of his brothers; and the spirit of the LORD came mightily upon David from that day forward. Samuel then set out and went to Ramah.

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

### **Psalm 23** *said together during Lent*

<sup>1</sup> The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not want.

<sup>2</sup> He makes me lie down in green pastures; he leads me beside still waters;

<sup>3</sup> he restores my soul. He leads me in right paths for his name's sake.

<sup>4</sup> Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff - they comfort me.

<sup>5</sup> You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

<sup>6</sup> Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD my whole life long.

**The Second Reading:** Ephesians 5: 8-14 read by 8am: Valerie Dripps

10am: Laurence Gray

For once you were darkness, but now in the Lord you are light. Live as children of light— for the fruit of the light is found in all that is good and right and true. Try to find out what is pleasing to the Lord. Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. For it is shameful even to mention what such people do secretly; but everything exposed by the light becomes visible, for everything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says, ‘Sleeper, awake! Rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you.’

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

At 10am **THE GRADUAL HYMN: TiS 129** Amazing Grace

**THE GOSPEL** according to Saint John 9: 1– 41

**Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ**

As he walked along, he saw a man blind from birth. His disciples asked him, ‘Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?’ Jesus answered, ‘Neither this man nor his parents sinned; he was born blind so that God’s works might be revealed in him. We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming when no one can work. As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world.’ When he had said this, he spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva and spread the mud on the man’s eyes, saying to him, ‘Go, wash in the pool of Siloam’ (which means Sent). Then he went and washed and came back able to see. The neighbours and those who had seen him before as a beggar began to ask, ‘Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?’ Some were saying, ‘It is he.’ Others were saying, ‘No, but it is someone like him.’ He kept saying, ‘I am the man.’ But they kept asking him, ‘Then how were your eyes opened?’ He answered, ‘The man called Jesus made mud, spread it on my eyes, and said to me, “Go to Siloam and wash.” Then I went and washed and received my sight.’ They said to him, ‘Where is he?’ He said, ‘I do not know.’

They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. Now it was a sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. Then the Pharisees also began to ask him how he had received his sight. He said to them, ‘He put mud on my eyes. Then I washed, and now I see.’ Some of the Pharisees said, ‘This man is not from God, for he does not observe the sabbath.’ But others said, ‘How can a man who is a sinner perform such signs?’ And they were divided. So they said again to the blind man, ‘What do you say about him? It was your eyes he opened.’ He said, ‘He is a prophet.’

The Jews did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight until they called the parents of the man who had received his sight and asked them, ‘Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?’ His parents answered, ‘We know that this is our son, and that he was born blind; but we

do not know how it is that now he sees, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him; he is of age. He will speak for himself.' His parents said this because they were afraid of the Jews; for the Jews had already agreed that anyone who confessed Jesus to be the Messiah would be put out of the synagogue. Therefore his parents said, 'He is of age; ask him.'

So for the second time they called the man who had been blind, and they said to him, 'Give glory to God! We know that this man is a sinner.' He answered, 'I do not know whether he is a sinner. One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see.' They said to him, 'What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?' He answered them, 'I have told you already, and you would not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you also want to become his disciples?' Then they reviled him, saying, 'You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from.' The man answered, 'Here is an astonishing thing! You do not know where he comes from, and yet he opened my eyes. We know that God does not listen to sinners, but he does listen to one who worships him and obeys his will. Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a person born blind. If this man were not from God, he could do nothing.' They answered him, 'You were born entirely in sins, and are you trying to teach us?' And they drove him out.

Jesus heard that they had driven him out, and when he found him, he said, 'Do you believe in the Son of Man?' He answered, 'And who is he, sir? Tell me, so that I may believe in him.' Jesus said to him, 'You have seen him, and the one speaking with you is he.' He said, 'Lord, I believe.' And he worshipped him. Jesus said, 'I came into this world for judgement so that those who do not see may see, and those who do see may become blind.' Some of the Pharisees near him heard this and said to him, 'Surely we are not blind, are we?' Jesus said to them, 'If you were blind, you would not have sin. But now that you say, "We see", your sin remains.

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**

*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**

*Please stand*

## **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.**

*Please share the sign of peace with those around you, saying, 'Peace be with you' with a friendly nod or wave. Please do not shake hands.*

At 10am **THE OFFERTORY HYMN: TIS 547** Be thou my vision

*A collection for the life and ministry of Holy Trinity will be taken as you leave this service.*

Blessed are you, Lord 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.**

*At 10am when organist is present responses are sung (TIS 756)*

...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.**

*Please kneel or sit*

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith.

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

...We worship you, Father, 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**

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

We who are many are one body,

**for we all share in the one bread.**

*Said together. Sung when organist is present.*

**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 INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

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

*At Holy Trinity, please stand in front of the sanctuary to receive communion. Communion will be distributed in bread only until further notice. All baptised Christians are welcome to receive Holy Communion. If you do not wish to receive communion and would like a blessing, please come forward and indicate this wish by keeping your hands behind your back. Following communion there is an opportunity for healing prayer . Please come to the sanctuary steps at the end of communion and let the priest know.*

## **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

... 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.**

## **NOTICES**

At 10am **FINAL HYMN: TiS 463** May this Lenten discipline

## **BLESSING AND DISMISSAL**

*Please stand*

*The priest gives the blessing, to which the response is ... **Amen.***

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

# PARISH NEWS

## **Happy Birthday to**

**Anne Mulholland for today  
Karen Frkovic for tomorrow**



**Tapestry Group will not meet next week.**

## **Community Lunches**

Community lunches will not be in operation until at least Monday 20 April due to the health risks for our volunteers and the clients of such an assembly of people.

## **Confirmation 2020**

The Confirmation Service for 2020 will be held on Sunday 17 May, with Bishop Kate Prowd presiding. We currently have 2 adult candidates.

If you know of anyone thinking of confirmation in the Anglican Church please encourage them to contact the Vicar before Easter.

Confirmation preparation will begin after Easter.

## **Morning Tea**

There will be no morning teas served in the Parish Centre until after Easter. You are welcome to take time to chat outside the church before you leave.

## **Home Communion and Visiting**

We will not be carrying out Pastoral visits or home communions until the current health risk has passed. The Vicar will be making pastoral phone calls and would appreciate it if your could pass on the name of anyone who should be contacted by telephone.

## PARISH ROSTERS

### 22 March: Fourth Sunday in Lent

<b>Intercessions</b>	8am: Wilma Robarts 10am: Reverend Elizabeth
<b>MOW</b>	8am: Kate Strasser 10am: Janice Schmidt
<b>Welcomer</b>	8am: Russell Dripps 10am: Carol Willis
<b>Sidesperson</b>	8am: Russell Dripps 10am: Laurence Gray <b>Music:</b> Craig Douglass

### Next Sunday: 29 March: Fifth Sunday in Lent

<b>First Reading</b> Ezekiel 37: 1-14 read by	8am: Wilma Robarts 10am: Sally Burt
<b>Psalm</b> 130	
<b>Second Reading</b> Romans 8: 6-11 read by	8am: Wilma Robarts 10am: Scott Phillips
<b>Preacher:</b> Rev Elizabeth Murray	
<b>Intercessions</b>	8am: Judy White 10am: Scott Phillips
<b>MOW</b>	8am: Kate Strasser 10am: Scott Phillips
<b>Welcomer</b>	8am: Judy White 10am: Peter Johnson
<b>Sidesperson</b>	8am: Judy White 10am: Sally Burt <b>Music:</b> Judy Whelan



Apricot Jam and Chutney and Plum Jam and sauce  
available for sale today

## THE PARISH AT A GLANCE

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### Baptism Arrangements:

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**(Mon & Fri 10 - 1 pm):**

Wilma Robarts:..... 0409 862 292

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Val Dripps ..... 0412 372 524

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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. Nursing Homes: Rev Elizabeth Murray, Williamstown Central: Valerie Dripps 0412 372 524, Victoria St/Hannan St areas: Ann Hodges 0417 581 662 In Newport/The Strand: Janice Schmidt 0409 180 144, Yarraville: Pamela McFadyen, Pt Cook/Altona Meadows: the Rev'd Margaret Burt: 0432 711 336.**

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

## REGULAR SUNDAY SERVICES

8 am: Eucharist (said)

10 am: Eucharist with hymns (1st Sunday/month)

Sung Eucharist (all other Sundays)

2nd & 4th Sundays: 6.00 pm: Contemplative Evening Service  
(5.00pm at non Daylight Saving time)