



**HOLY TRINITY ANGLICAN CHURCH  
WILLIAMSTOWN**

**27 December 2020  
First Sunday after Christmas  
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 livestreamed 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

It's still Christmas!

It's actually still Christmas until Epiphany, you know, The Twelve Days of Christmas, so don't take the tree down just yet. I like the fact we have almost two weeks of still feeling "Christmassy" without all the commercial ramping up that happens until Christmas Eve. Yes, there's all the fuss about Boxing Day sales, but we can still sit with and enjoy the love, joy, hope and peace of Christmas in the full knowledge that the consequences of Christmas, the Incarnation of the Word of God made flesh, actually continues for ever well beyond the events we celebrate each December.

The Blessings of the Christmas be with you all. Rev. Elizabeth

## PARISH PRAYER POINTS



### For the Church:

- Pray for Christians in other denominations and the work of the ecumenical movement, His Holiness Pope Francis, Bishop of Rome, His All Holiness Archbishop Bartholomew of Constantinople, New Rome and Ecumenical Patriarch, The General Secretary of the World Council of Churches Bishop Ivan M Abrahams, General Secretary World Methodist Council Chris Ferguson, General Secretary of the World Communion of Reformed Churches
- We pray for Christ Church Grammar School

**We pray for the parish** of St Andrew's Brighton

### In our Community:

As part of our regular cycle of prayer, we pray for Gordon and Robynne Bartlett, Simon Bradwell, Ingrid Dodd, Laurie English, Joanne Hall, Delia Paul and Laurence Gray, Saron Zeron

We pray for those who are suffering or unwell at this time, including: Gordon and Audrey Beal, Ron and Joan Bates, Barbara, Emilie Diopol, Barbara and Brett Hingston, Anne Mulholland, Helen, Heather Jobling, Bryan Matty, Laurie McLay, Robert Mander, Marjorie Todd  
Pray for the family and friends of May Koefed as they mourn her loss.

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

## **AN INVITATION TO WORSHIP AND REFLECTION**

If safe to do so, you are invited to light a candle as you enter into this time of prayer and reflection that you have set aside as sacred.

### **GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME**

The Lord be with you.  
And also with you.

### **THE SENTENCE**

*My eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentile and for glory to your people Israel. Luke 1:32-33*

### **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 grace of God has dawned upon the world with healing for all.

*Silence may be kept*

Let us bring our weaknesses and infirmities to him, 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**

Saving God, whose Son Jesus was presented in the temple and was acclaimed the glory of Israel and the light of the nations: grant that in him we may be presented to you and in the world may reflect his glory; who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

## **MINISTRY OF THE WORD**

**The First Reading:** Isaiah 61:10– 62:3 read by

Chris Ringrose

I will greatly rejoice in the LORD, my whole being shall exult in my God; for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation, he has covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels. For as the earth brings forth its shoots, and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up, so the Lord GOD will cause righteousness and praise to spring up before all the nations.

For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest, until her vindication shines out like the dawn, and her salvation like a burning torch. The nations shall see your vindication, and all the kings your glory; and you shall be called

by a new name that the mouth of the LORD will give.  
You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the LORD, and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.

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

## **PSALM 148**

- <sup>1</sup> Praise the LORD! Praise the LORD from the heavens;  
praise him in the heights!
- <sup>2</sup> **Praise him, all his angels; praise him, all his host!**
- <sup>3</sup> Praise him, sun and moon; praise him, all you shining stars!
- <sup>4</sup> **Praise him, you highest heavens,  
and you waters above the heavens!**
- <sup>5</sup> Let them praise the name of the LORD,  
for he commanded and they were created.
- <sup>6</sup> **He established them for ever and ever;  
he fixed their bounds, which cannot be passed.**
- <sup>7</sup> Praise the LORD from the earth,  
you sea monsters and all deeps,
- <sup>8</sup> **fire and hail, snow and frost,  
stormy wind fulfilling his command!**
- <sup>9</sup> Mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars!
- <sup>10</sup> **Wild animals and all cattle,  
creeping things and flying birds!**
- <sup>11</sup> Kings of the earth and all peoples,  
princes and all rulers of the earth!
- <sup>12</sup> **Young men and women alike, old and young together!**
- <sup>13</sup> Let them praise the name of the LORD, for his name alone is exalted; his glory is above earth and heaven.
- <sup>14</sup> **He has raised up a horn for his people, praise for all his faithful,  
for the people of Israel who are close to him.  
Praise the LORD!**

**The Second Reading:** Galatians 4: 4-7

read by Laurence Gray

But when the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, in order to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children. And because you are children, God has sent the Spirit

of his Son into our hearts, crying, 'Abba! Father!' So you are no longer a slave but a child, and if a child then also an heir, through God.

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

**THE GOSPEL** according to Saint Luke 2: 22-40

### **Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ**

When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord (as it is written in the law of the Lord, 'Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord'), and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, 'a pair of turtle-doves or two young pigeons.'

Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying,

'Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace, according to your word; for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel.'

And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, 'This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed—and a sword will pierce your own soul too.'

There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband for seven years after her marriage, then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshipped there with fasting and prayer night and day. At that moment she

came, and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem.

When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favour of God was upon him.

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 Wilma Robarts*

*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**

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.*

## **THE OFFERTORY**

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.**

*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 and sit quietly.*

*Communion is distributed.*

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.**

## **BLESSING AND DISMISSAL**

Christ the Son of God, born of Mary, fill you with grace to trust his promises and obey his will; and the 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 Joan Crook and Rod Healey for today**

### **Happy Wedding Anniversary**

**Brett and Barb Hingston  
who celebrate their wedding  
anniversary today**



### **Can you help?**

#### **Are you able to help on the rosters for services in 2021?**

We are seeking additional people as readers, to lead intercessions, to assist as Covid officer.

Please add your name to the list available in the church or email Judy ([secretary@htw.org.au](mailto:secretary@htw.org.au)), indicating your preferred role, week etc as soon as you are able to ensure your inclusion in the rosters from February.

#### **Are you able to assist with care of our lawns?**

Are you able to assist with the lawn mowing roster for 2021?

We have many wedding couples seeking to reschedule their weddings and baptisms in 2021 and it will be important to keep our property looking its best throughout the year.

## THE PARISH AT A GLANCE

Vicar: Rev Elizabeth Murray

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**NOTE:** The Parish Office will NOT be open for the foreseeable future

### Wardens:

Scott Phillips ..... 0411 751 755

Tom Verghese ..... 0419 999 292

### Honorary Lay Minister to Men:

Scott Phillips..... 0411 751 755

### Treasurer:

Laurence Gray ..... 0431 322 490

### Bookkeeper:

Ian Stewart ..... 0438 070 439

### Parish Council Secretary:

Judy White ..... 0434 250 411

### Administration:

Judy White..... 0434 250 411

### Pastoral Care:

Janice Schmidt..... 0409 180 144

### Baptism Arrangements:

Parish Office, Wed & Fri 9 - 4 9397 5330

### Weddings:

Judy White, Parish Office

Wed/Fri 9397 5330

### The Pilot - Parish Journal:

Judy White ..... 0434 250 411

### Community Lunch Programme :

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

Wilma Roberts:..... 0409 862 292

Christine Hurwood..... 0428 589 092

### Anglicare Emergency Relief:

Carol Willis ..... 0439 458 096

### Organists:

Craig Douglass..... 0425 774 307

John Rivers..... 0473 029 187

### Women of Holy Trinity:

Liz White ..... 0407 850 501

Neralie Hoadley

### Music Group:

Carol Huren..... 0410 476 607

### Ada Cambridge Book Group:

Wilma Roberts..... 0409 862 292

### Tapestry Group:

Joan Crook..... 9393 9478

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Scott Phillips..... 0411 751 755

### Synod representatives:

Val Dripps ..... 0412 372 524

Scott Phillips ..... 0411 751 755

## 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**

**Newport/The Strand: Janice Schmidt 0409 180 144,**

**Yarraville: Pamela McFadyen 0412 280 233**

**Pt Cook/Altona Meadows: the Rev'd Margaret Burt: 0432 711 336.**

If you are in need or know of someone who needs help, please contact either the above person in your area or call Judy 0434 250 411.