



# HOLY TRINITY ANGLICAN CHURCH WILLIAMSTOWN

## **3rd January 2021** **Second 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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## REFLECTION

The Word became flesh . . .

This is not only the beautiful gift of Christmas, it is the amazing mystery at the core of the Christian faith. And it's ok that it is mysterious. Over the centuries, people of faith have debated and discussed the mechanics of the Incarnation in ways that may seem strange to us. I'm not saying we should be curious people, but I think that we can also embrace mystery at times. For myself, how the Incarnation happened is not as important as the fact that it did. 'From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace,' and through the Incarnation we glimpse eternal love - God.

Rev Elizabeth



## PARISH PRAYER POINTS



### **For the Church:**

- Pray for The Episcopal / Anglican Province of Alexandria
- We pray for Ministry with the Aboriginal people of Australia
- [Karingal - St Laurence Community Services](#)

**We pray for the parish** of Yarraville

### **In our Community:**

As part of our regular cycle of prayer, we pray for Marie Calthorpe, Joan Crook, Lyn Dinham, Leonie Dobinson, Champi and Vanessa Elwela, Anne and James Mulholland, Betty Windsor.

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

## **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**

*God has destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. Ephesians 1.15-16*

## **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 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**

Almighty God, you have filled us with the light of the Word, who became flesh and lived among us: let the light of faith shine in all that we do; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

## **THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD**

The First Reading: Jeremiah 31. 7-14. Read by Liz White

For thus says the LORD: Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob, and raise shouts for the chief of the nations; proclaim, give praise, and say, 'Save, O LORD, your people, the remnant of Israel.' See, I am going to bring them from the land of the north, and gather them from the farthest parts of the earth, among them the blind and the lame, those with child and those in labour, together; a great company, they shall return here: With weeping they shall come, and with consolations I will lead them back, I will let them walk by brooks of water, in a straight path in which they shall not stumble; for I have become a father to Israel, and Ephraim is my firstborn.

Hear the word of the LORD, O nations, and declare it in the coastlands far away; say, 'He who scattered Israel will gather him, and will keep him as a shepherd a flock.' For the LORD has ransomed Jacob, and has redeemed him from hands too strong for him. They shall come

and sing aloud on the height of Zion, and they shall be radiant over the goodness of the LORD, over the grain, the wine, and the oil and over the young of the flock and the herd; their life shall become like a watered garden, and they shall never languish again. Then shall the young women rejoice in the dance and the young men and the old shall be merry. I will turn their mourning into joy, I will comfort them, and give them gladness for sorrow. I will give the priests their fill of fatness, and my people shall be satisfied with my bounty, says the LORD.

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

### **PSALM 147 12-20**

<sup>12</sup> Praise the Lord, O Jerusalem! Praise your God, O Zion!

<sup>13</sup> **For he strengthens the bars of your gates;  
he blesses your children within you.**

<sup>14</sup> He grants peace within your borders;  
he fills you with the finest of wheat.

<sup>15</sup> **He sends out his command to the earth;  
his word runs swiftly.**

<sup>16</sup> He gives snow like wool; he scatters frost like ashes.

<sup>17</sup> **He hurls down hail like crumbs—  
who can stand before his cold?**

<sup>18</sup> He sends out his word, and melts them;  
he makes his wind blow, and the waters flow.

<sup>19</sup> **He declares his word to Jacob,  
his statutes and ordinances to Israel.**

<sup>20</sup> He has not dealt thus with any other nation;  
they do not know his ordinances. Praise the Lord!

**The Second Reading:** Ephesians 1. 3-14 Read by Jill Ringrose

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his

grace that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; this is the pledge of our inheritance towards redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

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

**THE GOSPEL** according to Saint John 1. 10-18  
**Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ**

He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth. (John testified to him and cried out, 'This was he of whom I said, "He who comes after me ranks ahead of me because he was before me."') From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God. It is God the only Son, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him known.

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 Scott Phillips*

*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](http://www.htw.org.au) and click on 'Donate now'.*

### **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*

*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.**

## **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 Batson for Wednesday the 6th of January**



## **Completion of the Annual Meeting:**

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

## **THANK YOU**

To everyone who helped out in any way with the Christmas Services this year. It was great to be able to welcome people into the Church for our joyful celebration.

## **Christmas Fare.**

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

## 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:

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Jill Ringrose

### Honorary Lay Minister to Men:

Scott Phillips..... 0411 751 755

### Treasurer:

Laurence Gray ..... 0431 322 490

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### Administration:

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### Pastoral Care:

Janice Schmidt..... 0409 180 144

### Baptism Arrangements:

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### The Pilot - Parish Journal:

Judy White ..... 0434 250 411

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Wilma Robarts..... 0409 862 292

Christine Hurwood..... 0428 589 092

### Anglicare Emergency Relief:

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### Organists:

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Neralie Hoadley

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Carol Huren..... 0410 476 607

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Wilma Robarts..... 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

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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,

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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 Judy 0434 250 411.