



**HOLY TRINITY ANGLICAN CHURCH
WILLIAMSTOWN**

**10 May 2020
Fifth Sunday of Easter
& Mothers' Day**



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, regardless of age, gender, sexual orientation, race or background. Thank you for being part of our worship today.

A video of this worship service will be available on the parish YouTube channel from Sunday morning, links are on our website under 'Services'. Directions for joining us for morning tea via Zoom are available in this pew sheet.

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REFLECTION

"For you are my high rock and my stronghold" This line from Psalm 31 is an expression of hope in God's care for us especially in times of trouble. I have found maintaining my regular prayer life absolutely crucial over the past few weeks. I hope that you have been able to draw on your own spiritual routines at this time. If you would like help with resources for praying at home, now and well into the future, please ask. Rev Elizabeth

PS: As we grieved not being able to gather at Easter, I'm sure many are feeling that grief around Mothers' Day. I hope families find ways to connect, and I would hope that our community and families demonstrate their love for their mothers every day, not on that one day in May. We give thanks to God for all mothers and mother figures who have nurtured us, and I pray for all.



PARISH PRAYER POINTS



For the Church:

- Pray for the Anglican Church of Kenya
- The Religious Orders serving within the Anglican Church of Australia
- Diocesan Liturgical Committee

We pray for the Church of the Ascension Springvale

In our Community:

As part of our regular cycle of prayer, we pray for Rev Margaret Burt, Sally Burt, Peter Johnson, Rachel Clark and Paul McNear, Karen and Nik Frkovic, Adrian Pagan, Janice Schmidt, Rayma Thompson, Carol Willis, Sue Wragg.

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, George Hodges, Heather Jobling, Bryan Matty, Laurie McLay, Robert Mander, May Kofoed, Diane Robinson, Ian Stewart, Marjorie Todd and Carol Williams.

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.

Hymn: TiS 637

Dm Gm A Dm Bb A7 Dm
Gm A F E7 Am Bb Gm Dm
C F C7 Dm F Gm Dm A7 Dm

1.

Lord of the living, in your name
assembled,
we join to thank you for the life
remembered.
Father, have mercy, to your
children giving
hope in believing.

2.

Help us to treasure all that will
remind us
of our enrichment in the days
behind us.
Your love has set us in the
generations,
God of creation.

3.

May we, whenever tempted to
dejection,
strongly recapture thoughts of
resurrection.
You gave us Jesus to defeat our
sadness
with Easter gladness.

4

Lord, you can lift us from the
grave of sorrow
into the presence of your own
tomorrow;
give to your people in this day's
affliction
your benediction.

Frederik Herman Kaan 1929–
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GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

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

Christ is risen. Alleluia. **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

THE SENTENCE

'I am the way, and the truth and the life,' says the Lord. 'No one comes to the Father except through me.' John 14:6

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 our Passover Lamb has been offered for us, therefore we come to celebrate the festival.

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**

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, who called your Church to witness that you were in Christ reconciling the world to yourself: help us so to proclaim the good news of your love, that all who hear it may be reconciled to you; through him who died for us and rose again and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

MINISTRY OF THE WORD

The First Reading: Acts 7: 55-60 read by Susan Phillips

But filled with the Holy Spirit, Stephen gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. 'Look,' he said, 'I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!' But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him; and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, 'Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.' Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, 'Lord, do not hold this sin against them.' When he had said this, he died.

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

Psalm 31: 1-5, 17-18

- ¹ In you, O LORD, I seek refuge; do not let me ever be put to shame; in your righteousness deliver me.
- ² Incline your ear to me; rescue me speedily.
Be a rock of refuge for me, a strong fortress to save me.
- ³ You are indeed my rock and my fortress;
for your name's sake lead me and guide me,
- ⁴ take me out of the net that is hidden for me, for you are my refuge.

- ⁵ Into your hand I commit my spirit;
you have redeemed me, O LORD, faithful God.
- ¹⁷ Do not let me be put to shame, O LORD, for I call on you;
let the wicked be put to shame; let them go dumbfounded to Sheol.
- ¹⁸ Let the lying lips be stilled
that speak insolently against the righteous with pride and contempt.

The Second Reading: 1 Peter 2: 11-25 read by Wilma Roberts

Beloved, I urge you as aliens and exiles to abstain from the desires of the flesh that wage war against the soul. Conduct yourselves honourably among the Gentiles, so that, though they malign you as evildoers, they may see your honourable deeds and glorify God when he comes to judge.

For the Lord's sake accept the authority of every human institution, whether of the emperor as supreme, or of governors, as sent by him to punish those who do wrong and to praise those who do right. For it is God's will that by doing right you should silence the ignorance of the foolish. As servants of God, live as free people, yet do not use your freedom as a pretext for evil. Honour everyone. Love the family of believers. Fear God. Honour the emperor.

Slaves, accept the authority of your masters with all deference, not only those who are kind and gentle but also those who are harsh. For it is to your credit if, being aware of God, you endure pain while suffering unjustly. If you endure when you are beaten for doing wrong, where is the credit in that? But if you endure when you do right and suffer for it, you have God's approval. For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you should follow in his steps.

'He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth.'
When he was abused, he did not return abuse; when he suffered, he did not threaten; but he entrusted himself to the one who judges justly. He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, free from sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed. For you were going astray like sheep, but now you have returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

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

THE GOSPEL according to Saint John 14: 1-14

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ

'Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house there are many dwelling-places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going.' Thomas said to him, 'Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?' Jesus said to him, 'I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.'

Philip said to him, 'Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.' Jesus said to him, 'Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, "Show us the Father"? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.'

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

led by Laurence Gray

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.

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.

All who repent of their sins, trust in Christ, and celebrate his saving work with grateful thanks, truly eat and drink the body and blood of Christ.

The priest consumes the bread and wine of the Holy Communion on behalf of the community of faith.

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

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

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
Tina Thomas for today***



**Wedding Anniversary
Congratulations
to Valerie and Russell Dripps
Who celebrate their
wedding anniversary
tomorrow**



CONFIRMATION PREPARATION

Confirmation preparation has commenced for our 3 adult confirmation candidates.

They are Elanor, Maryanne and Ron.

Please pray for them as they work through their preparation with Elizabeth. We do not yet know when they will be confirmed.

PARISH NEWS

MORNING TEA

A virtual morning tea and time of fellowship is booked for 11am each Sunday until the end of May. Please follow the link below to join in:

Join Zoom Meeting <https://zoom.us/j/630446725?pwd=clJqeFhVaitBbjg0YVZISzZGL0RmZz09>

Meeting ID: 630 446 725 Password: 962018
For assistance please call Tom Verghese on 0419 999 292

These morning teas are scheduled for some weeks to come so once you've set up the link you will only need to re enter the password each week to enter the Zoom morning tea again.

READINGS AND INTERCESSIONS

Would you like to contribute to our online services? We are seeking parishioners willing to record themselves reading or praying through the intercessions each week and make these part of the online service. This will be a voice recording rather than a video.

If you are interested in being involved please contact Judy on 0434 250 411 or email office@htw.org.au

Weekly Newsletter

We are emailing out a weekly newsletter .

Are you receiving it?

If not, please call Judy 0434 250 411

Jam Available

Wilma has lime and ginger and cumquat jam
and some quince jelly available for sale.

Please call, or text her 0409 862 292
with your selection and she will leave it in her letterbox for you

THE PARISH AT A GLANCE

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

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Community Lunch Programme :

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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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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.