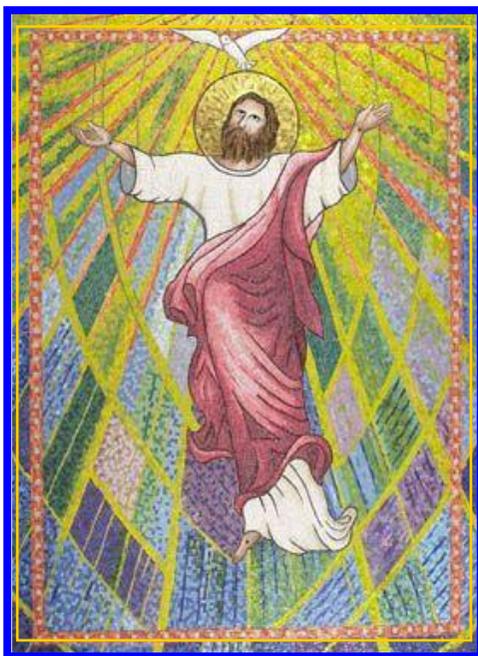




HOLY TRINITY ANGLICAN CHURCH WILLIAMSTOWN

24 May 2020 **Seventh Sunday of Easter**



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

Through Jesus, we know God. That is one of the overall lessons of the Gospel story. Jesus comes from God, everything Jesus says and does comes from God, and God and Jesus are one. It was saying that kind of thing that upset the religious authorities of Jesus' day and caused them to call him a blasphemer. It is a radical thing to say, but Jesus was and is from God and returned to be with God after his resurrection. This gives Christians a way to God, an intimate link to the transcendent divinity. Jesus was a precious gift from a loving God. Our response to this generosity is to seek to live lives inspired by all that Jesus Christ taught the disciples, which has been passed through the generations and read afresh as living words in every age to show God's love.

Vicar Elizabeth

PARISH PRAYER POINTS



For the Church:

- All members of the Anglican Communion around the world
- Ministry with the Aboriginal people of Australia
- Evangelical Fellowship in the Anglican Communion (EFAC)

We pray for the parish of St Johns Toorak

In our Community:

As part of our regular cycle of prayer, we pray for Valerie and Russell Dripps, Joan and Rod Healey, Barbara and Brett Hingston, Shirley Hunt, Wilma Robarts, Ian Stewart, Robert Vial, Judy Whelan

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 pray for the family of Rev Jonathan Chambers who died last week.

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 392

1.

At the dawning of salvation;
in the morning of the world,
Christ is raised, a living banner
by the love of God unfurled,
Through the daylight, through the
darkness,
Christ leads on his great array:
all the saints and all the sinners
he has gathered on his way.

2.

He is risen in the morning,
he is risen from the dead;
he is laughter after sadness,
he is light when night has fled.
He has suffered, he has tri-
umphed,
life is his alone to give:
as he gave it once he gives it
evermore, that we may live.

3.

For the glory of salvation
in the dawn of Easter day
we will praise you, loving Father;
we rejoice to sing and pray
with the Son and with the Spirit.
Lead us on, your great array,
saints and sinners celebrating
your triumphant love today.

Jock Curle (b. 1919)

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

'This is eternal life, that we may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. John 17:3

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

O God, whose Son, Jesus, prayed for his disciples, and sent them into the world to proclaim the coming of your kingdom: by your Holy Spirit, hold the Church in unity, and keep it faithful to your word, so that, breaking bread together, we may be one with Christ in faith and love and service, now and for ever.

Amen

MINISTRY OF THE WORD

The First Reading: Acts 1: 6-14 by Warren Madsen

So when they had come together, they asked him, 'Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?' He replied, 'It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.' When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up towards heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, 'Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up towards heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.'

Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day's journey away. When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying, Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

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

Psalm 68: 1-10, 32-35

- ¹ Let God rise up, let his enemies be scattered;
let those who hate him flee before him.
- ² As smoke is driven away, so drive them away;
as wax melts before the fire, let the wicked perish before God.
- ³ But let the righteous be joyful; let them exult before God;
let them be jubilant with joy.
- ⁴ Sing to God, sing praises to his name;

lift up a song to him who rides upon the clouds — his name is the LORD— be exultant before him.

⁵ Father of orphans and protector of widows is God in his holy habitation.

⁶ God gives the desolate a home to live in; he leads out the prisoners to prosperity, but the rebellious live in a parched land.

⁷ O God, when you went out before your people, when you marched through the wilderness,

⁸ the earth quaked, the heavens poured down rain at the presence of God, the God of Sinai, at the presence of God, the God of Israel.

⁹ Rain in abundance, O God, you showered abroad; you restored your heritage when it languished;

¹⁰ your flock found a dwelling in it; in your goodness, O God, you provided for the needy.

³² Sing to God, O kingdoms of the earth; sing praises to the Lord,

³³ O rider in the heavens, the ancient heavens; listen, he sends out his voice, his mighty voice.

³⁴ Ascribe power to God, whose majesty is over Israel; and whose power is in the skies.

³⁵ Awesome is God in his sanctuary, the God of Israel; he gives power and strength to his people. Blessed be God!

The Second Reading: 1 Peter 5 read by Janice Schmidt

Now as an elder myself and a witness of the sufferings of Christ, as well as one who shares in the glory to be revealed, I exhort the elders among you to tend the flock of God that is in your charge, exercising the oversight, not under compulsion but willingly, as God would have you do it—not for sordid gain but eagerly. Do not lord it over those in your charge, but be examples to the flock. And when the chief shepherd appears, you will win the crown of glory that never fades away. In the same way, you who are younger must accept the authority of the elders. And all of you must clothe yourselves with humility in your dealings with one another, for ‘God opposes the proud, but gives grace to the humble.’

Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, so that he may exalt you in due time. Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you. Discipline yourselves; keep alert. Like a roaring lion your adversary the devil prowls around, looking for someone to devour. Resist him, steadfast in your faith, for you know that your brothers and sisters throughout the world are undergoing the same kinds of suffering. And after you have suffered for a little while, the

God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, support, strengthen, and establish you. To him be the power for ever and ever. Amen.

Through Silvanus, whom I consider a faithful brother, I have written this short letter to encourage you, and to testify that this is the true grace of God. Stand fast in it. Your sister church in Babylon, chosen together with you, sends you greetings; and so does my son Mark. Greet one another with a kiss of love. Peace to all of you who are in Christ.

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

THE GOSPEL according to Saint John 17:1-11

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ

After Jesus had spoken these words, he looked up to heaven and said, 'Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed.

'I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

THE SERMON

Reverend 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 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

We are the body of Christ.

His spirit is with us.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

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.

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
Denny Martin for Tuesday***



CONFIRMATION PREPARATION

Confirmation preparation has commenced for our 2 adult confirmation candidates.

They are Elanor and Maryanne

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

Jam and Relish Available

Wilma has lime and ginger and cumquat jam , Tomato relish 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

Weekly Newsletter

We are emailing out a weekly newsletter .

Are you receiving it?

If not, please call Judy 0434 250 411

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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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

HTW/Anglicare Emergency Relief

Partnership:

Carol Willis 0439 458 096

Organists:

Craig Douglass..... 0425 774 307

John Rivers..... 0473 029 187

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Neralie Hoadley

Music Group:

Carol Huren..... 0410 476 607

Ada Cambridge Book Group:

Wilma Roberts..... 0409 862 292

Tapestry Group:

Joan Crook..... 9393 9478

Interfaith Dialogue:

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.