



HOLY TRINITY ANGLICAN CHURCH WILLIAMSTOWN

26 July 2020 **Feast of Mary Magdalene**



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.

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.

REFLECTION

Mary of Magdalene is a prominent and crucial figure in the Gospels. She stays at the foot of the cross when Jesus is crucified. She goes to the tomb to tend the body of the teacher she followed and learnt from as he ministered around Galilee. Mary is the one who first encounters the risen Christ, and in John's account at least is instructed to tell the other disciples that Jesus is indeed risen.

The traditions that grew up around Mary as a repentant prostitute have no founding in scripture and have muddied the waters around her role as a disciple of Jesus, just like the other women and men who were with Jesus during his earthly ministry, and more crucially as the first person to proclaim that Jesus is risen after having borne faithful witness to his crucifixion. Reclaiming the role of Mary Magdalene is part of the wider mission to reclaim and celebrate the voices of women in the Bible and in history as being just as much a part of God's mission as those of men.

Rev Elizabeth



PARISH PRAYER POINTS



For the Church:

- Pray for the team responsible for preparing the Lambeth Conference dealing with its postponement
- The Diocese of Grafton
- Inner West Church, Kensington

We pray for the parishes of St James' Dandenong, St Mark's, Yarraville

In our Community:

As part of our regular cycle of prayer, we pray for Valerie and Russell Dripps, Joan and Rod Healey, Barb 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, Heather Jobling, Bryan Matty, Laurie McLay, Robert Mander, May Kofoed, Diane Robinson, Marjorie Todd, 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 382 Now the green blade rises

1.

Now the green blade rises
from the buried grain,
wheat that in the dark earth
many days has lain:
love lives again,
that with the dead has been:

Refrain:

*Love has come again,
like wheat that springs
up green.*

2.

In the grave they laid him,
Love whom hate had slain,
thinking that he never
would awake again,
laid in the earth,
like grain that sleeps unseen.

Refrain:

Love has come again, ...

3.

Up he sprang at Easter,
like the risen grain,
he who for the three days
in the grave had lain,
raised from the dead
my living Lord is seen:

Refrain

Love has come again, ...

4.

When our hearts are wintry,
grieving, or in pain,
then your touch can call us
back to life again —
fields of our hearts
that dead and bare have been:

Refrain

Love has come again, ...

John Macleod Campbell Crum 1872–
1958 *alt.*

GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

THE SENTENCE

The love of Christ urges us on, because we are convinced that one has died for all, so that those who live might live not for themselves, but for him who died and was raised for them. 2 Corinthians 5:14-15

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

God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy, welcoming sinners and inviting them to the Lord's table.

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

Almighty God, whose Son called Mary Magdalene to be a witness of his resurrection: mercifully grant that by your grace we may be forgiven and healed, and may know you in the power of your Son's risen life; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, now and for ever.

Amen

MINISTRY OF THE WORD

The First Reading: Song of Songs 3: 1-4a read by Liz White

¹ Upon my bed at night I sought him whom my soul loves; I sought him, but found him not; I called him, but he gave no answer. ² 'I will rise now and go about the city, in the streets and in the squares; I will seek him whom my soul loves.' I sought him, but found him not. ³ The sentinels found me, as they went about in the city. 'Have you seen him whom my soul loves?' ⁴ Scarcely had I passed them, when I found him whom my soul loves.

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

Psalm 63

¹ O God, you are my God, I seek you, my soul thirsts for you; my flesh faints for you, as in a dry and weary land where there is no water.
² So I have looked upon you in the sanctuary,
 beholding your power and glory.
³ Because your steadfast love is better than life,
 my lips will praise you.
⁴ So I will bless you as long as I live;
 I will lift up my hands and call on your name.
⁵ My soul is satisfied as with a rich feast,
 and my mouth praises you with joyful lips
⁶ when I think of you on my bed,
 and meditate on you in the watches of the night;
⁷ for you have been my help,
 and in the shadow of your wings I sing for joy.
⁸ My soul clings to you; your right hand upholds me.
⁹ But those who seek to destroy my life
 shall go down into the depths of the earth;
¹⁰ they shall be given over to the power of the sword,
 they shall be prey for jackals.
¹¹ But the king shall rejoice in God; all who swear by him shall exult,
 for the mouths of liars will be stopped.

The Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 5: 14-21 read by Valerie Dripps

For the love of Christ urges us on, because we are convinced that one has died for all; therefore all have died. And he died for all, so that those who live might live no longer for themselves, but for him who died and was raised for them.

From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

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

THE GOSPEL according to Saint John 20: 1-18

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, 'They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him.' Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went towards the tomb. The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. Then the disciples returned to their homes.

But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. They said to her, 'Woman, why are you weeping?' She said to them, 'They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him.' When she had said this, she turned round and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, 'Woman, why are you weeping? For whom are you looking?' Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, 'Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away.' Jesus said to her, 'Mary!' She turned and said to him in Hebrew, 'Rabbouni!' (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, 'Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, "I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God."' ' Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, 'I have seen the Lord'; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

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 Sally Burt.

*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 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 on 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
James Mulholland for Tuesday
Tom Verghese for Wednesday



CONFIRMATION PREPARATION

Confirmation preparation has now concluded for our two confirmation candidates, Elanor and Maryanne.

Please pray for them as they continue in their journey of faith.
A date for the Confirmation is yet to be set.

The Pilot August and September

The Pilot for August and September will be emailed out this week and copies will be available for collection outside the Parish Centre from Thursday.

Please contact Judy (0434 250 411 or office @htw.org.au) if you need a copy placed in your letterbox and do not receive it that way.

PARISH NEWS

MORNING TEA

THIS IS A NEW LINK FOR THE WEEKLY ZOOM MORNING TEAS UNTIL AUGUST

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

Join Zoom Meeting

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81790762206?
pwd=VXFYMTI5MkZUZWVhYktmcGZTajYrUT09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81790762206?pwd=VXFYMTI5MkZUZWVhYktmcGZTajYrUT09)

Meeting ID: 817 9076 2206

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.

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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Janice Schmidt..... 0409 180 144

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Judy White, Parish Office

Wed/Fri 9397 5330

The Pilot - Parish Journal:

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Ada Cambridge Book Group:

Wilma Roberts..... 0409 862 292

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Joan Crook..... 9393 9478

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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 : 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.