



HOLY TRINITY ANGLICAN CHURCH WILLIAMSTOWN

3 May 2020
Fourth 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 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.

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REFLECTION

Jesus said, "I am the good shepherd." We are called to be the sheep that recognise the voice of the good shepherd and follow. When life is busy, we can find all sorts of distractions from making space to hear and listen to what God is calling us to be and do. Perhaps we should resist the temptation to fill isolation time with activities and stuff. We can embrace solitude for a while and seek to spend that time reflecting on what it means to have faith in a God that showed love through the life, death and resurrection of Jesus the Good Shepherd. By following Jesus, the promise is that we will have life and have it abundantly.

Rev Elizabeth



PARISH PRAYER POINTS



For the Church:

- Pray for the Anglican Communion in Japan
- The Diocese of the Murray
- Diocesan Building Committee

We pray for Mullum Mullum Parish, Ringwood

In our Community:

As part of our regular cycle of prayer, we pray for Marie Calthorpe, Joan Crook, Lyn Dinham, Leonie Dobinson, Christa Fatouros, Deny Martin, Liz, Steven, Nicole, Gabrielle and Thomas White

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 and friends of Alice James 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.

Hymn: TiS 543 God's Paschal Lamb is sacrificed for us

1.
God's Paschal Lamb is sacrificed
for us;
therefore with joy we keep the
Easter feast;
forsaking sin, we share the
bread of truth.
Alleluia!

2.
Now is Christ raised and will not
die again;
death has no more dominion over
him.
Through him we die to sin and
live to God.
Alleluia!

3.
In Christ we see the first fruits of
the dead;
though Adam's sin has doomed
all flesh to die,
in Christ's new life shall all be
made alive.
Alleluia!

The Easter Anthems, adapted by Carl P.
Daw, Jr. 1944-

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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 good shepherd,' said the Lord. 'The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.' John 10:11

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

God of all power, you called from death our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep: send us as shepherds to rescue the lost, to heal the injured, and to feed one another with understanding; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

MINISTRY OF THE WORD

The First Reading: Acts 2:42-47 read by Janice Schmidt

They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.

Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

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

Psalm 23

- ¹ The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not want.
- ² He makes me lie down in green pastures;
he leads me beside still waters;
- ³ he restores my soul. He leads me in right paths
for his name's sake.
- ⁴ Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil;
for you are with me; your rod and your staff — they comfort me.
- ⁵ You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.
- ⁶ Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,
and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD my whole life long.

The Second Reading: 1 Peter 2: 1-10 read by Carol Huren

Rid yourselves, therefore, of all malice, and all guile, insincerity, envy, and all slander. Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation— if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.

Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight, and like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. For it stands in scripture:

‘See, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious; and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.’ To you then who believe, he is precious; but for those who do not believe,

‘The stone that the builders rejected has become the very head of the corner’, and ‘A stone that makes them stumble, and a rock that makes them fall.’ They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do.

But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God’s own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvellous light. Once you were not a people, but now you are God’s people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

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

THE GOSPEL according to Saint John 10: 1-10

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ

‘Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers.’ Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

So again Jesus said to them, ‘Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.

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 Kate Strasser

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
Bryan Matty for today
Margaret Swane for Wednesday***



**Wedding Anniversary
Congratulations
to Laurence Gray and Delia Paul
Who celebrate their wedding anniversary on
Wednesday**



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.

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

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.

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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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

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Nursing Homes: Rev Elizabeth Murray

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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.