



HOLY TRINITY ANGLICAN CHURCH  
WILLIAMSTOWN

## **SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER**

**11th April 2021**

**9.00am**



*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 will be live streamed on the parish YouTube channel. Links are on our website under 'Services'.*

[www.htw.org.au](http://www.htw.org.au)

***Please take this order of service with you***

## REFLECTION

*Happy Easter!* And yes, it is still Easter. Our church season of Easter continues all the way to Pentecost. The risen Christ was still present in and around Jerusalem with the disciples and other followers for some time after the empty tomb was discovered. Forty days later, they witness Jesus return to heaven. The resurrection is an ongoing phenomenon. Although Christ ascended, the risen Christ is still with us today. Christ is with us when we worship, when we pray, when we visit with the sick and dying, in everything we do as followers of the risen Jesus. Lent was a season for reflection and preparation. I now invite you into thanksgiving and joy for the season of Easter. Rev. Elizabeth



## PARISH PRAYER POINTS



### For the Church

- The Church of the Province of the Indian Ocean.
- The Diocese of Melbourne
- Evangelism in the Diocese: St. David's Moorabbin.
- All Saints, St. Kilda.

### In our Community:

As part of our regular cycle of prayer, we pray Karen & Nik Frkovic, Kelly-Marie, Scott & Emily Gaskell, Pamela Hepworth, Liz, Steven, Gabrielle, Nicole & Thomas White.

We pray for those who are suffering or unwell at this time, including: Gordon & Audrey Beal, Ron & Joan Bates, Barbara, Barbara & Brett Hingston, Sandra Lewin, Anne Mulholland, Helen, Heather Jobling, Bryan Matty, Laurie McLay, Robert Mander, Marjorie Todd.

*Holy Trinity Anglican Church is on the sovereign lands of the Yalukit Willum of the Kulin Nation. We pay respect to Elders past, present and emerging.*

## **GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME**

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

## **THE SENTENCE**

*'Peace be with you,' says the Lord. 'As the Father has sent me, so I send you.'* John 20.21

## **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 our Passover Lamb has been offered for us, therefore we come to celebrate the festival. Let us confess our sins in penitence and faith, with a sincere and a true heart.

**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.**

## **KYRIE ELEISON**

Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**  
Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**  
Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

## **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.**

### **THE 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 Jesus Christ is the resurrection and the life of all who put their trust in him: raise us, we pray, from the death of sin to the life of righteousness; that we may ever seek the things which are above, where he reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

### **THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD**

**The First Reading:** Acts 4.32-37. Read by Warren Madsen.

Now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common. With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold. They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need. There was a Levite, a native of Cyprus, Joseph, to whom the apostles gave the name Barnabas (which means 'son of encouragement'). He sold a field that belonged to him, then brought the money, and laid it at the apostles' feet.

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

### **Psalm 133**

<sup>1</sup> Behold how good and how lovely it is:  
when families live together in unity.

<sup>2</sup> **It is fragrant as oil upon the head,  
that runs down over the beard:  
fragrant as oil upon the beard of Aaron,  
that ran down over the collar of his robe.**

<sup>3</sup> It is like a dew of Hermon:  
like the dew that falls upon the hill of Zion.

<sup>4</sup> **For there the Lord has commanded his blessing:  
which is life for evermore.**

**The Second Reading:** 1 John 1.1-2.2. Read by Sue Phillips.

We declare to you what was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands, concerning the word of life— this life was revealed, and we have seen it and testify to it, and declare to you the eternal life that was with the Father and was revealed to us—we declare to you what we have seen and heard so that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. We are writing these things so that our joy may be complete. This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in him there is no darkness at all. If we say that we have fellowship with him while we are walking in darkness, we lie and do not do what is true; but if we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us. My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

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

**THE GOSPEL** according to Saint John 20.19-31

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.' When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.' But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, 'We have seen the Lord.' But he said to them, 'Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.' A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' Then he said to Thomas, 'Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.' Thomas answered him, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him, 'Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.' Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name. This is the Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

**THE SERMON**

Reverend Elizabeth Murray, Vicar

**THE CREED** *(please stand)*

**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 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** *(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. Cash donations can be left in the plate as you leave the church.*

*Cashless giving: 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, 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*

...We worship you, Father, 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.**

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 baptised 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 or similar words*

The body of Christ the bread of heaven keep you in eternal life.

**Amen.**

The blood of Christ the cup of salvation keep you in eternal life.

**Amen.**

### **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Most glorious Lord of life, we thank you that you nourish us in these Easter mysteries. Fill us with the Spirit of love and unite us in faith, that we may witness to the resurrection and show your glory to the world.

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.**

*Notices may be given*

## **BLESSING**

The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you what is pleasing in his sight; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia!  
**In the name of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia!**



# PARISH NEWS

## **INVITATION TO CONFIRMATION**

A reminder that Bishop Kate is coming for a Confirmation service on 18<sup>th</sup> April at 9 am. We hope that many will be here to support the confirmees, Elanor & Maryanne.

## **SERVICE TIMES**

From Sunday 2 May our regular Holy Communion worship times will be Sundays 8am and 10am, Wednesdays 10am.

## **CONVERSATIONS AT THE CENTRE**

Our next Conversation is scheduled for Wednesday 5th May 2021. Dr. Kate Strasser will lead a discussion on "First Nations Peoples" For more details contact Ingrid Dodd.

## **WOMEN OF HOLY TRINITY GROUP**

The next meeting will be Thursday 13th May at 7.30pm. Always held on the 2nd Thursday each month. All Welcome

## **TAPESTRY GROUP**

The Tapestry Group will meet in the Parish Centre on the 3rd Saturday of each month at 2 pm. The next date is the 17th April. All Welcome.

## **GARDEN WORKING BEE**

We meet on the 2nd Saturday of each month from 9.00 am. We would love it if 12 or more people could join us in keeping the church gardens looking great. Please feel free to pull weeds at any time too!  
*ALL VERY WELCOME.*

## **MINDFUL MOMENTS**

Our Mindful Moments are back on! You're welcome to join us for a brief time of reflection on Zoom, Mondays 5.30pm. All welcome.  
Meeting ID: 966 0565 7168 Passcode: Moment

### **ANGLICARE FOOD RELIEF PROGRAM**

Please note that Anglicare would be grateful to receive donations of food again. Please place these in the basket provided in the church.

### **ADA CAMBRIDGE BOOK GROUP**

Our next book group discussion will be held at the Parish Centre on Wednesday 28th April at 12.00m. Our book is The Shepherd.

### **HERITAGE FESTIVAL**

On Saturday 1 May, 2-4pm the community will have the opportunity to visit for tours of Holy Trinity Williamstown. We need volunteers to help put on fundraising refreshments in the Parish Centre, and guiding people around our historic site. Please contact the parish office if you are available and interested

### **WILMA'S PRESERVES.**

Wilma has Tomato Chutney and Cumquat Marmalade for sale.

Wilma is in need of jam jars, please clean out your cupboards and bring them along.

***Happy Birthday to APRIL BIRTHDAY PEOPLE***

**Ian Stewart 7th**

**Sue Searls 8th**

**Laurie English 12th**



## **DATES FOR THE DIARY**

### **APRIL**

- 12 5.30pm Mindful Moments online
- 13 6.30pm Parish Council
- 18 9.00am Confirmation service
- 19 3.00pm Village Communion
- 22 5.30pm Mindful Moments online
- 24 2.00pm Tapestry Group
- 25 ANZAC Day
- 26 5.30pm Mindful Moments online
- 28 12 noon Ada Cambridge Book Club, Parish Centre

### **MAY**

- 1 2.00-4.00pm Historic Williamstown church tours—bookings  
essential
- 2 8.00am and 10.00am services resume
- 3 5.30pm Mindful Moments online
- 5 7.30pm Conversations at the Centre, Parish Centre
- 8 9.00am Garden Working Bee
- 10 5.30pm Mindful Moments online
- 11 6.30pm Parish Council Meeting
- 13 7.30pm Women's Group
- 17 3.00pm Village Holy Communion
- 5.30pm Mindful Moments online
- 22 2.00pm Tapestry Group
- 24 5.30pm Mindful Moments online
- 30 TRINITY SUNDAY
- 31 5.30pm Mindful Moments online

## **PARISH ROSTERS**

### **This Sunday**

**First Reading: Acts 4: 32-37.** Read by Warren Madsen

**Psalm:**133

**Second Reading:** 1 John 1:1-2:2 Read by Sue Phillips

**Gospel:** John 20.19-31

**Intercessor:** Laurence Gray

**Liturgical Minister:** Janice Schmidt

**Welcomer/Covid Officer:** Jeannine Madsen/Scott Phillips

**Flowers:** Pamela Mc Fadyen

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### **Next Sunday**

**First Reading:** Acts3:12-20 Read by Valerie Dripps

**Psalm:** 4

**Second Reading:** 1 John 2:15-17, 3:1-6

**Gospel:** Luke 24.36b-48

**Intercessor:** Wilma Robarts

**Liturgical Minister:** Ingrid Dodd

**Welcomer/Covid Officer:** Russell Dripps/Jill Ringrose

**Flowers:** Sue Searls

## **SAFEGUARDING**

We strongly condemn any form of abuse and are committed to safeguarding children and vulnerable people, and speaking out against violence against women. If you would like to raise any concerns, please contact the independent Professional Standards Body, Kooyoora. Phone: 1800 135 246. For advice in the case of violence, call 1800 737 732. If anyone is in immediate danger, call 000.

**THE PARISH AT A GLANCE**

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Pamela Mc Fadyen

**Baptism Arrangements:**

Parish Office, Tuesday & Thursday  
.....9397 5330

**Weddings:**

Parish Office, Tuesday & Thursday  
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Craig Douglass..... 0425 774 307  
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Neralie Hoadley

**Music Group:**

**Ada Cambridge Book Group:**

Wilma Robarts..... 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 & 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 the vicar.