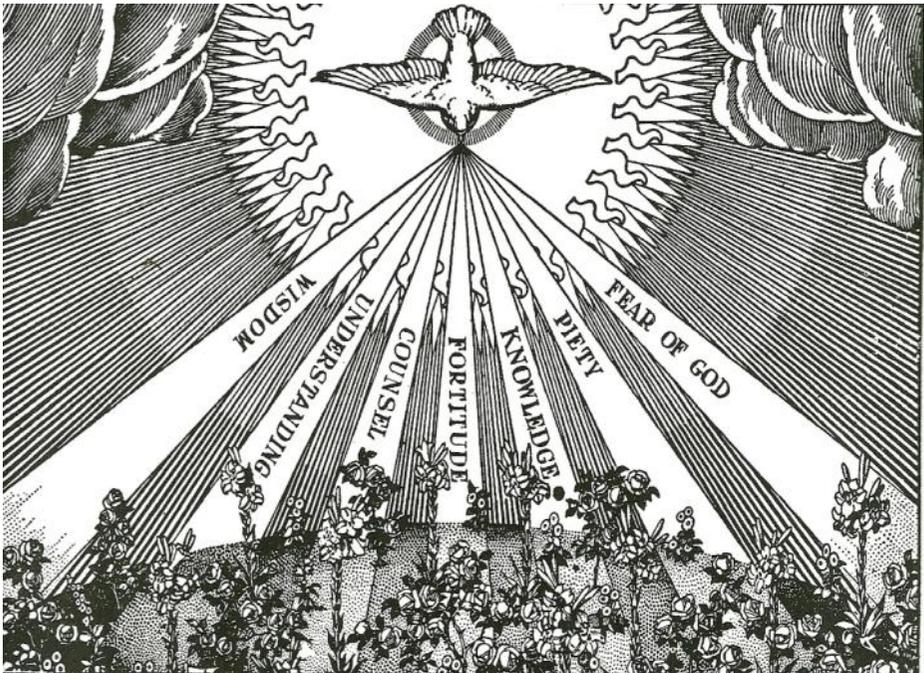




HOLY TRINITY ANGLICAN CHURCH WILLIAMSTOWN

14 March 2021 **Fourth Sunday in Lent** **Holy Communion**



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 worship service will be live streamed on the parish YouTube channel from 9am Sunday morning, links are on our website under 'Services'.

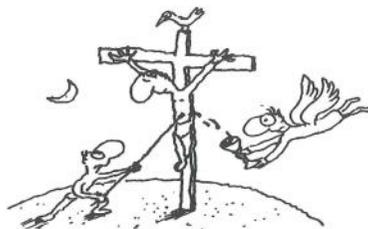
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Please take this order of service with you

REFLECTION

Michael Leunig on Crucifixion

Let us live in such a way
That when we die
Our love will survive
And continue to grow. Amen.



That which is Christ-like within us shall be crucified.
It shall suffer and be broken.
And that which is Christlike within us shall rise up.
It shall love and create.



PARISH PRAYER POINTS



For the Church:

- Iglesia Anglicana de Chile
- The Diocese of Perth
- Cross-Cultural Ministry
- The Parish of St. John's, Healesville w. St. Paul's, Yarra Glen

In our Community:

Gordon & Robynne Barrett, Simon Bradwell, Ingrid Dodd, Laurie English, Rev. Joanne Hall, Delia Paul & Laurence Gray, Saron Zeron.

We pray for those who are suffering or unwell at this time, including: Joan & Ron Bates, Audrey & Gordon Beal, Sandra Lewin, Brian Matty, Laurie McLay, Anne Mulholland, Kate Strasser.

Acknowledgement

We acknowledge that our church is on the sovereign lands of the Yalukit Willum of the Kulin Nation. We pay our respects to First Nation's Elders past, present and emerging.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN: TIS 584

Just as I am, without one plea
but that your blood was shed for me,
and that you would my Saviour be,
O Lamb of God, I come.

Just as I am, though tossed about
with many a conflict, many a doubt,
fightings and fears within, without,
O Lamb of God, I come.

Just as I am, poor, wretched, blind —
sight, riches, healing of the mind,
yes, all I need, in you to find,
O Lamb of God, I come.

Just as I am, you will receive,
will welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve;
because your promise I believe,
O Lamb of God, I come.

Just as I am — your love unknown
has broken every barrier down —
now to be yours, and yours alone,
O Lamb of God, I come.

Just as I am, of that free love
the breadth, length, depth and height to prove,
here for a season, then above,
O Lamb of God, I come.

Charlotte Elliott 1789–1871 *alt*
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GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

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

THE SENTENCE

*The Son of Man must be lifted up, that whoever believes in him
may have eternal life. John 3.14–15*

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

Compassion and forgiveness belong to the Lord our God, though we have rebelled and wandered far off.

Silence may be kept.

Let us then ask for mercy, confessing our sins in penitence and faith.

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**

TRISAGION

Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.

COLLECT FOR THE DAY

Almighty God, in Christ you make all things new: transform the poverty of our nature by the riches of your grace, and in the renewal of our lives make known your heavenly glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

The First Reading: Numbers 21.4-9. Read by Sue Phillips. From Mount Hor they set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom; but the people became impatient on the way. The people spoke against God and against Moses, 'Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we detest this miserable food.' Then the Lord sent poisonous serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many Israelites died. The people came to Moses and said, 'We have sinned by speaking against the Lord and against you; pray to the Lord to take away the serpents from us.' So Moses prayed for the people. And the Lord said to Moses, 'Make a poisonous serpent, and set it on a pole; and everyone who is bitten shall look at it and live.' So Moses made a serpent of bronze, and put it upon a pole; and whenever a serpent bit someone, that person would look at the serpent of bronze and live.

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

Psalm 107. 1-3,17-22

¹ O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good:
for his loving mercy is for ever.

² **Let the Lord's redeemed say so:**

whom he has redeemed from the hand of the enemy,

³ And gathered in from every land, from the east and from the west:
from the north and from the south.

¹⁷ **Fools were far gone in transgression:
and because of their sins were afflicted.**

¹⁸ They sickened at any food:
and had come to the gates of death.

¹⁹ **Then they cried to the Lord in their distress:
and he took them out of their trouble.**

²⁰ He sent his word and healed them:
and saved their life from the Pit.

²¹ **Let them thank the Lord for his goodness:
and for the wonders that he does for the children of Adam;**

²² Let them offer sacrifices of thanksgiving:
and tell what he has done with shouts of joy.

The Second Reading: Ephesians 2 1-10. Read by Warren Madsen
You were dead through the trespasses and sins in which you once lived, following the course of this world, following the ruler of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work among those who are disobedient. All of us once lived among them in the passions of our flesh, following the desires of flesh and senses, and we were by nature children of wrath, like everyone else. But God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved—and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, so that in the ages to come he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness towards us in Christ Jesus. For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God— not the result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life. For the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

THE GOSPEL: according to St John 3.14-21
Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.

And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. 'For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. 'Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. Those who believe in him are not condemned; but those who do not believe are condemned already, because they have not believed in the name of the only Son of God. And this is

the judgement, that the light has come into the world, and people loved darkness rather than light because their deeds were evil. For all who do evil hate the light and do not come to the light, so that their deeds may not be exposed. But those who do what is true come to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that their deeds have been done in God.'

This the Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ**

THE SERMON

Rev Elizabeth Murray

A time of silence is kept

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.

OFFERTORY HYMN TIS 674

Inspired by love and anger, disturbed by need and pain,
informed of God's own bias, we ask him once again:

'How long must some folk suffer? How long can few folk mind?
How long dare vain self-interest turn prayer and pity blind?'

From those for ever victims of heartless human greed,
their cruel plight composes a litany of need:

'Where are the fruits of justice? Where are the signs of peace?
When is the day when prisoners and dreams find their release?'

From those for ever shackled to what their wealth can buy,
the fear of lost advantage provokes the bitter cry:

'Don't query our position! Don't criticise our wealth!
Don't mention those exploited by politics and stealth!'

To God, who through the prophets proclaimed a different age,
we offer earth's indifference, its agony and rage:

'When will the wronged be righted? When will the kingdom come?
When will the world be generous to all instead of some?'

God asks,' Who will go for me? Who will extend my reach?

And who, when few will listen, will prophesy and preach?

And who, when few bid welcome, will offer all they know?

And who, when few dare follow, will walk the road I show?'

Amused in someone's kitchen, asleep in someone's boat,
attuned to what the ancients exposed, proclaimed and wrote,
a saviour without safety, a tradesman without tools
has come to tip the balance with fishermen and fools.

John L. Bell 1949– and Graham Maule 1958–
Words from Wild Goose Songs I, *Heaven Shall Not Wait* by permission Wild Goose
Publications, CCLI

Offerings

*Donations to support the life & work of Holy Trinity are most
welcome. We rely on your generosity.*

*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 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

... 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.

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

A prayer is said which concludes with ...

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

FINAL HYMN: Christ, Be Our Light

Longing for light, we wait in darkness

Longing for truth, we turn to You.

Make us Your own, Your holy people

Light for the world to see.

Christ, be our light!

Shine in our hearts.

Shine through the darkness.

Christ, be our light!

Shine in Your church gathered today.

Longing for peace, our world is troubled

Longing for hope, many despair.

Your word alone has pow'r to save us. *Refrain*

Longing for food, many are hungry

Longing for water, many still thirst.

Make us Your bread, broken for others

Shared until all are fed. *Refrain*

Longing for shelter, many are homeless

Longing for warmth, many are cold.

Make us Your building, sheltering others

walls made of living stone. *Refrain*

Many the gift, many the people

Many the hearts that yearn to belong.

Let us be servants to one another

Making Your kingdom come. *Refrain*

BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

Christ our Saviour draw you to himself, that you may find in him crucified a sure ground for faith, a firm support for hope, and the assurance of sin forgiven and the blessing of God almighty, Eternal Majesty, Incarnate Word and Abiding Spirit, be with us all, now and always. **Amen.**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

In the name of Christ. Amen.

PARISH NEWS

SUNDAY WORSHIP

Parish Council and Rev. Elizabeth invite you into a conversation about whether or not to continue with the one worship service on Sunday mornings. You are welcome to call or email Elizabeth, and there will be a chance to have a group conversation about this topic after worship on Sunday 21 March in the church.

LENT STUDIES

Our "Into the Desert" series continues Wednesday 24 March, 7.30pm in the Parish Centre with the theme Cool of the Night & Returning.

WOMEN OF HOLY TRINITY GROUP

The next meeting will be Thursday 8th April 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 20th March. **All Welcome.**

CONVERSATIONS AT THE CENTRE

Thank you to everyone who attended last week. Our next Conversation is scheduled for Wednesday 7 April, 7.30pm, with Sue Phillips leading the conversation.

BLOOD PLUM JAM FOR SALE

Wilma, has some Blood Plum Jam and Plum Paste for sale today, also Lime and Ginger Marmalade. You will find her at the back of the Church at the end of the service.

GARDEN WORKING BEE

We meet on the 2nd Saturday of each month from 9.00 am. We would 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.

SUCCULENT PLANT SALE

At the back of the Church Pamela has some succulents for sale today, \$5.00 a pot.

BULB FUNDRAISER

Please take a flyer to support our fundraiser and grow fantastic bulbs for the Spring. The link is www.bulbfundraiser.com.au/HOLYTACW

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 24th at 12pm. Our Book for this month is The Tenant Wildfell Hall, by Anne Bronte.

HOLY WEEK AT HOLY TRINITY

28 March, Palm Sunday 9.00am Blessing of the Palms & Palm crosses,

Then 9.30am, process to combined worship with St John's Uniting Church, Electra Street.

1 April, Maundy Thursday 7.00pm Eucharist and Washing of Feet

2 April, Good Friday 9.00am Service of Prayer marking the Crucifixion

4 April, Easter Day 6.30am Easter Vigil and New Fire;
9.00am Easter Eucharist

Palm Cross making at the Parish Centre on Saturday 27 March, 3-4pm.

Any one with palm branches to give, please contact Rev Elizabeth.

PARISH ROSTERS

Sunday 14th March, 4th Sunday in Lent.

First Reading: Numbers 21:4-9 Sue Phillips

Psalms 107: 1-3, 17-22.

Second Reading: Ephesians 2, 1-10 Warren Madsden

Liturgical Minister: Janice Schmidt

Welcomer/Covid Officer. Jeannine Madsden/Tom Verghese

Gospel: John: 3, 14-21

Next Sunday 21st March, 5th Sunday in Lent.

First Reading: Jeremiah 31.31-34 Valerie Dripps

Psalms 119. 9-16

Second Reading: Hebrews 5.5-14 Sally Burt

Liturgical Minister: Ingrid Dodd.

Welcomer/Covid Officer. Jill Ringrose/Russell Dripps

Gospel: John: 12.20-33

THE PARISH AT A GLANCE

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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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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.