



**HOLY TRINITY ANGLICAN CHURCH
WILLIAMSTOWN**

**21st March 2021
Fifth 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

We can have a mixed relationship authority. There are those we respect and are inspired by. There are those we hold in contempt. And of course there are people who will not respect any type of authority at all. Accepting God, Holy Trinity, as having authority over us is about committing to a way of living that is liberating and life-giving for all, and is far more profound than any human authority.

Rev. Elizabeth

PS: My sincerest apologies, but it completely slipped my mind that the Fourth Sunday in Lent was also Mothering Sunday. I'll do better in 2022. Especially during these times when the place of women is at the forefront on our collective minds, I do thank God for all the mothers, grandmothers and mother-figures who have shaped the world for good through the generations.



PARISH PRAYER POINTS



For the Church:

- Hong Kong Cheng Kung Hui
- The Anglican Church of Australia
- Diocesan Provincial Council
- St. John the Evangelist Malvern East

In our Community:

Marie Calthorpe, Joan Crook, Lyn Dinham, Leonie Dobinson, Champi & Vanessa Elwela, Anne & James Mulholland, Betty Windsor

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 647

Refrain

*Comfort, comfort all my people
with the comfort of my Word.*

*Speak it tender to my people:
all your sins are taken away.*

Though your tears be rivers running,
though your tears be an ocean full,
though you cry with the hurt of living:
comfort, comfort.

Every valley shall be lifted,
every mountain shall be low,
every rough place will be smoother:
comfort, comfort.

Refrain

Though your eyes see only darkness,
though your eyes can see no light,
though your eyes see pain and sorrow:
comfort, comfort.

Every night will have its morning,
every pain will have an end,
every burden will be lightened:
comfort, comfort.

Refrain

Robin Mann 1949– inspired by Isaiah 40
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GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

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

THE SENTENCE

'This is the covenant I will make with them,' says the Lord God: 'I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God and they shall be my people.' Jeremiah 31.33

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

We thank you, heavenly Father, that you have delivered us from the power of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of your Son: we pray that as by his death he has recalled us to life, so by his presence abiding in us he may raise us to joys eternal; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

The First Reading: Jeremiah 31. 31-34 Read by Val Dripps.

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the Lord. But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, 'Know the Lord', for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the Lord; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

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

Psalm 119. 9-16

⁹ How shall the young keep their path pure:
unless they hold to your word?

¹⁰ **I have sought you with my whole heart:
let me not stray from your commandments.**

¹¹ I have treasured your words in my heart:
that I might not sin against you.

¹² **Blessed are you, Lord God:
O teach me your statutes.**

¹³ With my lips I have been telling:
all the judgements of your mouth;

¹⁴ **And I find more joy in the way of your commands:
than in all manner of riches.**

¹⁵ I will meditate on your precepts:

and give heed to your ways;

**¹⁶ For my delight is wholly in your statutes:
and I will not forget your word.**

The Second Reading. Hebrews 5. 5-14 Read by Sally Burt

So also Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was appointed by the one who said to him, 'You are my Son, today I have begotten you' as he says also in another place, 'You are a priest for ever, according to the order of Melchizedek.'

In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission.

although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

About this we have much to say that is hard to explain, since you have become dull in understanding. For though by this time you ought to be teachers, you need someone to teach you again the basic elements of the oracles of God. You need milk, not solid food; for everyone who lives on milk, being still an infant, is unskilled in the word of righteousness. But solid food is for the mature, for those whose faculties have been trained by practice to distinguish good from evil.

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

THE GOSPEL: according to St. John 12. 20-33

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ

Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, 'Sir, we wish to see Jesus.' Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. Jesus answered them, 'The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. Whoever serves me

must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honour. 'Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say—"Father, save me from this hour"? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. Father, glorify your name.' Then a voice came from heaven, 'I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.' The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, 'An angel has spoken to him.' Jesus answered, 'This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. Now is the judgement of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.' He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die. 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 Wilma Roberts

*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 538

Feed us now, Bread of life,
in this holy meal;
let us know your love anew:
we hunger for you.

Feed us now, Bread of life,
come and live within
let your peace be ours today,
Lord Jesus, we pray.

Piece of bread, cup of wine:
Lord, this food is good:
love and mercy come to us —
your promise we trust.

Piece of bread, cup of wine:
who can understand
how his mercy works in these?
Yet, Lord, we believe.

God is here, O so near,
nearer than our thoughts.
Stay with us where'er we go;
Lord, help us to grow.

God is here, O so near,
in this heaven's meal.
May we always feed on you —
on the bread that is true.

Robin Mann 1949–
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Offerings

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

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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: TIS 699

A new commandment I give unto you
that you love one another
as I have loved you,
that you love one another
as I have loved you.
By this will others know
that you are my disciples
if you have love one for another;
by this will others know
that you are my disciples
if you have love one for another. (Repeat)

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.

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 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.

PALM CROSSES

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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 17th April.

All Welcome.

CONVERSATIONS AT THE CENTRE

Our next Conversation is scheduled for Wednesday 7 April, 7.30pm, with Sue Phillips leading the conversation. Invite friends to join us for thought provoking discussions.

BIRTHDAYS

Apologies to all the March Birthday people, you slipped off the radar. Happy Birthday to Carl Hurwood, Sally Burt, Sarah Thompson, Joanne Hall, Warren Madsen, Anne Mulholland and Karen Frkovic

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.

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 of Wildfell Hall, by Anne Bronte.

CULTURAL DIVERSITY WEEK IN HOBSON'S BAY

Culture Diversity Week (21 to 28 March) and Harmony Day (21 March) are around the corner, and Hobsons Bay has many events to help you celebrate culture, language and faith with our diverse community, include an Interfaith Network display at Altona North Community Library.

Find an event near you: hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au/culturaldiversityweek

PARISH ROSTERS

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

Next Sunday 28th March, Palm Sunday

Combined service at St. John's Uniting Church, Electra St.

Liturgical Minister: Scott Phillips

We will have a brief Blessing of the Palms service at 9 am (outside weather permitting). Then at 9.45 we will process along Pasco St. If you do not wish to process, please head straight to Electra Street for 10am worship.

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.