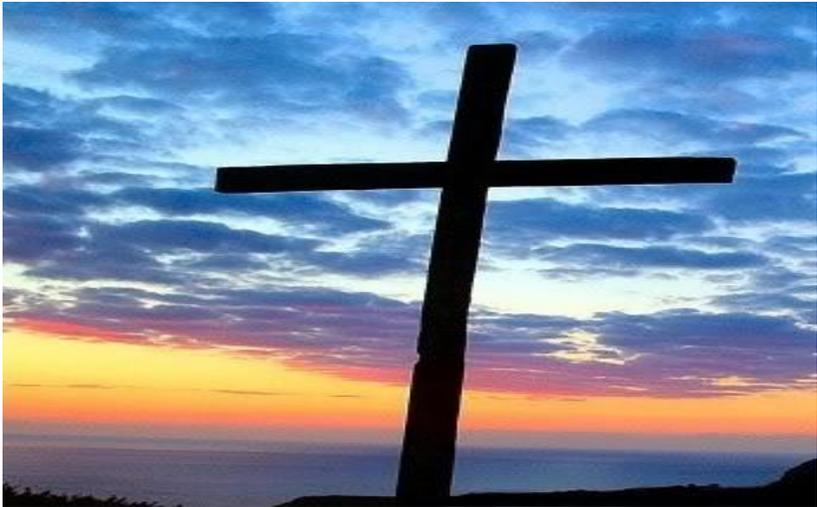




**HOLY TRINITY ANGLICAN CHURCH
WILLIAMSTOWN**

**28 February 2021
Second 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

It's an awful feeling to be left out of something. It's even worse to be actively rejected and excluded, particularly through the actions or inactions of others. When the federal government announced the miserly increase to the Job Seeker allowance, I was dismayed. The Covid supplement to this support payment had meant that many Australia's were actually living above the poverty line for the first time, and now that's being taken away.

I think it reasonable to expect that people should be able to live with dignity and security, especially while they don't have work. How are people meant to look for fulfilling work when they are constantly having to choose between buying food or paying the bills that put a safe roof over their heads? Jesus doesn't promise we will not suffer, their will be times of struggle, but Jesus did call for justice, so I do not accept that the most vulnerable in our community should continue to suffer as a result of policies that fail to respect human dignity. Let the advocacy continue.

Rev Elizabeth



PARISH PRAYER POINTS

For the Church:

- Anglican Church in Central America.
- The Diocese of Bathurst
- Calling Melbourne to Prayer Group
- St. Paul's Geelong.

In our Community:

Christine Hurwood, Wilma Robarts, Sarah Thompson, Marjorie Todd, Alison Tom, Gemma & Rajesh Verghese,

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.

We pray for the family and friends of the recently departed Jane van Tooren.

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: 583

'Take up your cross,' the Saviour said,
'if you would my disciple be;
take up your cross with willing heart
and humbly follow after me.'

Take up your cross; let not its weight
fill your weak spirit with alarm;
his strength shall bear your spirit up
and brace your heart and nerve your arm.

Take up your cross, nor heed the shame,
and let your foolish pride be still:
your Lord refused not even to die
upon a cross, on Calvary's hill.

Take up your cross, then, in his strength
and calmly every danger brave;
it guides you to a better home
and leads to victory o'er the grave.

Take up your cross and follow Christ,
nor think till death to lay it down;
for only those who bear the cross
may hope to wear the glorious crown.

Charles William Everest 1814–77 *alt.*

GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

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

THE SENTENCE

If you want to become a disciple of Jesus, deny yourself, take up your cross, and follow him. Mark 8.34

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

God of all times and places, in Jesus Christ, who was lifted up on the cross, you opened for us the path to eternal life: grant that we, being born again of water and the Spirit, may joyfully serve you in newness of life and faithfully walk in your holy ways; through Jesus Christ 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: Genesis 17, 1-7 15-16 Read by Wilma Roberts
When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the Lord appeared to Abram, and said to him, 'I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless. And I will make my covenant between me and you, and will make you exceedingly numerous.' Then Abram fell on his face; and God said to him, 'As for me, this is my covenant with you: You shall be the ancestor of a multitude of nations. No longer shall your name be Abram, but your name shall be Abraham; for I have made you the ancestor of a multitude of nations. I will make you exceedingly fruitful; and I will make nations of you, and kings shall come from you. I will establish my covenant between me and you, and your offspring after you throughout their generations, for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you. God said to Abraham, 'As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. I will bless her, and moreover I will give you a son by her. I will bless her, and she shall give rise to nations; kings of peoples shall come from her.'
For the Word of the Lord **Thanks be to God**

Psalm 22.24-32

²⁴ O praise the Lord, all you that fear him:

hold him in honour, O seed of Jacob, and let the seed of Israel stand in awe of him.

²⁵ **For he has not despised nor abhorred the poor man in his misery:**

nor did he hide his face from him, but heard him when he cried.

²⁶ From you springs my praise in the great congregation:

I will pay my vows in the sight of all that fear you;

²⁷ **The meek shall eat of the sacrifice and be satisfied:**

and those who seek the Lord shall praise him—may their hearts rejoice for ever!

²⁸ Let all the ends of the earth remember and turn to the Lord: and let all the families of the nations worship before him.

²⁹ **For the kingdom is the Lord's:**

and he shall be ruler over the nations.

³⁰ How can those who sleep in the earth do him homage: or those that descend to the dust bow down before him?

³¹ **But he has saved my life for himself:**

and my posterity shall serve him.

³² This shall be told of my Lord to a future generation: and his righteousness declared to a people yet unborn, that he has done it.

The Second Reading: Romans 4. 13-25 Read by Laurence Gray. For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation. For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, 'I have made you the father of many nations')—in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become 'the father of many nations', according to what was said, 'So numerous shall your descendants be.' He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah's womb. No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. Therefore his faith 'was reckoned to him as righteousness.' Now the words, 'it was reckoned to him', were written not for his sake alone, but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

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

THE GOSPEL: according to Saint Mark 8.31-38

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.

Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, 'Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.' He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, 'If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.'

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 *(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 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 *(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 611

God of grace and God of glory,
on your people pour your power;
now fulfil your Church's story,
bring the bud to glorious flower.
Grant us wisdom,
grant us courage,
for the facing of this hour.

See the hosts of evil round us
scorn your Christ, assail his ways.
Fears and doubts too long have bound us;
free our hearts to work and praise.

Grant us wisdom,
grant us courage,
for the living of these days.

Cure your children's warring madness;
bend our pride to your control;
shame our wanton selfish gladness,
rich in things and poor in soul.
Grant us wisdom,

Henry Emerson Fosdick 18878-1969.alt.

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: TIS 607

Make me a channel of your peace.

Where there is hatred let me bring your love;
where there is injury, your pardon, Lord;
and where there's doubt, true faith in you.

*O Master, grant that I may never seek so
much to be consoled as to console,
to be understood as to understand,
to be loved, as to love with all my soul.*

Make me a channel of your peace.

Where there's despair in life, let me bring hope;
where there is darkness, let me bring your light;
and where there's sadness, ever joy.

*O Master, grant that I may never seek so
much to be consoled as to console,
to be understood as to understand,
to be loved, as to love with all my soul.*

Make me a channel of your peace.

*it is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
in giving of ourselves that we receive,
and in dying that we're born to eternal life.*

Based on an anonymous prayer (?French) c.1900
his version by Johann Sebastian Templehoff
(‘Sebastian Temple’) 1928–
Words and music by permission LicenSing

BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

May Christ the Son of God be manifest to you, that your lives may be a light to the world, and the blessing of God, 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

9am Sunday worship to continue

We will continue our one service of worship on Sundays at 9am until Easter. This keeps matters simple in the current public health environment. If you have any questions about this, Rev Elizabeth will be happy to hear from you.

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



The Creator's Thumbprints and Interfaith Encounters

Leader: Laurence Gray

7.30pm Wednesday 3 March 2021

Venue: Parish Centre

For more details contact Ingrid Dodd: 9996 1842

CONVERSATIONS AT THE CENTRE

The Conversations will take place on the 1st Wednesday of each month.

COMMUNITY LUNCHESES

Community Lunches have resumed at Holy Trinity Williamstown and will be operating on a Friday for this year.

WOMEN OF HOLY TRINITY GROUP

The next meeting will be on Thursday 11th March, 7.30 pm in the Parish Centre. **All Welcome.**

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

The service will be held at St. Johns in Electra St. on Friday the 5th March at 1.30pm. Vanuatu is the country this year. All Welcome.

According to Sister Patricia there is to be a meeting to organize for the service on Feb 16 at 10 30am. They will be looking for volunteers to participate in the service.

BLOOD PLUM JAM FOR SALE

Our expert jam maker, Wilma, has some Blood Plum Jam and Plum Paste for sale today. You will find her at the back of the Church at the end of the service.

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.**

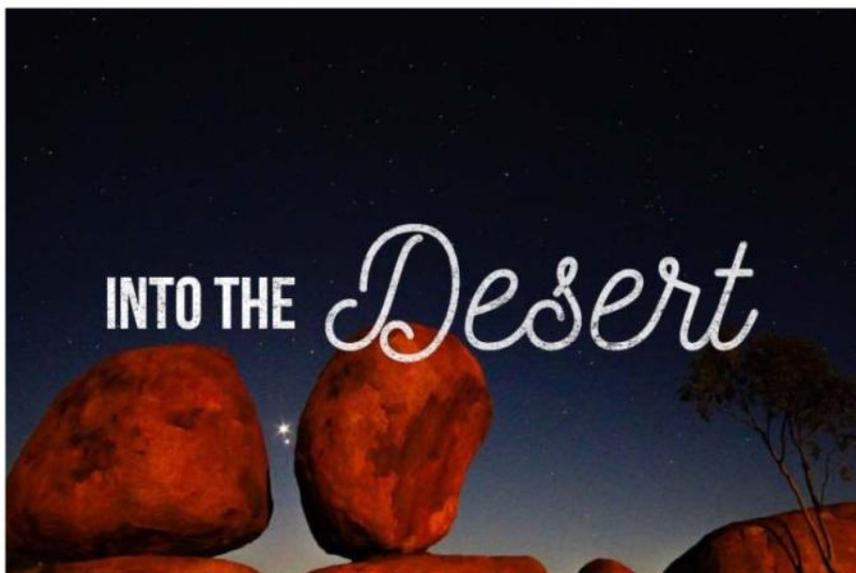
GARDEN WORKING BEE

Our usual gardening morning will be the 2nd Saturday of the month from 9.00 am. It would be ideal if we could recruit 12 people plus people to remove many of the weeds, this number of people would make a huge difference. Please feel free to pull any weeds, any time also.

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.



Lenten Studies 2021

Fortnightly sessions to reflect on the scriptures and what time in the desert, the wilderness, can teach us on our journey of faith.

7.30-9.00pm Wednesdays
24 February, 10 March, 24 March
in our Parish Centre

All welcome for this time of sharing.



**HOLY TRINITY ANGLICAN CHURCH
WILLIAMSTOWN**

PARISH ROSTERS

Sunday 28th February 2nd Sunday in Lent.

First Reading: Genesis 17:1-7,15-16 Wilma Robarts.

Psalm: 22: 24-32

Second Reading: Romans 4: 13-25 Laurence Gray.

Intercessions: Sally Burt

Liturgical Minister: Scott Phillips.

Welcomer/Covid Officer: Carol Willis/Jill Ringrose.

Gospel: Mark 9, 2-9

Next Sunday 7th March. 3rd Sunday in Lent.

First Reading: Exodus 20.1-17 Liz White.

Psalm 19:

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians. **18-23 Janice Schmidt**

Intercessions: **Scott Phillips:**

Liturgical Minister: **Tom Verghese.**

Welcomer/Covid Officer: Pamela Mc Fadyen/Scott Phillips

Gospel: **John:2 13-22**

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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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.