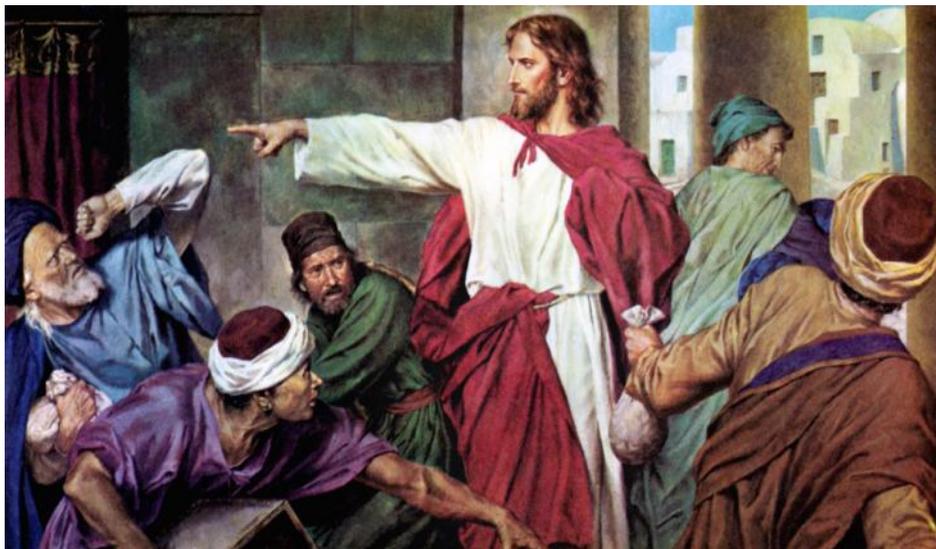




# HOLY TRINITY ANGLICAN CHURCH WILLIAMSTOWN

**7 March 2021**  
**Third 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'.  
[www.htw.org.au](http://www.htw.org.au)*

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

## REFLECTION

Jesus lost his temper.

While a Christian life seeks to avoid violence and promotes love above all things, there are times when we feel angry. It's what we do in reaction to that anger, and what we choose to get angry about that is the challenge of living a Christian life. I never condone violence, and it's not my place to tell people how to think, but I would like to suggest the following:

Being asked to wear a mask to protect the vulnerable in our community is not a reason to get angry or violent.

The fact that there are so many people in our community who are vulnerable because of systemic injustice and inequality, might be a reason to get motivated to seek peaceful ways to change that.

Rev. Elizabeth



## PARISH PRAYER POINTS



### For the Church:

- Anglican Province of the Congo
- The Diocese of Grafton
- Spiritual Health Victoria Council
- Parish of St. Cuthbert's, Grovedale w. St. Wilfrid's Mount Duneed.

### In our Community:

Joan Batson, Jenny Berridge, Ann Hodges, Rev. Elizabeth Murray, Joanne Walker, Judith White,

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: 262**

When pain and terror strike by chance,  
with causes unexplained,  
when God seems absent or asleep,  
and evil unrestrained,  
we crave an all-controlling force  
ready to rule and warn,  
but find, far-shadowed by a cross,  
a child in weakness born.

We marvel at God's nakedness  
and sense the play of chance  
in Herod's anger, Peter's growth,  
and Pilate's troubled glance.  
Our Saviour's tempted, tested way  
never was cut and dried,  
but costly, risking life and love,  
betrayed and crucified.

How deep the Wisdom of our God,  
how weak, but truly wise,  
to risk, to sacrifice, to die,  
and from the grave arise,  
to shed the shroud of death and fate,  
freeing our hearts for good.  
We breathe the ample air of hope  
and take our chance with God.

Since Wisdom took its chance on earth,  
to show God's living way,  
we'll trust that fear and force will fail,  
and Wisdom win the day.  
Then come, dear Christ, and hold us fast  
when faith and hope are torn,  
and bring us, in your loving arms,  
to resurrection morn.

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

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

## **THE SENTENCE**

*God spoke these words and said, 'I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; you shall have no other gods before me.'* Exodus 20.1

## **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**

Lord our God, by your Holy Spirit write your commandments upon our hearts and grant us the wisdom and power of the cross, so that, cleansed from greed and selfishness, we may become a living temple of your love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## **THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD**

**The First Reading:** Exodus 20.1-17. Read by Liz White.  
Then God spoke all these words: I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; you shall have no other gods before me. You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I the Lord your God am a jealous God, punishing children for the iniquity of parents, to the third and the fourth generation of those who reject me, but showing steadfast love to the thousandth generation of those who love me and keep my commandments. You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the Lord your God, for the Lord will not acquit anyone who misuses his name. Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy. For six days you shall labour and do all your work. But the seventh day is a sabbath to the Lord your God; you shall not do any work—you, your son or your daughter, your male or female slave, your livestock, or the alien resident in your towns. For in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but rested the seventh day; therefore the Lord blessed the sabbath day and consecrated it. Honour your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the Lord your God is giving you. You shall not murder. You shall not commit adultery.

You shall not steal. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbour. You shall not covet your neighbour's house; you shall not covet your neighbour's wife, or male or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbour.

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

## **Psalm 19**

<sup>1</sup> The heavens declare the glory of God:

and the firmament proclaims his handiwork;

<sup>2</sup> **One day tells it to another:**

**and night to night communicates knowledge.**

<sup>3</sup> There is no speech or language: nor are their voices heard;

<sup>4</sup> **Yet their sound has gone out through all the world:**

**and their words to the ends of the earth.**

<sup>5</sup> There he has pitched a tent for the sun:

which comes out as a bridegroom from his chamber,

and rejoices like a strong man to run his course.

<sup>6</sup> **Its rising is at one end of the heavens,**

**and its circuit to their farthest bound:**

**and nothing is hidden from its heat.**

<sup>7</sup> The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul:

the command of the Lord is true, and makes wise the simple.

<sup>8</sup> **The precepts of the Lord are right, and rejoice the heart:**

**the commandment of the Lord is pure,**

**and gives light to the eyes.**

<sup>9</sup> The fear of the Lord is clean, and endures for ever:

the judgements of the Lord are unchanging,

and righteous every one.

<sup>10</sup> **More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold:**

**sweeter also than honey, than the honey that drips from the**

**comb.**

<sup>11</sup> Moreover, by them is your servant taught:

and in keeping them there is great reward.

<sup>12</sup> **Who can know their own unwitting sins?:**

**O cleanse me from my secret faults.**

<sup>13</sup> Keep your servant also from presumptuous sins,

lest they get the mastery over me:

so I shall be clean, and innocent of great offence.

**14 May the words of my mouth and the meditation  
of my heart be acceptable in your sight:  
O Lord, my strength and my redeemer.**

**The Second Reading:** 1 Corinthians 1.18-25.

Read by Janice Schmidt.

For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

For it is written, 'I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.' Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling-block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

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

**THE GOSPEL:** according to Saint John 2.13-22.

**Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

The Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. In the temple he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves, and the money-changers seated at their tables. Making a whip of cords, he drove all of them out of the temple, both the sheep and the cattle. He also poured out the coins of the money-changers and overturned their tables. He told those who were selling the doves, 'Take these things out of here! Stop making my Father's house a market-place!' His disciples remembered that it was written, 'Zeal for your house will consume me.' The Jews then said to him, 'What sign can you show us for doing this?' Jesus answered them, 'Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up.' The Jews then said, 'This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and will you raise it up in three days?' But he was speaking of the temple of his body. After he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this; and they believed the

scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

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 the vicar.*

*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 501**

Sing, my tongue, the Saviour's glory,  
of his flesh the mystery sing:  
of the blood all price exceeding  
shed by our eternal King,  
destined for the world's redemption  
from a Virgin's womb to spring.

Born for us, and for us given,  
born to live like us below,  
he, a man with us abiding,  
lived the gospel seed to sow;  
and at last faced death undaunted,  
his self-giving love to show.

Word made flesh! His word life-giving  
gives his flesh our food to be,  
wine as his own blood he offers;  
then, though senses fail to see,  
faith alone the true heart wakens  
to behold the mystery.

Glory let us give and blessing,  
to the Father and the Son,  
honour, might and praise addressing  
while eternal ages run,  
and the Spirit's love confessing,  
who from both, with both is one.

Thomas Aquinas c.1227–74, *tr.* Edward Caswall 1814–78 and others

## **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](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*

... 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 192 (Tune: TIS 202)**

Christ is the world's redeemer,  
the lover of the pure,  
the fount of heavenly wisdom,  
our trust and hope secure,  
the armour of his soldiers,  
the lord of earth and sky,  
our health while we are living,  
our life when we shall die.

Christ has our host surrounded  
with clouds of martyrs bright  
who wave their palms in triumph  
and fire us for the fight.  
For Christ the cross ascended  
to save a world undone,  
and suffering for the sinful  
our full redemption won.

Down in the realm of darkness  
he lay a captive bound,  
but at the hour appointed  
he rose a victor crowned,  
and now, to heaven ascended,  
he sits upon the throne  
in glorious dominion,  
his Father's and his own.

St Columba 521–97 *tr.* Duncan Macgregor 1854–1923 *alt.*

## **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 this Wednesday 10 March, 7.30pm in the Parish Centre with the theme Heat of the Day & Life in the Desert.

## **WOMEN OF HOLY TRINITY GROUP**

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

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.

## **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!

## **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.

## 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



## INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY 8 MARCH 2021

The theme for this year is #ChooseToChallenge

A challenged world is an alert world. Individually, we're all responsible for our own thoughts and actions - all day, every day.

We can all choose to challenge and call out gender bias and inequality. We can all choose to seek out and celebrate women's achievements. Collectively, we can all help create an inclusive world.

From challenge comes change, so let's all **choose to challenge**.

## **PARISH ROSTERS**

### **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:** Elizabeth Murray

**Liturgical Minister:** Tom Verghese.

**Welcomer/Covid Officer:** Pamela Mc Fadyen/Scott Phillips

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

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### **Next Sunday 14th March, 4th Sunday in Lent.**

**First Reading:** Numbers 21:4-9 Sue Phillips

**Psalm 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

## THE PARISH AT A GLANCE

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#### Weddings:

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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**, your team representative is

**Christa Fatouros** : 03 9393 9317

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**Victoria St/Hannan St areas: Ann Hodges** 0417 581 662

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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.