



HOLY TRINITY ANGLICAN CHURCH  
WILLIAMSTOWN

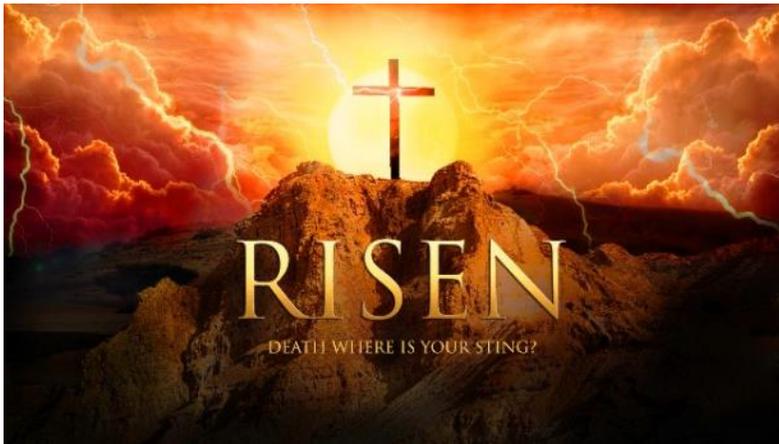
## **EASTER DAY**

**12 April 2020**

**LITURGY OF THE NEW FIRE &  
RENEWAL OF BAPTISM VOWS**

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**EUCHARIST FOR EASTER DAY**



*The service of new fire and renewal of Baptism Vows will be live on  
facebook at 6.30am.*

*The celebration of the Eucharist will be livestreamed on YouTube from 10am*

*Holy Trinity has been a faithful Christian presence in Williamstown since  
1854. Holy Trinity welcomes everyone regardless of age, gender, sexual  
orientation, race or background. Thank you for being part of our  
faith community.*

## **AN INVITATION TO WORSHIP AND REFLECTION**

If safe to do so, you are invited to light a candle as you enter into this time of prayer and reflection that you have set aside as sacred.

## **JOIN US ON YOUTUBE**

There will be a celebration of the Eucharist livestream on our parish YouTube channel 10am Sunday 12 April

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCILrivDqkG0qLgmVHCNsklg>

## **EASTER REFLECTION**

*Christos Anesti! Alithos Anesti!*

Some of the first Greek I learnt, well before New Testament Greek studies at Theological College, or even before I knew it was in fact Greek.

Christ is Risen! He is Risen indeed!

A traditional Easter greeting and response.

It is a joyful proclamation, the core tenant of the Christian faith, the foundation and mystery of our hopeful faith. Walking to the letter box the other day, I crossed at the pedestrian crossing, I was heartened that as I and a person coming the other way with her dog crossed, we actually smiled at each other and said hello. Usually on my exercise walk, people have been sombre and not returning my smiles. I understand the sombre mood, but it is so important to remember that physical distancing is not the same as disconnection from our fellow human beings. I usually make a point of smiling at my fellow human beings any way, but I think it is all the more crucial now. It is not about having a Pollyanna like optimism. It is out of a genuine belief that as the beloved children of God, saved by the power of the Risen Lord, we are called to hope and care, even and especially in the dark times. That doesn't mean we don't ever cry. Sadness at this time is understandable and to be expected. I have been grieving the loss of celebrating Holy Week and Easter the way I'm used to, the way I would wish to with a community of faith, and I have shed those tears during my times of prayer knowing that God is with us in our sorry and in our joy.

This Easter is different, not only because chocolate sales are down, but because we cannot gather with family, friends and strangers in celebration. Yet, even within this time of physical distancing, which is needed to protect the neighbours we are called to love, we can still share the joy, hope and love of the Easter season in imaginative and caring ways. I pray you have a blessed and holy Easter!

Rev Elizabeth

*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.*

## **THE LITURGY OF NEW FIRE**

Dear friends in Christ, on this most holy morning, when our Lord Jesus Christ passed from death to life, the Church invites believers throughout the world to a time of vigil and prayer. This is the Passover of the Lamb, Jesus Christ. We remember his death and celebrate resurrection, confident that we shall share his victory and live with him forever in God.

*The fire is lit*

Holy God, you gave your Name to Moses from the burning bush. By the blessing of this new fire, bring us to stand with awe on this holy ground, our eyes alight with the glory we have seen in Christ, and our hearts aflame with resurrection joy, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

*The Paschal Candle is brought forward*

Jesus Christ, yesterday and today, the beginning and the end, Alpha and Omega. All time belongs to Christ and all the ages. To Christ be glory and power through every age for ever. **Amen.**

By his holy and glorious wounds, may Christ our Lord guard us and keep us. **Amen.**

May the light of Christ, rising in glory, dispel the darkness of our hearts and minds. **Thanks be to God.**

### **COLLECT**

Eternal giver of life and light, this holy night shines with the radiance of the risen Christ: renew your Church with the Spirit given to us in baptism, that we may worship you in sincerity and truth, and shine as a light in the world; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

**Amen.**

### **MINISTRY OF THE WORD**

**Reading:** Ezekiel 36:26-28

A new heart I will give you, and a new spirit I will put within you; and I will remove from your body the heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh. I will put my spirit within you, and make you follow my statutes and be careful to observe my ordinances. Then you shall live in the land that I gave to your ancestors; and you shall be my people, and I will be your God.

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

**Reading:** Romans 6:3-11

Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life.

For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, and we might no longer be enslaved to sin. For whoever has died is freed from sin. But if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. The death he died, he died to sin, once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

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

**RENEWAL OF BAPTISM VOWS**

Now that our Lenten observance is ended, let us reaffirm the promises we made in baptism.

Do you turn to Christ? Do you repent of your sins?

Do you renounce all that is evil? **I do.**

I ask you now to reaffirm as yours the faith of the Church.

Do you believe in God the Father?

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe in God the Son?

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father; from there he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

This is the faith of the Church.

**This is our faith. We believe in one God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.**

Will you each, by God's grace, strive to live as a disciple of Christ, loving God with your whole heart, and your neighbour as yourself, until your life's end?

**I will with God's help.**

God our creator, Rock of our salvation, has given us new birth by water and the Spirit, and forgiven our sins through Jesus Christ our Risen Lord. May God keep us faithful to our calling now and for ever. **Amen.**

Living God, make us apostles of the risen Christ. Give us joyful hearts, words of hope, and grace to recognize the Lord Jesus when he meets us, wherever we are on the road.

The blessing of the Living God, who brings light out of darkness, be upon you now and forever. **Amen.**

The blessing of the risen Christ, who sends you as apostles into all the world be upon you now and for ever. **Amen.**

The blessing of the Holy Spirit, who fills the church with joy and praise, be upon you now and forever. **Amen.**

The blessing of our God, the holy and glorious Trinity, be upon you and remain with you now, and forever. **Amen.**

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## **EUCHARIST FOR EASTER DAY**

**HYMN:** TIS 245 'We have a gospel to proclaim'

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

### **THE SENTENCE**

*This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it. Psalm 118:24*

### **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**

## **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**

Glorious Lord of life, by the mighty resurrection of your Son you overcame the old order of sin and death to make all things new in him: grant that we, who celebrate with joy Christ's rising from the dead may be raised from the death of sin to the life of righteousness; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

## **THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD**

**The First Reading:** Acts 10:34-43

Then Peter began to speak to them: 'I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.'

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

## **Psalm 118: 1-2, 14-24**

- <sup>1</sup> O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;  
his steadfast love endures for ever!
- <sup>2</sup> Let Israel say, 'His steadfast love endures for ever.'
- <sup>14</sup> The LORD is my strength and my might;  
he has become my salvation.
- <sup>15</sup> There are glad songs of victory in the tents of the righteous:  
'The right hand of the LORD does valiantly;  
<sup>16</sup> the right hand of the LORD is exalted;  
the right hand of the LORD does valiantly.'
- <sup>17</sup> I shall not die, but I shall live, and recount the deeds of the LORD.
- <sup>18</sup> The LORD has punished me severely,  
but he did not give me over to death.
- <sup>19</sup> Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through  
them and give thanks to the LORD.
- <sup>20</sup> This is the gate of the LORD; the righteous shall enter through it.
- <sup>21</sup> I thank you that you have answered me  
and have become my salvation.
- <sup>22</sup> The stone that the builders rejected  
has become the chief cornerstone.
- <sup>23</sup> This is the LORD's doing; it is marvellous in our eyes.
- <sup>24</sup> This is the day that the LORD has made;  
let us rejoice and be glad in it.

## **The Second Reading:** Colossians 3:1-4

So if you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

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

## **THE GOSPEL** according to Saint Matthew 28:1-10

### **Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ**

After the sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. And suddenly there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. But the

angel said to the women, 'Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples, "He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him." This is my message for you.' So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. Suddenly Jesus met them and said, 'Greetings!' And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshipped him. Then Jesus said to them, 'Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me.'

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

## **THE SERMON**

**Rev Elizabeth Murray**

*A recording of the Easter sermon will be available from Sunday morning. Link available on our website*

## **THE CREED**

**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 for today can be found on our website [www.htw.org.au/weekly-pew-sheets.html](http://www.htw.org.au/weekly-pew-sheets.html)*

## **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.**

## **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 GREETING OF PEACE**

We are the body of Christ. **His spirit is with us.**

The peace of the Lord be always with you. **And also with you.**

Blessed are you, Lord 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.**

All who repent of their sins, trust in Christ, and celebrate his saving work with grateful thanks, truly eat and drink the body and blood of Christ.

*The priest consumes the bread and wine of the Holy Communion on behalf of the community of faith.*

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

The blood of Christ the cup of salvation keep us 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.**

## **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.**

## **PARISH PRAYER POINTS**

### **For the Church:**

- The Peace of Jerusalem and the People of the Land of the Holy One
- The Diocese of Armidale
- Spiritual Health Victoria Council

### **We pray for**

- The parish of St Stephen's and St Mary's Church  
Mount Waverley

### **In our Community:**

As part of our regular cycle of prayer, we pray for Andrew Akol, Joan Batson, Jenny Berridge, Simon and Joanna Burke, Ann Hodges, Joanne Walker, Marilyn and John Whittington

We pray for those who are suffering or unwell at this time, including: Gordon and Audrey Beal, Ron and Joan Bates, Anne Mulholland, Helen, Barbara and Brett Hingston, George Hodges, Heather Jobling, Bryan Matty, Laurie McLay, Robert Mander, May Kofoed, Diane Robinson, Ian Stewart, Marjorie Todd, Carol Williams, Sue Wragg.



**Happy Birthday**  
**to**  
**Laurie English for today**

## THE PARISH AT A GLANCE

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### Baptism Arrangements:

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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 **Christa Fatouros**.

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If you are in need or know of someone who does need help, please contact either the above person in your area or call Judy 0434 250 411.