

Palm Sunday – combined service 24th March 2024 10am Gather at Electra Street Uniting Church Process to Holy Trinity Williamstown



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. We are moved by our calling as the Body of Christ to ensure all our spaces are safe places for everyone. Thank you for being part of our worship today. Please take this order of service with you.

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Holy Trinity Anglican Church and Williamstown Uniting Church – Electra Street are on Bunurong Country, the sovereign land of the Yalukit Willam people of the Kulin Nation.

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For worship, words for hymns are in the red hymn books or sheets provided if they are not printed here. If we sing the responses, these can be found at TIS 756.

We gather at Williamston Uniting Church, Electra Street

CALL TO WORSHIP

The Lord be with you. And also with you

THE SENTENCE

At the name of Jesus, every knee shall bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. *Philippians 2.10–11*

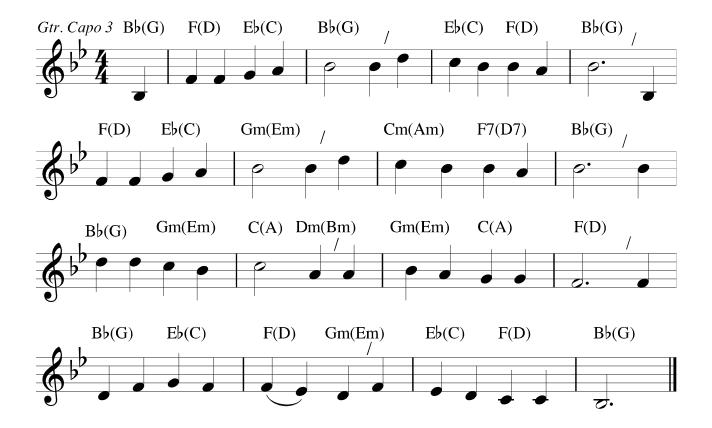
BLESSING OF BRANCHES AND PALM CROSSES

People hold their palm crosses and other branches

Blessed are you Almighty God, whose son Jesus Christ entered into triumph into the holy city this day to complete his work as our Messiah. Let these crosses & branches be signs of the victory of your Son. May we ever hail him as our king, and follow him in the way that leads to eternal life; who now lives and reigns in glory with you and the Holy Spirit, now and forever. **Amen.**

The rest of our worship today will be at Holy Trinity, Nelson Place. You are invited to process with us if you are able.

POSSIBLE SONGS FOR PROCESSION



All glory, praise and honour to you, redeemer, king, to whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring.

You are the king of Israel and David's royal son, now in the Lord's name coming, the king and blessèd one. *Refrain*

The company of angels are praising you on high, and we and all creation exultant make reply. *Refrain*

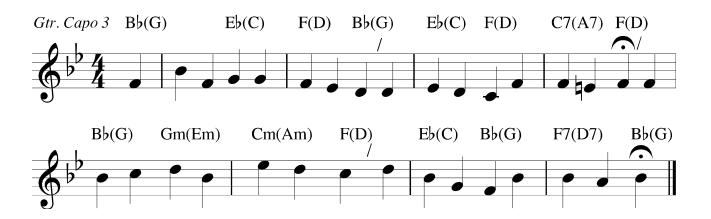
The people of the Hebrews with palms before you went: our praise and prayer and anthems before you we present. *Refrain*

To you before your passion they sang their hymns of praise: to you now high exalted our melody we raise.

Their praises you accepted: accept the prayers we bring, who in all good take pleasure, our good and gracious king.

Theodulph of Orleans d.821 tr. John Mason Neale 1818–66 alt.

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Ride on, ride on in majesty;
hark, all the tribes hosanna cry!
O Saviour, meek, pursue your road
with palms and scattered garments strowed.

Ride on, ride on in majesty, in lowly pomp ride on to die; O Christ, your triumphs now begin o'er captive death and conquered sin.

Ride on, ride on in majesty; the wingèd squadrons of the sky look down with sad and wondering eyes to see the approaching sacrifice. Ride on, ride on in majesty; your last and fiercest strife is nigh; the Father on his sapphire throne awaits his own anointed Son.

Ride on, ride on in majesty, in lowly pomp ride on to die; bow your meek head to mortal pain, then take, O God, your power and reign!

Henry Hart Milman 1791-1868 alt.

TIS 724 Hosanna

Hosanna, hosanna in the highest! Hosanna, hosanna in the highest!

Lord, we lift up your name with hearts full of praise.
Be exalted, O Lord my God!
Hosanna in the highest!

Glory, glory, glory to the King of kings! Glory, glory, glory to the King of kings!

Lord, we lift up your name with hearts full of praise.
Be exalted, O Lord my God!
Glory to the King of kings!

TIS 73 Laudate Dominum

Laudate Dominum, laudate Dominum, omnes, gentes. Alleluia! (X2)

Sing, praise and bless the Lord, sing, praise and bless the Lord, peoples, nations. Alleluia! (X2)

TIS 731 Jubilate Deo

Jubilate Deo, omnis terra. Servite Domino in laetitia.

Alleluia, alleluia, in laetitia; alleluia, alleluia, in laetitia!

TIS 773 Gloria

Gloria, gloria, in excelsis Deo! Gloria, gloria, alleluia, alleluia!

Glory to God, glory to God, glory in the highest! Glory to God, glory to God, alleluia, alleluia!

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Please join in the parts of this service in **bold type**.

All directions to stand, sit or kneel are invitations. Please always do as you are comfortable and able.

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Our worship continues at Holy Trinity

Please take you place in the pews You will be invited to stand

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.

KYRIE ELEISON

Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.** Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.** Lord, have mercy.

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

THE COLLECT

Everlasting God, in your tender love for the human race you sent your Son to take our nature, and to suffer death upon the cross: in your mercy enable us to share in his obedience to your will and in the glorious victory of his resurrection; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Please be seated

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

Responsorial Psalm 118.1-2, 19-29. Lead by Chris Ringrose.

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

² Let Israel now proclaim:

that his mercy endures for ever.

- Open me the gates of righteousness: and I will enter and give thanks to the Lord.
- ²⁰ This is the gate of the Lord:

the righteous shall enter it.

- ²¹ I will praise you, for you answered me:
 - and have become my salvation.
- ²² The stone that the builders rejected:

has become the head of the corner.

²³ This is the Lord's doing:

and it is marvellous in our eyes.

²⁴ This is the day that the Lord has made:

let us rejoice and be glad in it.

²⁵ O Lord, save us, we pray:

O Lord, send us prosperity.

²⁶ Blessed is he who comes, in the name of the Lord:

from the house of the Lord we bless you.

- ²⁷ The Lord is God, and he has given us light: guide the festal throng up to the horns of the altar.
- ²⁸ You are my God and I will praise you:

you are my God, I will exalt you.

²⁹ O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good:

and his mercy endures for ever.

New Testament Reading: Philippians 2.5-11. Read by Jill Ringrose.

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death — even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Please stand

The Gospel according to John 12.12-16.

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ

The next day the great crowd that had come to the festival heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, shouting, 'Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord — the King of Israel!' Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it; as it is written: 'Do not be afraid, daughter of Zion. Look, your king is coming, sitting on a donkey's colt!' His disciples did not understand these things at first; but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that these things had been written of him and had been done to him.

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

(please sit)

THE SERMON

Rev. Peter Beale, St. John's UCA

A time of silence is kept

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (please stand)

We believe in one God, who made and loves all that is.
We believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was born, lived, died and rose again, and is coming to call all to account.
We believe in the Holy Spirit, who calls, equips and sends out God's people, and brings all things to their true end.
This is our faith, the faith of the Church:
We believe in one God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE (please sit or kneel) Led by Rev. Monica Matoc.

The response is usually . . . In your mercy. Hear our prayer.

This 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 CONFESSION

God shows great love for us in that while we were still sinners Christ died for us.

Silence may be kept.

Let us then confess our sins in penitence and faith.

Merciful God, you have loved us with an everlasting love, but we have broken your holy laws and have left undone what we ought to have done. We are sorry for our sins and turn away from them. For the sake of your Son who died for us, forgive us, cleanse us and change us. By your Holy Spirit, enable us to live for you; 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 (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.**

Offerings – A collection will be taken up at this time

Donations to support the life & work of Holy Trinity & Electra Street are most welcome. We rely on your generosity. Cash donations & cheques can be left in the plate.

Cashless giving options for HTW: Direct EFT details: BSB: 033100; Account number: 490175; or go to www.htw.org.au and click on 'Donate now'.

Cashless giving options for Electra Street: Direct EFT details: BSB: 033 100; Account No: 218147.

Offertory Hymn: TIS 256 The Servant King

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

...forever praising you and singing:

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.

HOLY COMMUNION

As this broken 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.

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.

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 come forward and indicate to the priest your desire for a blessing by crossing your arms in front of you. You are also welcome to remain in your pew. Ask someone to let the priest know if you need communion brought to you.

Everyone is welcome to light a candle while communion is being shared. There are two stations available, one to the left of the sanctuary, and another at the memorial chapel at the back of the church.

Prayers of Anointing & Healing are available at this time, when all have received communion. Please wait in the front pew near the candle stand to indicate this wish.

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**.

Communion Hymn: TIS 357 When his time was over

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

God our help and strength, through these holy mysteries confirm our faith that by the death and resurrection of your Son we may walk in the way of salvation.

Loving God, take us and use us to love and serve you and all people, in the power of your Spirit and in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Notices may be given

(please stand)

Final Hymn: TIS 147 To God be the Glory

SENTENCE FOR THE WEEK Mark 14.1-2

It was two days before the Passover and the festival of Unleavened Bread. The chief priests and the scribes were looking for a way to arrest Jesus by stealth and kill him; for they said, 'Not during the festival, or there may be a riot among the people.'

THE BLESSING

Grant, merciful Lord, to your faithful people pardon and peace, that they may be cleansed from all their sins and serve you with a quiet mind; through Christ our Lord, and the blessing of God almighty, Holy Eternal Majesty, Holy Incarnate Word, Holy Abiding Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. In the name of Christ. Amen.

All are welcome to morning tea in the Parish Centre

HTW GROUPS

A great way to connect with people who share your interests.



SPIRITUALITY & CREATIVITY WORKSHOPS

This monthly Creativity Workshop is a space where the spirituality of the creative process is discussed, explored and put into practise. They include a focus on songwriting, literature, healing through art, storytelling and cooking. We resume in March on **Sunday 31**st **March** with the theme "Songs of the Sea", then

meeting on the last Sunday of the month 2.30-4.30pm in the Parish Centre. We ask for cash donations of \$10/\$7 concession, to help cover the costs of materials.

MEN'S CHURCH GROUP (MCG)

MCG usually meets in the evening on the First Friday of the month at The Stag's Head from 7.30pm. The next Gathering is **Friday 5**th **April**. For more information and to join the WhatsApp group, contact Scott Phillips, Authorised Lay Minister, sphillips@kpcl.com.au 0411 751 755.

GARDENING GROUP

Keen gardeners meet on the Second Saturday of each month between 9.30am-2.30pm. Jobs for various levels of ability, BYO gloves, refreshments provided. Our next gathering will be **Saturday 13th April** (a great way to spend part of the longweekend). You are always welcome to potter in the church gardens between meetings. And a reminder that the herb garden has produce you might like to pick. Please use scissors (available in the kitchen or byo). If anyone would like to be involved in the Garden Group please talk to any of us, there's always room for more helpers.

WOMEN OF HOLY TRINITY (WOHT)

WOHT meets on the Second Thursday of the month 7.30-9.30pm, although for the next gathering **Thursday 11th April** there is an earlier start time of 7pm at the Parish Centre. Delia has organized to demonstrate a wonderful initiative called, "Creators of Peace" which is a global network of women working to build resilient and hospitable communities, one person at a time. Through Creators of Peace Circles, they seek to ignite each person's capacity for building peace in our world. We wish to extend a wide invitation to this event. A flyer will be attached to the parish email ad we'll make some hardcopies available.

Please contact Barb Hingston (0424 466 405 - text if you can't get through on the phone), or Delia Paul (0432 562 454), for more info.



TEXTILE & DESIGN GROUP

This group of keen and creative makers usually meets on the Fourth Saturday of the month, 2pm in the Parish Centre, next gathering on **Saturday 27**th **April** in the Parish Centre. Anyone interested in all things design and textile that add to our worship space is welcome to come along. Contact: Janice 0409 180 144.

ADA CAMBRIDGE BOOK GROUP

The book group will meet in the Parish Centre **Wednesday 24**th **April**, 12-2pm to discuss "Salonica". Members are reminded to collect their books from the usual place.

Trinity Roots Band!



Just Friends

A fundraising Concert of Jazz, Blues and Gospel

Trinity Roots Band

Saturday 13th April from 2-4pm @Holy Trinity Williamstown

255 Nelson Pl \$15 through Humanitix or at the door Refreshments will be served during intermission Bring Friends!



HTW PARISH NEWS

CONCERT IN THE CHURCH – JUST FRIENDS

In addition to needing you to spread the word about this fabulous concert, we would like to be able to offer refreshments at intermission. So please do let The Trio know if you can help out on the day.

FLOWERS IN THE CHURCH

As it has always been lovely to have fresh flowers in the church as part of our worship, it is difficult now that we have only three people able to provide and arrange fresh flowers. So we have a plan. We have the opportunity to purchase some quality artificial flowers from St. Peter's, Eastern Hill which we would then have arranged to suit our requirements. Do we have any people who would be willing to contribute to the cost of \$200 to purchase these? Our thanks to those who have already contributed, we're just looking for a few more people. Please speak to Wilma if you're interested.

BOOKKEEPING

Holy Trinity Williamstown has been blessed over the years to have lan Stewart as our parish bookkeeper. We are so very grateful for his dedication, skill and knowledge, and we hope to be able to publicly acknowledge that service in the near future. Due to various health matters, Parish Council are now looking to implement a succession plan so that lan can pass along his knowledge and we can continue to manage our financial resources responsibly. Please speak to our Treasurer Laurence if you or anyone you know may be able to assist. We will publicly celebrate and acknowledge lan's service at a suitable time.

VICARAGE TOURS – HELP WANTED

As part of the Heritage Festival, we will be offering the public tours of the vicarage between 2-5pm on Friday 26th April & Saturday 27th April. We would like to have afternoon tea

refreshments available for our visitors, so we are looking for volunteers to help with this hospitality. Let Rev. Elizabeth know of you interested and available for either of these afternoons.

CONVERSATIONS AT THE CENTRE SABBATICAL

With a year full of events and offerings connected with our 150th celebrations, the monthly Conversations at the Centre is having a Sabbatical. Our sincere thanks to Ingrid for her sterling work in running and coordinating the Conversations. We may still have the occasional Conversation gathering during the year (stay tuned for details of a forum in September), we're simply resting from the monthly commitment. Do think about topics and potential speakers for 2025!

PRAYER GROUP MEETING

As part of her ongoing ministry with the South Sudanese community in Melbourne, Rev. Monica is organizing a prayer group which will be dedicated in ministry Saturday 25 May at Holy Trinity Williamstown. Please pray for her and all those involved.



AN INTERFAITH CONVERSATION

Plans are underway to have a conversation and lunch on Thursday 30th May at Holy Trinity that includes other faith communities. As we celebrate 150 years of our church building, we also celebrate 20 years of the Interfaith Network in Hobson's Bay, and the part HTW played in forming this space where people across many faiths come together and respectfully share. Stay tuned for details.

DATES FOR THE DIARY 2024

- We know that life can be busy, but it is our hope that by giving you these dates in advance you can plan to be involved in these important events in our Parish life.
- Friday 26th April & Saturday 27th April 2-5pm, Tours of the Vicarage for Heritage Festival. Booking details coming soon.
- Friday 26th April 7.30pm Melbourne Baroque Orchestra Concert in the Church.
- Sunday 28th April 10am Confirmation service, Bishop Brad visiting.
- <u>Sunday 19th May Pentecost 9am Parish Breakfast between</u> services
- Sunday 26th May Trinity Sunday Parish Feast of Naming 10am worship followed by Parish BBQ
- Thursday 30th May Interfaith Conversation over lunch
- Friday 26th July 7.30pm Melbourne Baroque Orchestra Concert in the Church.
- <u>SEPTEMBER</u> Month of Creationtide (details on the way)
- Sunday 6th October 10am Parish Celebration of Church Building's 150th. SAVE THE DATE, and tell your friends.
- <u>Friday 11th October</u> 7.30pm Melbourne Baroque Orchestra Concert in the Church.
- Sunday 13th October 2.30pm Blessing of the Pets
- Thursday 31st October 7pm All Souls Commemoration

WHAT'S HAPPENING

MARCH

24th No 8am service this week

10am Meet at Electra Street Uniting Church for

Palm Sunday procession for worship at HTW

(see roster for route description)

26th 11am @St. Paul's Cathedral, Diocesan Chrism

Eucharist & Renewal of Ministry Promises

27th 10am Holy Communion

12-2pm Ada Cambridge Book Group

28th 7pm Maundy Thursday service with washing of

Feet

29th 10am Good Friday Solemn Worship with

veneration of the cross

31st 6am Easter Vigil service

10am Easter Eucharist

2.30pm Spirituality & Creativity Workshop

APRIL

1st Public Holiday

2nd Vicar's Day off moved

3rd 10am Holy Communion

4th 6.30pm Parish Council Meeting

5th Vicar's day off owed in lieu

10am-1pm Community Lunches

7.30pm MCG – The Stag's Head

7th 8am & 10am Holy Communion 10th 10am Holy Communion

12-4pm Vicar at MAF strategy day

11th 7pm WOHT - "Creators of Peace"

12th 10am-1pm Community Lunches





HOLY TRINITY ANGLICAN CHURCH WILLIAMSTOWN

255 Nelson Place

PARISH ROSTER

THIS SUNDAY: 10am ONLY. 24th March Palm Sunday

Meet at Electra Street, then walk along Electra St towards Ferguson Street, turn right and walk along Ferguson St towards Nelson Place, then turn right and walk towards HTW ~15 mins.

Welcomers/Sidespersons: Darren S & other volunteers

Readers: Chris R leading Psalm 118.1-2;19-29; Jill R reading

Philippians 2.5-11.

Gospel: John 12.12-16

Intercessor: Rev. Monica

Liturgical Minister: Ingrid D Music at HTW: Cherryll C

Morning Tea after 10am: The Team!

Flowers: Palm Branches

For the rest of Holy Week, please see separate list

Maundy Thursday 7pm

Good Friday 10am

Easter Dawn 6am

Easter Day 10am

Please check the draft April Roster and confirm your availability.

Don't forget to put your name down on the Monthly or Template Roster at the back of the church. If you need to make a swap to your roster, please do so and also advise Rev. Elizabeth vicar@htw.org.au 0419 106 457. Thank you.

Safe Ministry is God-honouring, life-giving, harm free

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If anyone is in immediate danger, call 000.

THE PARISH AT A GLANCE

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These people give their time and talents to supporting the life of the parish

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Rev. Monica Matoc 0421 482 533	Carol Willis 0439 458 096
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