



HOLY TRINITY ANGLICAN CHURCH
WILLIAMSTOWN



Williamstown Uniting Church – Electra Street

Palm Sunday – combined service

29th March 2026

**10am Gather at Electra Street Uniting Church
Procession 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

1. CALL TO WORSHIP

The Lord be with you.

And also with you

2. 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*

3. 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

Gtr. Capo 3 Bb(G) F(D) Eb(C) Bb(G) / Eb(C) F(D) Bb(G) /

F(D) Eb(C) Gm(Em) / Cm(Am) F7(D7) Bb(G) /

Bb(G) Gm(Em) C(A) Dm(Bm) Gm(Em) C(A) F(D) /

Bb(G) Eb(C) F(D) Gm(Em) / Eb(C) F(D) Bb(G)

*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 blessed 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.*
 Arrangement © Australian Hymn Book Co

Gtr. Capo 3 Bb(G) Eb(C) F(D) Bb(G) Eb(C) F(D) C7(A7) F(D)

Bb(G) Gm(Em) Cm(Am) F(D) Eb(C) Bb(G) F7(D7) Bb(G)

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

1 Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high -
 2 Glo - ry, glo - ry, glo - ry to the King of

1 - est! Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high -
 2 kings! Glor - y, glo - ry, glo - ry to the King of

1 - est! Lord, we lift up your name
 2 kings! Lord, we lift up your name

1 with hearts full of praise. Be ex - alt - ed, O
 2 with hearts full of praise. Be ex - alt - ed, O

1 Lord my God! Ho - san - na in the high - est!
 2 Lord my God! Glo - ry to the King of kings!

TIS 73 Laudate Dominum

Ostinato Am E Am

Lau - da - te Dom-in - um,

lau - da - te

Dom - in - um, om - nes

gen - tes.

1 Am F Dm E 2 Am Dm E Am

Al - le - lu - ia

Al - le - lu - ia

TIS 731 Jubilate Deo

A D G A **B**

Ju - bi - la - te De - o, om - nis ter - ra.

Ser - vi - te Do - mi - no in lae - ti - ti - a.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, in lae - ti - ti - a;

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, in lae - ti - ti - a!

TIS 773 Gloria

1 Dm Gm C F **2** Dm Gm C F

Glo - ri - a,
Glo-ry to God, *glo - ri - a,*
glo-ry to God, *in ex-cel - sis De - o!*
Glo - ry in the high - est!

3 Dm Gm C F **4** Dm Gm C F

Glo - ri - a,
Glo-ry to God, *glo - ri - a,*
glo-ry to God, *al - le - lu - ia,*
al - le - lu - ia, *al - le - lu - ia!*
al - le - lu - ia!

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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

4. 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.**

5. KYRIE ELEISON

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

6. THE GLORIA *(TUNE TIS 153. Ad. Alexander Crawford)*

**Glory be to God in heaven,
and to all his people, peace.
Heav'nly King, almighty Father,
may our worship never cease;
may our voices ever thank you,
songs of blessing ever send,
may we always live to praise you,
for your glory without end.**

**Jesus, Son of God the Father,
merciful beyond compare,
all our sin, by you forgiven;
Lamb of God, receive our prayer.
Jesus, you alone are holy,
Jesus, you alone are Lord,
with the Holy Spirit reigning,
and the Father—glorious God!**

7. THE COLLECT

Almighty and everlasting God,
of your tender love towards us
you sent your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ,
to take upon him our flesh,
and to suffer death upon the cross,
that all should follow the example of his great humility:
mercifully grant
that we may both follow the example of his patience,
and also be made partakers of his resurrection;
through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Please be seated

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

8. THE PSALM *Psalm 31.9-18. Said in alternate verses.*

⁹ Have mercy upon me, O Lord, for I am in trouble:
my eye wastes away for grief,
my throat also and my inward parts.

¹⁰ **For my life wears out in sorrow,
and my years with sighing:
my strength fails me in my affliction,
and my bones are consumed.**

¹¹ I am become the scorn of all my enemies:
and my neighbours wag their heads in derision.

¹² **I am a thing of horror to my friends:
and those that see me in the street shrink from me.**

¹³ I am forgotten like one dead and out of mind:
I have become like a broken vessel.

¹⁴ **For I hear the whispering of many:
and fear is on every side;**

¹⁵ While they plot together against me:
and scheme to take away my life.

¹⁶ **But in you, Lord, have I put my trust:
I have said 'You are my God.'**

¹⁷ All my days are in your hand:
O deliver me from the power of my enemies
and from my persecutors.

¹⁸ **Make your face to shine upon your servant:
and save me for your mercy's sake.**

9. THE NEW TESTAMENT READING

A reading from the Letter to the Philippians 2.5-11.

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,
who, though he existed in the form of God, did not regard
equality with God as something to be grasped, but emptied
himself, taking the form of a slave, assuming human likeness.

And being found in appearance as a human, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross.

Therefore God exalted him even more highly and gave him the name that is above every other name, so that at the name given to 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.

Hear the word of the lord.

Thanks be to God.

10. THE GOSPEL READING

Please stand

The Gospel according to Matthew 21.1-11.

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.

When they had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them, “Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me. If anyone says anything to you, just say this, ‘The Lord needs them.’ And he will send them immediately.” This took place to fulfill what had been spoken through the prophet:

“Tell the daughter of Zion,
Look, your king is coming to you,
humble and mounted on a donkey,
and on a colt, the foal of a donkey.”

The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; they brought the donkey and the colt and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. The crowds that went ahead of him and that followed were shouting,

“Hosanna to the Son of David!

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!
Hosanna in the highest heaven!”

When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, "Who is this?" The crowds were saying, "This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee."

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

Please sit

11. THE SERMON

Rev. Peter Beale, UCA Williamstown

A time of silence is kept

Please stand when invited

12. AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

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.**

Please sit or kneel

12. THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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.**

13. 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.**

14. 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.**

Please stand

15. 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.

Offerings – A collection will be taken up at this time

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

Cash donations & cheques can be left in the plate.

Cashless giving options:

‘Tap ‘n’ Go’ donation point is available near the church entrance;

Direct EFT details: BSB: 033100; Account number: 490175;

or go to www.htw.org.au and click on ‘Donate now’.

Offertory Hymn: TIS 256 The Servant King

16. 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.

17. 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, 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.**

18. THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.**

19. 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.
Please do not intinct (dip) your wafer. If you do not wish to share
the common cup, you are welcome to receive the bread only and
know that you are fully partaking in the sacrament. 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 near the entrance 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*

20. 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*

21. THE BLESSING & DISMISSAL

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