



HOLY TRINITY ANGLICAN CHURCH WILLIAMSTOWN

12th March 2022
2nd Sunday of Lent
8am & 10am 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 also be available on the parish YouTube channel from Sunday, links are on our website under 'Services'.

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REFLECTION

"You do not have to sit outside in the dark. If, however, you want to look at the stars, you will find that darkness is necessary. But the stars neither require nor demand it."

Annie Dillard – Teaching a Stone to Talk

May we all have a Holy and Blessed Lent. Rev. Elizabeth



PARISH PRAYER POINTS



For The Church:

- The Anglican Church of Melanesia
- Religious Orders serving within the Anglican Church of Australia.
- St. Michaels Grammar School
- St. Margarets' Eltham

In our Community

As part of our regular parish cycle of prayer we pray for James Mulholland, Rebecca Murphy, Rev. Elizabeth Murray, Rita Northwood, Francis Oliver.

We pray for those who are suffering or unwell at this time, including: Elliot, Zoe Bastin, Gordon Beal, Ron Bates, Barbara & Brett Hingston, Leanne Lineham, Heather Jobling, Bryan Matty, Laurie McLay, Marjorie Todd, John, Brent, Margaret Burt, Sue Wragg, David Terry.

We remember those who have recently died, including Joan Bates, and we remember those whose Years Mind anniversary falls this week, Fred Jones, Susan McCrae.

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Holy Trinity Anglican Church is on Bunurong Country, the sovereign land of the Yalukit Willam people of the Kulin Nation. We recognise and honour the Indigenous custodians of this land over generations, and pay respect to all Elders past and present. We commit ourselves to the path of reconciliation, truth-telling, justice and healing.

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For 10am 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.

(please stand)

At 10am **Opening Hymn:** TIS 105 *Let all the world.*

GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

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

THE SENTENCE

Our citizenship is in heaven, and it is from there that we are expecting a Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ. Philippians 3.20.

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 *(may be sung at 10am)*

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

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

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

THE 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, 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.**

TRISAGION

Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.

THE COLLECT

God of our ancestors, whose chosen servant Abraham was given faith to obey your call and go out into the unknown: endow your Church with such faith that we may follow you with courage; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD *(please sit)*

The First Reading: Genesis 15.1-12, 15.17-18 Read by Ann Hodges at 8am, Warren Madsen at 10am.

After these things the word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision, 'Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great.' But Abram said, 'O Lord God, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?' And Abram said, 'You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir.' But the word of the Lord came to him, 'This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir.' He brought him outside and said, 'Look towards heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them.' Then he said to him, 'So shall your descendants be.' And he believed the Lord; and the Lord reckoned it to him as righteousness. Then he said to him, 'I am the Lord who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans, to give you this land to possess.' But he said, 'O Lord God, how am I to know that I shall possess it?' He said to him, 'Bring me a heifer three years old, a female goat three years old, a ram three years old, a turtle-dove, and a young pigeon.' He brought him all these and cut them in two, laying each half over against the other; but he did not cut the birds in two. And when birds of prey came down on the carcasses, Abram drove them away. As the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram, and a deep and terrifying darkness descended upon him. When the sun had gone down and it was dark, a smoking fire-pot and a flaming torch passed between these pieces. On that day the Lord made a covenant with Abram, saying, 'To your descendants I give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the river Euphrates,

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

Psalm 27

¹ The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom then shall I fear?:
the Lord is the stronghold of my life;
of whom shall I be afraid?

² **When the wicked, even my enemies and my foes,
come upon me to devour me:
they shall stumble and fall.**

³ If an army encamp against me,
my heart shall not be afraid:
and if war should rise against me, yet will I trust.

⁴ **One thing I have asked from the Lord,
which I will require:
that I may dwell in the house of the Lord
all the days of my life,**

⁵ To see the fair beauty of the Lord:
and to seek his will in his temple.

⁶ **For he will hide me under his shelter
in the day of trouble:
and conceal me in the shadow of his tent,
and set me high upon a rock.**

⁷ And now he will lift up my head:
above my enemies round about me.

⁸ **And I will offer sacrifices in his sanctuary
with exultation:
I will sing, I will sing praises to the Lord.**

⁹ O Lord, hear my voice when I cry:
have mercy upon me and answer me.

¹⁰ **My heart has said of you, 'Seek his face':
your face, Lord, I will seek.**

¹¹ Do not hide your face from me:
or thrust your servant aside in displeasure;

¹² **For you have been my helper:
do not cast me away or forsake me, O God of my
salvation.**

¹³ Though my father and my mother forsake me:
the Lord will take me up.

¹⁴ **Teach me your way, O Lord:**
and lead me in an even path, for they lie in wait for me.

¹⁵ Do not give me over to the will of my enemies:
for false witnesses have risen against me,
and those who breathe out violence.

¹⁶ **But I believe that I shall surely see**
the goodness of the Lord:
in the land of the living.

¹⁷ O wait for the Lord;
stand firm and he will strengthen your heart:
and wait, I say, for the Lord.

*The Second Reading: **Philippians 3.17- 4.1** Read by Ann Hodges at 8am, Warren Madsen at 10am.*

Brothers and sisters, join in imitating me, and observe those who live according to the example you have in us. For many live as enemies of the cross of Christ; I have often told you of them, and now I tell you even with tears. Their end is destruction; their god is the belly; and their glory is in their shame; their minds are set on earthly things. But our citizenship is in heaven, and it is from there that we are expecting a Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ. He will transform the body of our humiliation so that it may be conformed to the body of his glory, by the power that also enables him to make all things subject to himself. Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

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

(please stand)

*At 10am **Gradual Hymn:** TIS 684 Love will be our Lenten calling.*

The Gospel according to *St. Luke 13.31-35*.

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.

At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to him, ‘Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you.’ He said to them, ‘Go and tell that fox for me, “Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work. Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed away from Jerusalem.” Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! See, your house is left to you. And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when you say, “Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.” ’

For the Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

(please sit)

THE SERMON

Rev. Elizabeth Murray, vicar

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 *(please sit or kneel)*. Led by The Vicar at 8am, Laurence Gray at 8am.

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 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 are most welcome. We rely on your generosity. Cash donations & cheques can be left in the plate. Cashless giving options: Direct EFT details: BSB: 033100; Account number: 490175; or go to www.htw.org.au and click on 'Donate now'.

At 10am **Offertory Hymn:** TIS 641 *This is my will vv. 1,2,4.*

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.

(Responses may be sung at 10am)

The prayer continues

...forever 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.

HOLY COMMUNION

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.

(may be sung at 10am)

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 also come forward and indicate to the priest your desire for a blessing by crossing your arms in front of you.

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

The priest leads the prayer, ending with

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)

*At 10am **Final Hymn:** TIS 531 Sent forth by God's blessing*

THE BLESSING

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, 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.

PARISH NEWS

LENTEN STUDIES

Wednesdays 16th, 23rd & 30th March, 7.30-9pm in the Parish Centre. Join for any or all as we use the film “The King’s Speech” to theologically reflect on the ways our fear holds us back and how we can begin to find our authentic voice. Based on the course “Finding a Voice” by Hilary Brand.

PALM CROSSES

There will be a working be to make the new palm crosses for this year on Saturday 2nd April at 2pm.

BAPTISM PREPARATION

A number of members of the congregation have expressed their desire to be baptised. So with joyful thanks, Rev. Elizabeth will be running an adult baptism preparation course during Lent this year. Those who participate will be baptised at our 10am Easter Day service. The sessions are Sundays 3rd & 10th April, 2.30-5.30pm in the Parish Centre.

If you, or someone you know, is interested in taking this next step in their journey of faith, please contact the vicar by phone or email by 27th March. This course would be suitable for people aged 14 and above.

BULB FUNDRAISING DRIVE

A reminder to pick up your Tesselaar fundraising form at the back of the Church. There are lots of fantastic bulbs to purchase for Spring.

COMMUNITY LUNCH PROGRAM

Our Community Lunches have started again. We are looking for some board games and puzzles: eg. Scrabble, Dominoes, jigsaws; to be enjoyed by folk who come to community lunches, as part of building social connection.

At present we would prefer ones where we could wash or wipe the pieces after use. We would also appreciate some knitting needles, crochet hooks and yarn if you have a surplus. Speak to Pamela or Wilma if you can help.

ADA CAMBRIDGE BOOK GROUP

We will be meeting again on the 16th March 12-2pm in the Parish Centre. Our Second book is will be “And the mountains echoed”. By Khaled Honneini.

GARDENING GROUP

We meet on the 2nd Saturday of each month from 9am. You must still observe public health directions on mask wearing, physical distancing etc. There’s plenty to occupy keen gardeners of all abilities. Morning Tea provided. BYO gloves if you have them. Next gathering will be 9th April, 2022.

CONVERSATIONS AT THE CENTRE

Please remember that our Conversations are open to everyone, church member or not, so if you know someone with an interest in these areas do invite them to join us. There is no session in March due to Ash Wednesday, so our next Conversation will be 7.30-9pm Wednesday 6 April in the Parish Centre. Alison Verghese will tell us all about swimming The Rip.

JAMS ETC. FOR SALE (WILMA)

A variety this week.

Lime, lemon and ginger marmalade.

Plum jam.

Apricot jam.

Cumquat Marmalade

Plum paste. (delicious with cheese)

BIRTHDAYS



19TH March. Warren Madsen

THE THINGS PEOPLE DO

...there are many members, yet one body...

And it takes many people to make our mission and worship possible here at Holy Trinity. There are roles and jobs behind the scenes as well as during worship and they are all needed to help parish life run smoothly and for the good of our mission. Over this year, we will share more about each of these roles.

Role in Focus: Liturgical Minister

In the life of this parish, this important role has had various titles, including Minister of the Word. Their role is very much like that of a Deacon during worship, working with the priest to ensure that all aspects of worship go smoothly, so that everyone can focus on praying through the worship.

Here is what the Liturgical Minister does in practical terms to assist the priest in leading Sunday worship:

- Arrives at least 20 minutes before the service to ensure everything is ready for worship, such as lighting candles etc.
- During worship they:
 - o Read the Sentence of the day, lead the Prayer of Preparation, introduce the Confession, and lead the Gloria
 - o lead the Psalm & step in if a rostered reader is unexpectedly absent
 - o Help prepare the Altar for Holy Communion & act as a Eucharistic Assistant, distributing wine from the chalice
 - o Pray the Dismissal at the end of the worship service
- After worship, they help clean all the Communion vessels, tidy and pack away as needed.

The Liturgical Minister is a valuable contributor to the life of the parish. If you have any questions about this role or may be interested in being part of the team, please ask the vicar or speak to any of the current LMs.

SOME 2022 EVENTS FOR YOUR DIARY

Lenten Studies: Wednesdays 16, 23, 30 March, 7.30-9pm

Palm Cross making: Saturday 2 April, 2pm

Palm Sunday: Sunday 10 April, combined service with Electra St. Uniting Church, gather at Electra St ready to process at 9.30am. Service will begin at Holy Trinity at 10am. Please note there will be no 8am service at Holy Trinity that day.

Maundy Thursday: Thursday 14 April, 7pm Worship, Foot Washing

Good Friday: Friday 15 April, 9am Solemn Service

Easter Day: Sunday 17 April, 6am Service of new fire,
10am Easter Eucharist

Pentecost: Sunday 5 June

Trinity Sunday: Sunday 12 June 8am & 10am, then BBQ Lunch

Feast of Mary Magdalene: Sunday 24 July

August Study Series: Wednesdays 10, 17, 24, 31 August
7.30-9pm

St Francis & Pet Blessing: Sunday 9 October

All Souls Commemoration: Thursday 27 October, 7pm

Lighting of the Lamp: Sunday 13 November, 7pm

WHAT'S HAPPENING

MARCH

12 th	9am-12noon 10am-2pm	Gardening Group Parish Council MAP review
13 th	8 & 10am	Holy Communion
15 th	6.30pm	Parish Council Meeting
16 th	10.00am 7.30-9pm	Holy Communion Lenten Studies
18 th	9am-1pm	Community Lunches
19 th	2pm	Tapestry Group
20 th	8 & 10am	Holy Communion
23 rd	10.00am 7.30-9pm	Holy Communion Lenten Studies
18 th	9am-1pm	Community Lunches
20 th	8 & 10am	Holy Communion
23 rd	(10.00am 7.30-9pm	Holy Communion – TBC) Lenten Studies
25 th	9am-1pm	Community Lunches
27 th	8 & 10am	Holy Communion
30 th	10.00am 7.30-9pm	Holy Communion Lenten Studies

APRIL

1 st	9am-1pm	Community Lunches
2 nd	2.00-3.00pm	Palm Cross making – Parish Centre
8 th	9am-1pm	Community Lunches
9 th	9am-12noon	Gardening Group
3 rd	8 & 10am	Holy Communion
10 th	9.30am 10.00am	Palm Sunday, procession begins at Electra St Uniting Church Combined Palm Sunday worship at Holy Trinity
13 th	10.00am	Holy Communion
14 th	7.00pm	Maundy Thursday worship
15 th	9am	Good Friday solemn worship (no community lunches today)
17 th	6am 10am	Easter Dawn service Easter Day Holy Communion with Baptism

PARISH ROSTER

SUNDAY: 13TH March, 2nd Sunday in Lent

First Reading: *Genesis 15: 1-12,17-18. Read by Ann Hodges at 8am, Warren Madsen at 10am.*

Psalm: 27.

Second Reading: *Phillipians 3:17-4.1. Read by Ann Hodges at 8am, Warren Madsen at 10am.*

Gospel: *Luke 13: 31-35.*

Intercessor: *Vicar at 8am, Laurence Gray at 10am.*

Liturgical Minister: *Tom Verghese at 8am, Scott Phillips at 10am.*

Welcomer/Covid Officer: *Ann Hodges at 8am, Jeannine Madsen at 10am.*

Sidespersons: *Sue Searls at 8am, Warren Madsen at 10am.*

Morning Tea: *Jill Ringrose.*

NEXT SUNDAY: 20th March, 3rd Sunday in Lent

First Reading: *Isaiah 55:1-9. Read by Wilma Robarts at 8am, Sue Phillips at 10am.*

Psalm:

Second Reading: *1 Corinthians 10. 1-13. Read by Wilma Robarts at 8am, Sue Phillips at 10am.*

Gospel:

Intercessor: *Wilma Robarts at 8am, Laurence Gray at 10am.*

Liturgical Minister: *Ingrid Dodd at 8am, Scott Phillips at 10am.*

Welcomer/Covid Officer: *Wilma Robarts at 8am, Carol Willis at 10am.*

Sidespersons: *Sue Searls at 8am, Jill Ringrose at 10am.*

Morning Tea: *Allison Verghese.*

SAFEGUARDING

We strongly condemn any form of abuse and are committed to safeguarding children and vulnerable people, and speaking out against violence against women. If you would like to raise any concerns, please contact the independent Professional Standards Body, Kooyoora.

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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 & Nursing Homes: Rev. Elizabeth Murray**

Williamstown Central: Valerie Dripps 0412 372 524

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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.