



HOLY TRINITY ANGLICAN CHURCH WILLIAMSTOWN

20th March 2022
3rd 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

We all need a little care and attention at times. There are also aspects of our lives that might need extra tending at times. I've always liked the gardener in this fig tree parable. When told to cut down the fig tree because it isn't bearing fruit, I like the response that can be summarised, "Well, let's try caring for the tree first and see what happens? If that still doesn't work, then we'll cut it down." If something in our lives doesn't appear to be bearing fruit, let's see if we are giving the care and attention needed first, then, if nothing changes, then letting go might be the right response after all. Rev Elizabeth



PARISH PRAYER POINTS



For The Church:

- La Iglesia Anglicana de Mexico
- The Diocese of Bendigo
- Tintern Grammar
- St. Mark's Fitzroy

In our Community

As part of our regular parish cycle of prayer we pray for Adrian Pagan, Delia Paul & Laurence Gray, Sue & Scott Phillips, Dawn Riddel, Jill & Chris Ringrose, Wilma Robarts.

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, Susan Mc Crae.

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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 693 Come as you are*

GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

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

THE SENTENCE

'As the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts,' says the Lord. *Isaiah 55.9*

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

O God, the fountain of life, to a humanity parched with thirst you offer the living water that springs from the Rock, our Saviour Jesus Christ: stir up within your people the gift of your Spirit, that we may profess our faith with freshness and announce with joy the wonder of your love. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD *(please sit)*

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

To, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and you that have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labour for that which does not satisfy? Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live. I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David. See, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples. See, you shall call nations that you do not know, and nations that do not know you shall run to you, because of the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you. Seek the Lord while he may be found, call upon him while he is near; let the wicked forsake their way, and the unrighteous their thoughts; let them return to the Lord, that he may have mercy on them, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the Lord. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.

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

Psalm 63.1-9

¹ O God, you are my God: eagerly will I seek you.

² **My soul thirsts for you, my flesh longs for you:
as a dry and thirsty land where no water is.**

³ So it was when I beheld you in the sanctuary:
and saw your power and your glory.

⁴ **For your unchanging goodness is better than life:
therefore my lips shall praise you.**

⁵ And so I will bless you as long as I live:
and in your name will I lift my hands on high.

**⁶ My longing shall be satisfied as with marrow and fatness:
my mouth shall praise you with exultant lips.**

⁷ When I remember you upon my bed:
when I meditate upon you in the night watches,

**⁸ How you have been my helper:
then I sing for joy in the shadow of your wings,**

⁹ Then my soul clings to you:
and your right hand upholds me.

The Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 10:1-13. Read by Wilma Robarts at 8am, Laurence Gray at 10am.

I do not want you to be unaware, brothers and sisters, that our ancestors were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, and all ate the same spiritual food, and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual rock that followed them, and the rock was Christ. Nevertheless, God was not pleased with most of them, and they were struck down in the wilderness. Now these things occurred as examples for us, so that we might not desire evil as they did. Do not become idolaters as some of them did; as it is written, 'The people sat down to eat and drink, and they rose up to play.' We must not indulge in sexual immorality as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in a single day. We must not put Christ to the test, as some of them did, and were destroyed by serpents. And do not complain as some of them did, and were destroyed by the destroyer. These things happened to them to serve as an example, and they were written down to instruct us, on whom the ends of the ages have come. So if you think you are standing, watch out that you do not fall. No testing has overtaken you that is not common to everyone. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tested beyond your strength, but with the testing he will also provide the way out so that you may be able to endure it. For the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

(please stand)

*At 10am **Gradual Hymn:** TIS 245 We have a gospel*

The Gospel according to St. Luke 13.1-9

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.

At that very time there were some present who told him about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. He asked them, ‘Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did. Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them—do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others living in Jerusalem? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish just as they did.’ Then he told this parable: ‘A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. So he said to the gardener, “See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?” He replied, “Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig round it and put manure on it. If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.” ’

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 10am.

*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 519 *And now, O Father*

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 59 All people that on earth do dwell

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

Our study series continues Wednesdays 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. Even if you missed a week, you are welcome to come along.

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. The fundraiser closes 15th April.

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

Our Book Group meets in the Parish Centre at 12 noon on 23rd March. The book we are discussing this month is “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



23rd March Karen Frkovic

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: Arranging the Church Flowers

For those in the Congregation who love colour, design and flowers, this is the task for you! It is the most joyful job.

You may source the flowers from your own garden, ask other parishioners, in the Vicarage Garden or Florists etc. It's OK to use artificial flowers from time to time.

At present there are just five people on our list. A number of parishioners are generous in offering flowers. Easter and Christmas, as special occasions are shared by all of us.

If anyone feels uncertain about taking on this role, we are always willing to work with a new person for the first few times.

No doubt you are aware of numerous areas where we like to have arrangements. Just so you know what you'll be signing up for, you should know that this ministry includes:

- removing the flowers from the previous week, cleaning the vases, and putting the dead flowers in a garden waste bin.
- preparing at least four arrangements: 2 behind the High Altar, and 2 on the stands at the Nave Pillars (you can always do more if you wish).
- ensuring this is all ready for worship on a Sunday.

If there any flowers left over, the team like to put them on the Window Ledges. And while the flowers have to be ready for the Sunday Services, you choose a time to suit, being aware of other events happening in the Church. We occasionally need flowers for Weddings and Funerals.

The beauty this ministry brings to our worship is greatly appreciated. Please prayerfully consider committing to this task.

SOME 2022 EVENTS FOR YOUR DIARY

Lenten Studies: Wednesdays 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

19 th	2pm	Tapestry Group
20 th	8 & 10am	Holy Communion
23 rd	10.00am	Holy Communion
	7.30-9pm	Lenten Studies
18 th	10am-1pm	Community Lunches
20 th	8 & 10am	Holy Communion
	12noon	Baptism
23 rd	(10.00am	Holy Communion – TBC)
	7.30-9pm	Lenten Studies
25 th	10am-1pm	Community Lunches
27 th	8 & 10am	Mothering Sunday - Holy Communion
28 th	3pm	Holy Communion – The Village
30 th	10.00am	Holy Communion
	7.30-9pm	Lenten Studies

APRIL

1 st	10am-1pm	Community Lunches
2 nd	2.00-3.00pm	Palm Cross making – Parish Centre
7 th	6.30pm	Parish Council meeting
8 th	10am-1pm	Community Lunches
9 th	9am-12noon	Gardening Group
3 rd	8 & 10am	Holy Communion
10 th	9.30am	Palm Sunday, procession begins at Electra St Uniting Church, combined Palm Sunday worship at Holy Trinity <i>Please note: no 8am worship today</i>
13 th	10.00am	Holy Communion
14 th	7.00pm	Maundy Thursday worship
15 th	9am	Good Friday solemn worship (no community lunches today)
16 th	2pm	Tapestry Group
17 th	6am	Easter Dawn service
	10am	Easter Day Holy Communion with Baptism
18 th		Public Holiday
20 th	10.00am	Holy Communion
22 nd	10am-1pm	Community Lunches
24 th	8 & 10am	Holy Communion

PARISH ROSTER

SUNDAY: 20th March, 3rd Sunday in Lent

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

Psalm: *63.1-9*

Second Reading: *1 Corinthians 10.1-13. Read by Wilma Robarts at 8am, Sue Phillips at 10am.*

Gospel: *Luke 13.1-9*

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

Eucharist Assistant: *at 8am*

Liturgical Minister: *Scott Phillips at 10am.*

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

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

Morning Tea: *Alison Verghese.*

NEXT SUNDAY: 27TH March, 4th Sunday in Lent

First Reading: *Joshua 5:2-12. Read by Valerie Dripps at 8am, Chris Ringrose at 10am.*

Psalm: *32.*

Second Reading: *2 Corinthians 5.16-2. Read by Valerie Dripps at 8am, Chris Ringrose at 10am.*

Gospel: *Luke 15.11-32.*

Intercessor: *Vicar at 8am, Ingrid Dodd at 10am.*

Eucharist Assistant: *Valerie Dripps at 8am*

Liturgical Minister: *Tom Verghese at 10am.*

Welcomer: *Sue Searls at 8am, Chris Ringrose at 10am.*

Sidespersons: *Wilma Robarts at 8am, Jill Ringrose at 10am.*

Morning Tea:

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

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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.