



HOLY TRINITY ANGLICAN CHURCH WILLIAMSTOWN

27th March 2022

4th Sunday of Lent – Mothering Sunday

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

Resentment, as a reaction, is very human and understandable, but it gets in the way of so many good things. As the actress Carrie Fisher said, "Resentment is like drinking poison and waiting for the other person to die." The parable of "The Prodigal Son" is Jesus' way of trying to tell us and illustrate for us what God's nature is like, mostly through the father figure. It is always worth sitting with these well-known Bible passages and remembering Jesus was a radical revelation of God for a world in need of hope and guidance.

Rev. Elizabeth



PARISH PRAYER POINTS



For The Church:

- The Church of the Province of Myanmar
- Ministry with the aboriginal people of Australia
- Trinity Grammar School
- St. Stephen's Gardenvale

In our Community

As part of our regular parish cycle of prayer we pray for Janice Schmidt, Sue Searls, Marlini Singh, Anne & Mark Skurrie, Ian Stewart, Kate Strasser.

We pray for those who are suffering or unwell at this time, including: Elliot, Zoe Bastin, Gordon Beal, Ron Bates, Barb & 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, Mable Robinson, Barbara Walker.

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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:** “God the All-Holy”

(Tune: TIS 156 Morning has broken)

GATHERING IN GOD’S NAME

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

THE SENTENCE

God has reconciled us to himself through Christ, and given us the ministry of reconciliation. *2 Corinthians 5.18*

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 COLLECTS

Thank you God for the love of our mothers: thank you God for their care and concern; thank you God for the joys they have shared with us; thank you God for the pains they have borne for us; thank you God for all that they give us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

God of compassion, you are slow to anger, and full of mercy, welcoming sinners who return to you with penitent hearts: receive in your loving embrace all who come home to you, and seat them at your bountiful table, that, with all your children, they may feast with delight on all that satisfies the hungry heart.

We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Saviour, 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: Joshua 5.2-12. Read by Val Dripps at 8am, Chris Ringrose at 10am.

At that time the Lord said to Joshua, 'Make flint knives and circumcise the Israelites a second time.' So Joshua made flint knives, and circumcised the Israelites at Gibeath-haaraloth. This is the reason why Joshua circumcised them: all the males of the people who came out of Egypt, all the warriors, had died during the journey through the wilderness after they had come out of Egypt. Although all the people who came out had been circumcised, yet all the people born on the journey through the wilderness after they had come out of Egypt had not been circumcised. For the Israelites travelled for forty years in the wilderness, until all the nation, the warriors who came out of Egypt, perished, not having listened to the voice of the Lord. To them the Lord swore that he would not let them see the land that he had sworn to their ancestors to give us, a land flowing with milk and honey. So it was their children, whom he raised up in their place, that Joshua circumcised; for they were uncircumcised, because they had not been circumcised on the way. When the circumcising of all the nation was done, they remained in their places in the camp until they were healed. The Lord said to Joshua, 'Today I have rolled away from you the disgrace of Egypt.' And so that place is called Gilgal to this day. While the Israelites were encamped in Gilgal they kept the passover in the evening on the fourteenth day of the month in the plains of Jericho. On the day after the passover, on that very day, they ate the produce of the land, unleavened cakes and parched grain. The manna ceased on the day they ate the produce of the land, and the Israelites no longer had manna; they ate the crops of the land of Canaan that year.

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

Psalm 32

- ¹ Blessed are those whose sin is forgiven:
whose iniquity is put away.
- ² **Blessed are those to whom the Lord imputes no blame:
and in whose spirit there is no guile.**
- ³ For whilst I held my tongue:
my bones wasted away with my daily complaining.
- ⁴ **Your hand was heavy upon me day and night:
and my moisture was dried up like a drought in summer.**
- ⁵ Then I acknowledged my sin to you:
and my iniquity I did not hide;
- ⁶ **I said 'I will confess my transgressions to the Lord':
and so you forgave the wickedness of my sin.**
- ⁷ For this cause shall everyone that is faithful
make their prayer to you in the day of trouble:
and in the time of the great water-flood,
it shall not come near them.
- ⁸ **You are a place to hide me in,
you will preserve me from trouble:
you will surround me with deliverance on every side.**
- ⁹ 'I will instruct you, and direct you in the way that you should go:
I will fasten my eye upon you, and give you counsel.
- ¹⁰ **'Be not like horse or mule, that have no understanding:
whose forward course must be curbed with bit and
bridle.'**
- ¹¹ Great tribulations remain for the ungodly:
but whoever puts their trust in the Lord,
mercy embraces them on every side.
- ¹² **Rejoice in the Lord, you righteous, and be glad:
and shout for joy, all you that are true of heart.**

The Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 5.16-21 Read by Val Dripps at 8am, Chris Ringrose at 10am.

From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. So if anyone is in

Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

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

(please stand)

At 10am **Gradual Hymn:** TIS 613 Lord of all hopefulness

The Gospel according to St. Luke 15.11-32.

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.

Then Jesus said, 'There was a man who had two sons. The younger of them said to his father, "Father, give me the share of the property that will belong to me." So he divided his property between them. A few days later the younger son gathered all he had and travelled to a distant country, and there he squandered his property in dissolute living. When he had spent everything, a severe famine took place throughout that country, and he began to be in need. So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed the pigs. He would gladly have filled himself with the pods that the pigs were eating; and no one gave him anything. But when he came to himself he said, "How many of my father's hired hands have bread enough and to spare, but here I am dying of hunger! I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands.' " So he set off and went to his father. But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him. Then the son

said to him, “Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.” But the father said to his slaves, “Quickly, bring out a robe—the best one—and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. And get the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate; for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!” And they began to celebrate. ‘Now his elder son was in the field; and when he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing. He called one of the slaves and asked what was going on. He replied, “Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has got him back safe and sound.” Then he became angry and refused to go in. His father came out and began to plead with him. But he answered his father, “Listen! For all these years I have been working like a slave for you, and I have never disobeyed your command; yet you have never given me even a young goat so that I might celebrate with my friends. But when this son of yours came back, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fatted calf for him!” Then the father said to him, “Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. But we had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and has come to life; he was lost and has been found.” ’

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,
Scott Phillips 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 516 Here, gracious Lord

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 129 Amazing Grace*

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 concludes, Wednesday 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 **THIS 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.

ADA CAMBRIDGE BOOK GROUP

Our Book Group meets in the Parish Centre at 12 noon on Wednesday 27th April.

COMMUNITY LUNCH PROGRAM

Our Community Lunches have started again. Pamela is teaching knitting and potentially other crafts to anyone interested, so if you have any spare yarn, needles or crochet hooks, please bring them in.

GARDENING GROUP

We meet on the 2nd Saturday of each month from 9am. Next gathering will be 9th April, 2022, when there'll be mulch to spread, bulbs to plant, flowers to pick etc. We really welcome any comers and its great fun pursuing the ongoing jobs for keen gardeners of all abilities. We have been focusing on the Carpark Herb Gardens. Martin is mowing the lawns and the recent lovely rain has made our grass much greener. Morning Tea is provided. BYO gloves and favourite tools if you have them.

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. Our next Conversation will be 7.30-9pm Wednesday 6 April in the Parish Centre. Alison Verghese will tell us about, Swimming the Rip: Challenge, Commitment and Community.

Alison will speak about the challenge of swimming the Rip, the commitment required and the importance of community in this achievement.

BIRTHDAYS

19th March Joanne Hall

30th March Lailey Macrae



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: Wednesday, 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

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		Easter Monday Public Holiday (<i>vicar day off</i>)
19 th		(<i>vicar day off</i>)
20 th	10.00am	Holy Communion
22 nd	10am-1pm	Community Lunches
24 th	8 & 10am	Holy Communion
25 th		ANZAC DAY
	3pm	Holy Communion – The Village
27 th	12noon	Ada Cambridge Book Group

PARISH ROSTER

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

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, Scott Phillips 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:

SUNDAY: 3rd April, 5th Sunday in Lent

First Reading: *Isaiah 43:16-21. Read by Kate Strasser at 8am, Liz White at 10am.*

Psalm 126.

Second Reading: *Philippians 3:3-14. Read by Kate Strasser at 8am, Liz White at 10am.*

Gospel: *St John 12, 1-8*

Intercessor: *Wilma Robarts at 8am, Scott Phillips at 10am.*

Eucharist Assistant: *at 8am Tom Verghese.*

Liturgical Minister: *at 10am Ingrid Dodd.*

Welcomer: *Judith White 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**

Williamstown Central: Valerie Dripps 0412 372 524

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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.