



HOLY TRINITY ANGLICAN CHURCH WILLIAMSTOWN

6th March 2022
1st 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

The “Fasting and Feasting” approach to Lent as spoken to me over the past few years. Lent has traditionally been a time of ‘giving up’ a luxury or indulgence, and that is still a valid Lenten discipline. But the idea of refraining “fasting” from those behaviours that do harm, and taking on “feasting” on those behaviours that help human flourishing invites us to meditate on the truly transformative power of our Christian faith.

May we all have a Holy and Blessed Lent.

Rev. Elizabeth



PARISH PRAYER POINTS



For The Church:

- Anglican Province of the Congo
- Diocese of Grafton
- Spiritual Health Victoria Council
- Parish of St. Cuthbert’s Grovedale w. St Wilfrid’s, Mount Duneed

In our Community

As part of our regular parish cycle of prayer we pray for Martin Deny, Rebecca Murphy, Rita Northwood, Frances Oliver.

We pray for those who are suffering or unwell at this time, including: Elliot, Zoe Bastin, Gordon Beal, Ron Bates, Michael Dinham, 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, Bruce Thompson.

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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 123. Be still my soul.

GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

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

THE SENTENCE

Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him. *Luke 4.8*

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

Almighty and everlasting God, you hate nothing that you have made, and you forgive the sins of all who are penitent: create and make in us new and contrite hearts, that we, worthily lamenting our sins, and acknowledging our wretchedness, may obtain of you, the God of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD *(please sit)*

The First Reading: Deuteronomy 26.1-11. Read by Wilma Robarts at 8am, Liz White at 10am.

When you have come into the land that the Lord your God is giving you as an inheritance to possess, and you possess it, and settle in it, you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from the land that the Lord your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket and go to the place that the Lord your God will choose as a dwelling for his name. You shall go to the priest who is in office at that time, and say to him, 'Today I declare to the Lord your God that I have come into the land that the Lord swore to our ancestors to give us.' When the priest takes the basket from your hand and sets it down before the altar of the Lord your God, you shall make this response before the Lord your God: 'A wandering Aramean was my ancestor; he went down into Egypt and lived there as an alien, few in number, and there he became a great nation, mighty and populous. When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labour on us, we cried to the Lord, the God of our ancestors; the Lord heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. The Lord brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with a terrifying display of power, and with signs and wonders; and he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. So now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground that you, O Lord, have given me.' You shall set it down before the Lord your God and bow down before the Lord your God. Then you, together with the Levites and the aliens who reside among you, shall celebrate with all the bounty that the Lord your God has given to you and to your house.

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

Psalm 91.1-2, 91.9-16

¹ Those who dwell in the shelter of the Most High:
who abide under the shadow of the Almighty,

² **They will say to the Lord**

**‘You are my refuge and my stronghold:
my God in whom I trust.’**

⁹ The Lord himself is your refuge:
you have made the Most High your stronghold.

¹⁰ **Therefore no harm will befall you:
nor will any scourge come near your tent.**

¹¹ For he will command his angels:
to keep you in all your ways.

¹² **They will bear you up in their hands:
lest you dash your foot against a stone.**

¹³ You will tread on the lion and the adder:
the young lion and the serpent
you will trample under foot.

¹⁴ **‘You have set your love upon me,’ says the Lord,
‘and therefore I will deliver you:
I will lift you out of danger,
because you have known my name.**

¹⁵ **‘When you call upon me I will answer you:
I will be with you in trouble,
I will rescue you and bring you to honour.**

¹⁶ **‘With long life I will satisfy you:
and fill you with my salvation.’**

The Second Reading: Romans 10.4-13. Read by at Wilma Robarts at 8am Liz White at 10am.

For Christ is the end of the law so that there may be righteousness for everyone who believes. Moses writes concerning the righteousness that comes from the law, that ‘the person who does these things will live by them.’ But the righteousness that comes from faith says, ‘Do not say in your heart, “Who will ascend into heaven?” ’ (that is, to bring Christ

down) 'or "Who will descend into the abyss?" ' (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). But what does it say? 'The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart' (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. The scripture says, 'No one who believes in him will be put to shame.' For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. For, 'Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.'

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

(please stand)

At 10am **Gradual Hymn:** For the Healing of the Nations.

The Gospel according to *St. Luke 4.1-15.*

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.

Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over, he was famished. The devil said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread.' Jesus answered him, 'It is written, "One does not live by bread alone."' Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. And the devil said to him, 'To you I will give their glory and all this authority; for it has been given over to me, and I give it to anyone I please. If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours.' Jesus answered him, 'It is written, "Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him."' Then the devil took him to Jerusalem, and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, 'If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, for it is written, "He will command his angels concerning you, to protect you", and "On their hands they

will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.” ’ Jesus answered him, ‘It is said, “Do not put the Lord your God to the test.” ’ When the devil had finished every test, he departed from him until an opportune time. Then Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone.

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 Ingrid Dodd 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 538: Feed us Now.

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 576 O for a closer walk with God.

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

THANK YOU!

A big thank you to everyone who helped make our Shrove Tuesday Pancake night such an enjoyable gathering. Special thanks to Ingrid for coordinating the volunteers, Wilma for preparing the batter, and all our cooks and servers and those who set up and packed up chairs and tables. It is the great work of many that means we share in this ministry of hospitality. Thank you.

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.

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 13th 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 12th March, 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)

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

6 th	8 & 10am	Holy Communion
11 th	9am-1pm	Community Lunches
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

THIS SUNDAY: 4TH March, 1st Sunday in Lent

First Reading: *Deuteronomy 26: 1-11, read by Wilma Robarts at 8am Liz White at 10am.*

Psalm: *91.1-2, 91.9-16*

Second Reading: *Romans 10: 4-13, read by Wilma Robarts at 8am Liz White at 10am.*

Gospel: *St. Luke 4.1-15.*

Intercessor: *Ingrid Dodd at 8am Scott Phillips at 10am.*

Liturgical Minister: *Ingrid Dodd at 8am Tom Verghese at 10am.*

Welcomer/Covid Officer: *Wilma Robarts at 8am Jill Ringrose at 10am.*

Sidespersons: *Wilma Robarts at 8am Chris Ringrose at 10am.*

Morning Tea: Volunteers please.

NEXT SUNDAY: 11th March, 2nd Sunday in Lent

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

Psalm: *27:*

Second Reading: *Philippians 3: 17-4:1, Read by 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: *Marie Calthorpe at 8am, Jeannine Madsen at 10am.*

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

Morning Tea: *Jill Ringrose.*

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.