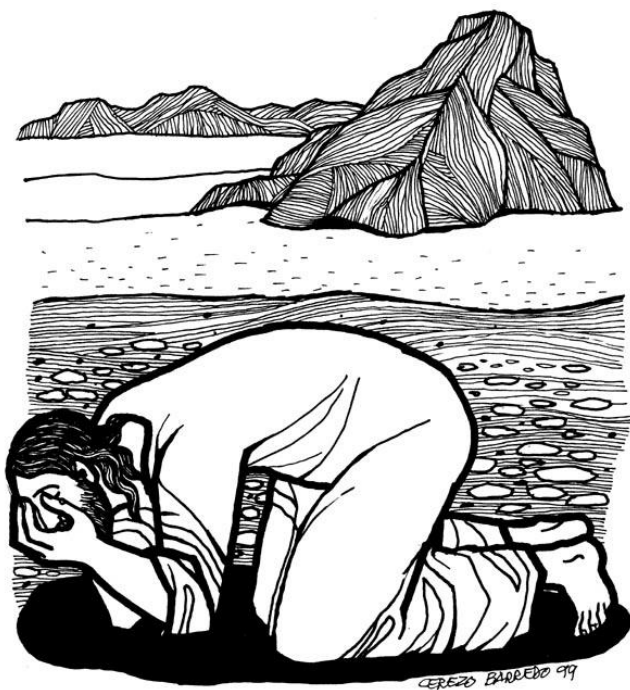


FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT
18th Feb 2024



GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

Please all stand

PROCESSIONAL HYMN 25

GREETING

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**
The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

SENTENCE

The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news. *Mark 1.15*

INTRODUCTION

As he begins his ministry Jesus summons us to repent and believe in the good news he came to bring. Lent is a time to listen attentively to the Gospel and to turn back to the ways of God our Father. In that way we shall restore in our lives the God-given order damaged through our sinfulness.

THE SOLEMN LITANY

Let us pray:

God the Father, **have mercy on us.**

God the Son, **have mercy on us.**

God the Holy Spirit, **have mercy on us.**

Holy, blessed and glorious Trinity, **have mercy on us.**

Hear our prayers, O Lord our God. **Hear us, good Lord.**

Govern and direct your holy Church; fill it with love and truth;
and grant it that unity which is your will. **Hear us, good Lord.**

Give us boldness to preach the gospel in all the world,
and to make disciples of all the nations. **Hear us, good Lord.**

Enlighten our bishops Philip, Genieve, Brad, Kate and all who minister with
knowledge and understanding, that by their teaching and their lives they may
proclaim your word. **Hear us, good Lord.**

Give your people grace to hear and receive your word, and to bring forth the fruit of
the Spirit. **Hear us, good Lord.**

Bring into the way of truth all who have erred and are deceived.
Hear us, good Lord.

Strengthen those who stand; comfort and help the faint-hearted;
raise up the fallen; and finally beat down Satan under our feet.
Hear us, good Lord.

Give us true repentance; forgive us our sins of negligence and ignorance
and our deliberate sins; and grant us the grace of your Holy Spirit

to amend our lives according to your holy word.

**Holy God, holy and strong,
holy and immortal, have mercy on us.**

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.

THE TWO GREAT COMMANDMENTS

'Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God, the Lord is one; you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength.' Jesus said: 'This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it: you shall love your neighbour as yourself.'

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

In today's gospel Jesus proclaims, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news." Let us take a moment to heed Jesus's call to repentance and ask our merciful God for forgiveness.

Silence.

**Merciful God, our maker and our judge, we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, and in what we have failed to do:
we have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves;
we repent, and are sorry for all our sins. Father, forgive us.
Strengthen us to love and obey you in newness of life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

ABSOLUTION

Almighty God, who has promised forgiveness to all who turn to him 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.**

KYRIE ELEISON

Lord have mercy. Christ have mercy. Lord have mercy.

TRISAGION

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

THE PRAYER OF THE DAY / COLLECT

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**
Let us pray.

God of the new and eternal covenant, as the forty days of the great flood swept

away the world's corruption and watered new beginnings of righteousness and life: grant to us who are washed clean and born again in the saving flood of baptism, the wellspring of your grace, that your gift of new life may flourish once again; through Jesus Christ our Redeemer, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Please be seated for the reading

FIRST READING

A reading from the book of Genesis 9:8-17

Then God said to Noah and to his sons with him, 'As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you, and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the domestic animals, and every animal of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark. I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth.' God said, 'This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth.' God said to Noah, 'This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth.'

Hear the word of the Lord, **thanks be to God.**

PSALM 25:1-10 — APBA.

- 1 In you, O Lord my God, have I put my hope:
in you have I trusted, let me not be ashamed,
nor let my enemies triumph over me.
- 2 **Let none who wait for you be put to shame:**
but let those that break faith
be confounded and gain nothing.
- 3 Show me your ways, O Lord:
and teach me your paths.
- 4 **Lead me in the ways of your truth, and teach me:**
for you are the God of my salvation.
- 5 In you have I hoped all the day long:
because of your goodness, O Lord.
- 6 **Call to mind your compassion and your loving-kindness:**

for they are from of old.

7 Remember not the sins of my youth,

nor my transgressions:

but according to your mercy think on me.

8 Good and upright is the Lord:

therefore will he direct sinners in the way.

9 The meek he will guide in the path of justice:

and teach the humble his ways.

10 All the paths of the Lord are faithful and true:

for those who keep his covenant and his commandments.

SECOND READING

A reading from the First Letter of St Peter 3:18-22.

For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight people, were saved through water. And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you—not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

Hear the word of the Lord, **thanks be to God.**

GRADUAL HYMN 591

THE GOSPEL (Please stand)

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, King of endless glory

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No one lives on bread alone,

but on every word that comes from the mouth of God. (*Matt 4:4b*)

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, King of endless glory.

A reading from the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St Mark 1:9-15

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven, ‘You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.’

And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. He was in the wilderness for forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him.

Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, and saying, 'The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

SERMON

Silence.

THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Please stand as we affirm our faith in the words of the Nicene Creed.

We believe in one God, the Father, the almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father; through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the Forgiveness of sins.

**We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

please kneel/sit

We pray to the Lord for courage to give up other things
and to give ourselves to him this Lent.

Give your Church the courage to give up her preoccupation with herself
and to give more time to your mission in the world.

[We pray for ...]

May the blood and water flowing from the side of Jesus bring forgiveness to your people and help us to face the cost of proclaiming salvation.

Lord, meet us in the silence,

give us strength and hear our prayer.

Give your world the courage to give up war, bitterness and hatred,
and to seek peace.

[We pray for ...]

May the shoulders of the risen Jesus, once scourged by soldiers,
bear the burden of political and military conflict in our world.

Lord, meet us in the silence,

give us strength and hear our prayer.

Give us the courage to give up quarrels, strife and jealousy in our families,
neighbourhoods and communities.

[We pray for ...]

May the presence of the risen Jesus, his body once broken and now made whole,
bring peace and direction as we live with one another. Lord, meet us in the
silence,

give us strength and hear our prayer.

Give us the courage to give up our selfishness as we live for others, and to give
time, care and comfort to the sick.

[We pray for ...]

May the wounded hands of Jesus bring his healing touch, and the light of his
presence fill their rooms. Lord, meet us in the silence,

give us strength and hear our prayer.

Give us the courage to give up our fear of death and to rejoice with those who
have died in faith.

[Especially we hold ... in our minds.]

May the feet of the risen Lord Jesus, once nailed to the cross, walk alongside the
dying and bereaved in their agony, and walk with us and all your Church
through death to the gate of glory.

Lord, meet us in the silence,

give us strength and hear our prayer, here and in eternity.

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 PEACE

Jesus says: 'Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you.

Do not let your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid.' (*cf John 14.27*)

The peace of the Lord be always with you. **And also with you.**

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

OFFERTORY HYMN 252 (TUNE 650)

THE GIFTS OF THE PEOPLE ARE BLESSED:

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 LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Please all stand

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER (LENT)

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.**
All glory and honour be yours always and everywhere,

.....

for ever 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.**

Merciful God, we thank you for these gifts of your creation,

Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.'

Let us proclaim the mystery of our faith.

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Therefore we do as our Saviour has commanded:

.....

through Jesus Christ our Lord, with whom, and in whom, in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, we worship you, Father, in songs of never-ending praise:

Blessing and honour and glory and power are yours for ever and ever. Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

As Christ has taught us, we are confident to pray, each in our own language:

**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 for ever. Amen.**

Breaking the consecrated bread

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

We who are many are one body,

for we all share in the one bread.

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 INVITATION

Jesus is the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world.

Happy are those who are called to his supper.

Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,

but only say the word, and I shall be healed.

COMMUNION HYMN: WORDS ON SHEET

THE SENDING OUT OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Please all stand

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Lord God, you have renewed us with the living bread from heaven; by it you nourish our faith, increase our hope, and strengthen our love: teach us always to hunger for him who is the true and living bread, and enable us to live by every word that proceeds from out of your mouth; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Father,

we offer ourselves to you as a living sacrifice

through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Send us out in the power of your Spirit

to live and work to your praise and glory. Amen

ANNOUNCEMENTS

DISMISSAL HYMN 580

THE BLESSING

May God the Father, who does not despise the broken spirit, give to you a contrite heart. **Amen.**

May Christ, who bore our sins in his body on the tree, heal you by his wounds.

Amen.

May the Holy Spirit, who leads us into all truth, speak to you words of pardon and peace. **Amen.**

And the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be amongst you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

DISMISSAL: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

In the name of Christ. Amen.



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Years Mind

Peter Senior, Billie Kennedy, Jim Wright, Norman King, and Dot Bartlett, whose anniversaries occur at this time.



Daily Readings

Monday	Leviticus 19.1-2,11-18	Ps 19.7-14	Matthew 25.31-46
Tuesday	Isaiah 55.10-11	Ps 11-18	Matthew 6.7-16.5
Wednesday	Jonah 3.1-10	Ps 51.6-9	Luke 11.29-32
Thursday	Addns to Esther 14.3-14	Ps 138.1-3	Matthew 7.7-12
Friday	Ezekiel 18.21-28	Ps 130	Matthew 5.20-26
Saturday	Deuteronomy 26.16-19	Ps 119.1-8	Matthew 5.43-48

Prayer Points

The Church: The Diocese of Sydney (Abp Kanishka Raffel, Regional Bps Chris Edwards, Michael Stead, Peter Hayward, Peter Lin, Malcolm Richards, Gary Koo, Clergy & People); Calling Melbourne2Prayer Group (Jill Firth, Rachel McDougall, Jamie Miller, Philip Trowse); Province of the Episcopal Church of Sudan (Abp Ezekiel Kondo); Pastoral and Episcopal visits to: St Columb's Hawthorn (Bp Genieve Blackwell); St Paul's Boronia (Bp Paul Barker); and St James' Pakenham (Bp Kate Prowd).

The Parish: Give thanks for Betty Baensch and her years of service here.

The World: Pray for an end to war in the Middle East.

The Nation: Pray for wisdom and honesty in our state and federal leaders.

LENTEN BIBLE STUDY

Wednesdays 11.30am (morning tea after 10.30am service, followed by Bible study). First study: **February 21 OR**

Saturdays 10.00am, followed by morning tea, (office) First study: **February 24**

TESSELAARS BULB DRIVE

Don't forget the Tesselaars Bulb fundraiser. The bulbs make a wonderful Easter gift for family and friends. The order forms are available from Hilary. Bulb orders are delivered directly to your home. **Last Dates for orders April 11.** (If you are uncomfortable with ordering online please contact. Hilary on 0400 635 600.)

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER 2024

March 1, Box Hill Baptist Church, **7.00pm**. See Jan Gunst for details 0425 757 778

HELP WITH ENGLISH

Can you help one of our 11.30am congregation members with some simple English Conversation? Feng is keen to learn, but is only available on a Sunday. If you can offer an hour or so each week, he would be very grateful. Please contact the Vicar if you would like to assist this young man.

MOTHERS UNION 28 February, 1.30 pm.

At the first meeting for 2024 our Vicar, Revd Victor Fan, will give us a Lenten message and meet members. All parishioners welcome!

FAREWELL BETTY BAENSCH

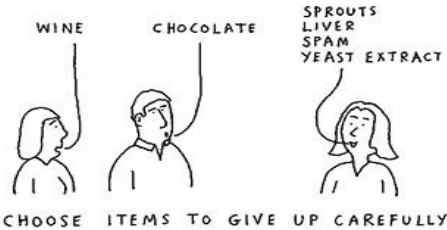
Betty is now moving to Portarlington permanently and we will all miss her, but she will be near family. Jan will have more details next week.

ROSTER	Today 18.02.24	Next week 25.02.24
SIDESPEOPLE	Michele M, Barbara P	Rosemary S, Rob K
SERVERS	Rosemary S, Elizabeth B, <i>Kim C</i>	Michele M, Judy J, <i>Garry M</i>
READERS	Rosemary S, Dianne A	Linda B, Jan G
INTERCESSOR	Michele M	Keith W
COUNTING	Charles B, Margaret R	Elizabeth B, Hilary B
MORNING TEA	Cecilia , Jan G, Jennifer R, Barbara M	Rosemary S , Peter W, Barbara M

TO MAKE YOU SMILE...

OBSERVING LENT

LESS DEMANDING OPTIONS



Week Ahead

SUNDAY 18.02.24

First Sunday in Lent

8.00am Eucharist, **9.30am** Eucharist
11.30am Mandarin service
1.00pm Badminton, *hall*
2.00pm Dinka service
2.30-4.30pm Prayers in Mandarin, *St A*

MONDAY 19.02.24

6.30-9.00pm Narc Anon *Undercroft*
6.30-8.30pm Celestial Tai Chi, *hall*

TUES 20.02.23

9.00am-1.00pm Office open
9.00 onwards Parish People@Work
6.00-8.00pm Bellydancing *hall*

WED 21.02.24

9.30-11.30am Playgroup, *Kindergarten*
10.30am Eucharist
11.30am Bible Study *Undercroft*
10.00-11.30am Tai Chi *hall*,

THU 22.02.24

6.30-9.30pm Crossways ESL, *hall*

FRI 23.02.24

9.00am-1.00pm Office open
5.30-9.30pm Mandarin Prayer Group

SAT 24.02.24

10.00am Bible Study *Office*
10.30am-1.30pm Sat School

SUNDAY 25.02.24

Second Sunday in Lent

8.00am Eucharist, **9.30am** Eucharist
11.30am Mandarin service
1.00pm Badminton, *hall*
2.00pm Dinka service
2.30-4.30pm Prayers in Mandarin, *St A*

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Mission Statement

Sharing the Good News

Telling the story afresh

Expressing God's love

Serving the community

Nurturing and sharing faith

Equipping to serve

Vision

To ensure that there continues to be a living, committed, communal Anglican presence of liturgical celebration, nurture and outreach in Box Hill.

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