

# THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

3rd March 2024

## GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

*Please all stand*



INTROIT: TIS 212

### GREETING

Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.  
**Blessed be God's Kingdom, now and forever.**

Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins,  
**whose mercy endures forever.**

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

### SENTENCE

God spoke these words and said, 'I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; you shall have no other gods before me. *Exodus 20.1*

### 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 first reading, God gives the Ten Commandments to the people of Israel. For the times we have not upheld God's law and followed in his ways, let us ask for pardon and mercy.

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

**Lord our God, by your Holy Spirit write your commandments upon our hearts and grant us the wisdom and power of the cross, so that, cleansed from greed and selfishness, we may become a living temple of your love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

### **THE LITURGY OF THE WORD**

*Please be seated for the reading*

#### **FIRST READING**

A reading from the book of Exodus, 20:1-17

Then God spoke all these words: I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; you shall have no other gods before me.

You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I the Lord your God am a jealous God, punishing children for the iniquity of parents, to the third and the fourth generation of those who reject me, but showing steadfast love to the thousandth generation of those who love me and keep my commandments.

You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the Lord your God, for the Lord will not acquit anyone who misuses his name.

Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy. For six days you shall labour and do all your work. But the seventh day is a sabbath to the Lord your God; you shall not do any work—you, your son or your daughter, your male or female slave, your livestock, or the alien resident in your towns. For in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but rested the seventh day; therefore the Lord blessed the sabbath day and consecrated it.

Honour your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the Lord your God is giving you.

You shall not murder.

You shall not commit adultery.

You shall not steal.

You shall not bear false witness against your neighbour.

You shall not covet your neighbour's house; you shall not covet your neighbour's wife, or male or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbour.

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

### PSALM 19 — Hymn 7

1 The heavens declare the glory of God: and the firmament proclaims his handiwork;

**2 One day tells it to another: and night to night communicates knowledge.**

3 There is no speech or language: nor are their voices heard;

**4 Yet their sound has gone out through all the world: and their words to the ends of the earth.**

5 There he has pitched a tent for the sun: which comes out as a bridegroom from his chamber, and rejoices like a strong man to run his course.

**6 Its rising is at one end of the heavens, and its circuit to their farthest bound: and nothing is hidden from its heat.**

7 The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul: the command of the Lord is true, and makes wise the simple.

**8 The precepts of the Lord are right, and rejoice the heart: the commandment of the Lord is pure, and gives light to the eyes.**

9 The fear of the Lord is clean, and endures for ever: the judgements of the Lord are unchanging, and righteous every one.

**10 More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold: sweeter also than honey, than the honey that drips from the comb.**

11 Moreover, by them is your servant taught: and in keeping them there is great reward.

**12 Who can know their own unwitting sins?: O cleanse me from my secret faults.**

13 Keep your servant also from presumptuous sins, lest they get the mastery over me: so I shall be clean, and innocent of great offence.

**14 May the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight: O Lord, my strength and my redeemer.**

**SECOND READING**

A reading from the First Letter of St Paul to the Corinthians, 1:18-25.

For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written,

‘I will destroy the wisdom of the wise,  
and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.’

Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling-block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For God’s foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God’s weakness is stronger than human strength.

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

**GRADUAL HYMN TIS 246**

**THE GOSPEL** (Please stand)

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

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God loved the world so much, he gave us his only Son, that all who believe in him might have eternal life. (*John 3:16*)

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

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

A reading from the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St John (2:13-22)

**Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

The Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. In the temple he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves, and the money-changers seated at their tables. Making a whip of cords, he drove all of them out of the temple, both the sheep and the cattle. He also poured out the coins of the money-changers and overturned their tables. He told those who were selling the doves, ‘Take these things out of here! Stop making my Father’s house a market-place!’ His disciples remembered that it was written, ‘Zeal for your house will consume me.’ The Jews then said to him, ‘What sign can you show us for doing this?’ Jesus answered them, ‘Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up.’ The Jews then said, ‘This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and will you raise it up in three days?’ But he was speaking of the temple of his body. After he was raised from the dead, his disciples

remembered that he had said this; and they believed the scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

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

## SERMON

### 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*

Knowing God's love and compassion for all he has created, let us confidently place before him our needs and petitions.

*(At the end of each section)*

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

*(Silence)*

*Conclude the prayer 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 PEACE

Christ is our peace. He has reconciled us to God in one body by the cross.

**We meet in his name and share his peace.** (*cf Ephesians 2.15,16*)

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

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

## OFFERTORY HYMN TIS 665

### 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 SACRAMENT

*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:

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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

Behold the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world.

Blessed 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 TIS 347

### **THE SENDING OUT OF GOD'S PEOPLE**

*Please all stand*

## POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Merciful Lord, grant your people grace to withstand the temptations of the world,  
the flesh and the devil, and with pure hearts and minds to follow you, the only God;  
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 TIS 242

## THE BLESSING

Christ give you grace to grow in holiness, to deny yourselves, take up your cross,  
and follow him: 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

George Van Twest, and Shirley Bristow, whose anniversaries occur at this time.



### Daily Readings

Monday	2 Kings 5.1-15	Ps 43	Luke 4.24-30
Tuesday	Song of 3YM, 2, 11-20	Ps 25.3-9	Matthew 18.21-35
Wednesday	Deuteronomy 4.1-9	Ps 147.12-20	Matthew 5.17-19
Thursday	Jeremiah 7.23-28	Ps 95.6-11	Luke 11.14-23
Friday	Hosea 14.2-9	Ps 81.13-16	Mark 12.28-34
Saturday	Hosea 5.15-6.6	Ps 51.10-17	Luke 18.9-14

### Prayer Points

**The Church:** St John's, Flinders w. St Marks Balnarring (Keiron Jones); The Diocese of Armidale (Bp Rod Chiswell, Clergy & People); Cross-Cultural Ministry; St John's Brunswick West – Confirmation service (Bp Genieve Blackwell); Pastoral services at Footscray Anglican Parish (Bp Brad Billings); Holy Trinity Pascoe Vale/Oak Park (Abp Philip Freier); St Peter's Brighton Beach (Bp Paul Barker); The Church of the Province of Uganda (Abp Stephen Kazimba).

**The Parish:** Give thanks and pray for our clergy, Fr Victor and Reverend Esther, and Fr Joseph as he visits in South Sudan.

**The World:** Pray for the work of the United Nations and those who promote peace.

**The Nation:** Pray for inter-faith dialogue and co-operation.



## Prayer of the Week

Lord God, our Redeemer, who heard the cry of your people and sent your servant Moses to lead them out of slavery: free us from the tyranny of sin and death and, by the leading of your Spirit, bring us to our promised land; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## ABM Pew Reflections

The Psalmist, in Psalm 19, speaks in beautiful and timeless language of the grandeur of God revealed in the natural world, and in 1 Corinthians 1:18-25 Paul speaks of the wisdom of God that surpasses human wisdom. In a world in which science and religion have long been seen by many as mutually exclusive, the progress of science can be seen to be leading more to a convergence than a divergence. For as science continues to roll back the frontiers of human knowledge it, paradoxically, simultaneously extends the frontiers of the unknown, and in the process reveals anew, for those who take the time to see, the awe-inspiring mystery that underpins our universe, and the provisional nature of the understanding derived from human wisdom. • Lord, empower us to see your grandeur revealed in the world around us and, seeing this, strengthen our resolve to husband and nurture our earthly home. • Give thanks for the work and witness of NATSIAC, the National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Anglican Council.

## LENTEN BIBLE STUDY

**Wednesday 11.30am** (morning tea after 10.30am service, followed by Bible Study. Undercroft.) **March 6, 13, 20**

**OR**

10.00am Saturday, **March 9** meet at **VICARAGE**

**9.00am Saturday, March 16** meet in the church office

**10.00am Saturday, March 23** meet in the church office



**Change**

## TRAINING TO USE THE AED – *Please sign up!*

Now that we have the AED machine installed in St Peter's after all the fundraising cycling done by Lars, it is time to make ourselves familiar with how it works. Lars is offering training sessions on the following dates:

**Monday, March 11 at 7.00pm** OR **Thursday, March 14 at 10.00am**

Lars suggests that the training will take less than one hour. Please **email the office to let us know which session you can attend** at [anglicans.boxhill@bigpond.com](mailto:anglicans.boxhill@bigpond.com)

Many thanks to Lars for giving us his time and expertise.

## **MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR MARJORIE WALKER**

This special service will be at 10.30am on Saturday, March 16.

## **VASES AVAILABLE**

The Flower Ladies today completed a "Spring Clean" of the flower cupboards and flowers. We have placed a number of vases, which are no longer wanted for our use, on a table in the Undercroft. They are free to anyone who can use them. We will leave them until Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> March. Any not claimed will be sent to a life elsewhere.

## **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.)

## **INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY March 8**

For International Women's Day next Friday (8th March, 9.30-11am), the Whitehorse Churches Care group are hosting a panel of inspiring women at the Community Space at Forest Hill Chase (including Helen Walker - recent recipient of an Order of Australia Medal for her services to women in custody and Gail Cameron, founder of KidsHope.) We'll have a free morning tea as well. It should be a great event and we'd love to fill the space with people.

The work and reach of the Forest Hill Chase Community Space by the Whitehorse Churches Care group continues to grow. This space provides opportunities for connection and support, relationship building and referrals to local to local services - so many opportunities to love our neighbours and be a visible presence together within the community.

## **VOLUNTEERING AT ST PETER'S**

There are many different ways to become involved with the parish through volunteering, including the choir, Mothers' Union, reading, serving, flower arranging and morning tea rosters as well as the Parish People@Work group doing maintenance, among others. Speak to the Vicar if you want to join in.

## **TO MAKE YOU SMILE...**

Outside of mass hours, a man walks into a church and finds the priest.

"Give me all you have," he says as he pulls out a revolver.

The priest becomes terrified and hastily searches his pockets. He doesn't have any money on him, but he discovers some wrapped candy and holds it out, saying, "I'm sorry. This is all I've got!"

"But Father, I gave up candy during Lent!" says the burglar.

The Rector responds to concern that Lent is a downer



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### REPORTING CHILD ABUSE

All child safety concerns must be reported to Kooyoora Professional Standards  
1800 135 246

#### OUR INFORMATION

**FIRST AID KIT** – Located in the office and kitchen.

**TOILETS** – Located in the Church Hall and in the church building through the church doors front right.

**WHEELCHAIR** – Located near the toilet for the disabled upstairs.

**FIRE & EMERGENCY** – Please make yourself aware of the nearest escape route in the event of an emergency or fire.

**OH&S** – Please ensure that any incidents/accidents are reported to the Vicar or Wardens and incident report completed.

#### 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.

<b>ROSTER</b>	<b>Today 3.03.24</b>	<b>Next week 10.03.24</b>
SIDESPEOPLE	Dianne A, Sandra L	Martin F, Elizabeth B
SERVERS	Rosemary S, Michele M, <i>Garry M</i>	Michele M, Judy J, <i>Garry M</i>
READERS	Charles B, Barbara P	Margaret D, Conrad H
INTERCESSOR	Elizabeth B	Judy J
COUNTING	Rob K, Lyn B	Michele M, Garry P
MORNING TEA	<b>Elizabeth B</b> , Laurence L, Lyn B	<b>Rosemary S</b> , Peter W, Barbara M

## Week Ahead

### SUNDAY 3.03.24

#### Third Sunday in Lent

8.00am Eucharist, 9.30am Eucharist  
11.30am Mandarin service  
1.00pm Badminton, *hall*  
2.00pm Dinka service

### MONDAY 4.03.24

Vicar's day off

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

### TUES 5.03.23

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

### WED 6.03.24

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

### THU 7.03.24

6.30-9.30pm Crossways ESL, *hall*

### FRI 8.03.24

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

### SAT 9.03.24

9.00am -12.00 noon Wedding, *Church*  
10.00am Bible Study, *Vicarage*  
10.30am-1.30pm Sat School

### SUNDAY 10.03.24

#### Fourth Sunday in Lent

8.00am Eucharist, 9.30am Eucharist  
11.30am Mandarin service  
1.00pm Badminton, *hall*

## For the Diary

### March 6, 9

Bible Study  
Wed 6/3 at 11.30am (U'croft) or  
Sat 9/3 at 10.00am (Vicarage)

### March 12

Parish Council Meeting, 7.30pm, U'croft

### March 16

10.30am  
Memorial Service for Marjorie Walker

### April 17 (*new date*)

I&I Designs Fashion Show and Sale  
1.30pm Undercroft

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St Peter's church is on the land of the Wurundjeri people of the Kulin nation and we acknowledge them as the traditional custodians of this land.