

# FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

## Mothering Sunday

10th March 2024

GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

*Please all stand*



### PROCESSIONAL HYMN TIS 155

#### 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

The Son of Man must be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. *John 3.14-15*

#### 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 tells Nicodemus, “the light has come into the world, and people loved darkness rather than light.” For all the times and ways that we have loved darkness rather than the light of Christ, let us ask for mercy and pardon.  
*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. Lord have mercy.**

## **TRISAGION (THRICE HOLY)**

**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.

**Everlasting God in whom we live and move and have our being, you have made us for yourself, and our hearts are restless until they find their rest in you: give us purity of heart and strength of purpose, that no selfish passion may hinder us from knowing your will, no weakness prevent us from doing it; that in your light we may see light, and in your service find perfect freedom; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

## **THE LITURGY OF THE WORD**

*Please be seated for the reading*

### **FIRST READING : Numbers 21:4-9**

A reading from the book of Numbers.

From Mount Hor they set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom; but the people became impatient on the way. The people spoke against God and against Moses, ‘Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we detest this miserable food.’ Then the Lord sent poisonous serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many Israelites died. The people came to Moses and said, ‘We have sinned by speaking against the Lord and against you; pray to the Lord to take away the serpents from us.’ So Moses prayed for the people. And the Lord said to Moses, ‘Make a poisonous serpent, and set it on a pole; and everyone who is bitten shall look at it and live.’ So Moses made a serpent of bronze, and put it upon a pole; and whenever a serpent bit someone, that person would look at the serpent of bronze and live.

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

### **PSALM 107:1-3,17-22 — APBA.**

1 O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good: for his loving mercy is for ever.

2 Let the Lord's redeemed say so: whom he has redeemed from the hand of the enemy,  
3 And gathered in from every land, from the east and from the west: from the north  
and from the south.

17 Fools were far gone in transgression: and because of their sins were afflicted.

18 They sickened at any food: and had come to the gates of death.

19 Then they cried to the Lord in their distress: and he took them out of their trouble.

20 He sent his word and healed them: and saved their life from the Pit.

21 *Let them thank the Lord for his goodness: and for the wonders that he does for the  
children of Adam;*

22 *Let them offer sacrifices of thanksgiving: and tell what he has done with shouts of  
joy.*

## **SECOND READING: Ephesians, 2:1-10**

A reading from the Letter of St Paul to the Ephesians.

You were dead through the trespasses and sins in which you once lived, following the course of this world, following the ruler of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work among those who are disobedient. All of us once lived among them in the passions of our flesh, following the desires of flesh and senses, and we were by nature children of wrath, like everyone else. But God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved—and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, so that in the ages to come he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness towards us in Christ Jesus. For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God—not the result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life.

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## **GRADUAL HYMN: 600**

### **THE GOSPEL: JOHN 3:14-21**

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

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

Jesus said to Nicodemus:

“And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

‘For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

‘Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. Those who believe in him are not condemned; but those who do not believe are condemned already, because they have not believed in the name of the only Son of God. And this is the judgement, that the light has come into the world, and people loved darkness rather than light because their deeds were evil. For all who do evil hate the light and do not come to the light, so that their deeds may not be exposed. But those who do what is true come to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that their deeds have been done in God.’

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*

In today's gospel, Jesus assures Nicodemus, "God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him." Trusting in Christ's desire to save and redeem, let us bring our needs and petitions before him.

*(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: 174

### 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 preferred 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.**

### **AGNUS DEI (LAMB OF GOD)**

**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: 241 & 335**

## THE SENDING OUT OF GOD'S PEOPLE

*Please all stand*

### POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Holy Father, who gathered us here around the table of your Son to share this meal with the whole household of God: in that new world where you reveal the fullness of your peace, gather people of every race and language to share with all your saints in the eternal banquet of 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: 147

### THE BLESSING

May God, whose glory is reflected in the lives of his saints, pour upon you the riches of his grace, and equip you and strengthen you to proclaim his word. And the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among 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

Mary Wood, and Millis Taylor, whose anniversaries occur at this time.



### Daily Readings

Monday	Isaiah 65.17-21	Ps 30.8-12	John 4.43-54
Tuesday	Ezekiel 47.1-12	Ps 46.1-7	John 5.1-3, 5-16
Wednesday	Isaiah 49.8-15	Ps 145.8-13	John 5.17-30
Thursday	Exodus 32.7-14	Ps 106.2--24	John 5.31-47
Friday	Wisdom 2.1, 12-22	Ps 34.15-22	John 7.1-2, 10, 25-30
Saturday	Jeremiah 11.18-20	Ps 7.7-12	John 7.40-52

### Prayer Points

**The Church:** St Paul's Geelong (Vacant incumbency); The Diocese of Central Queensland (Bp Peter Grice, Clergy & People); Diocesan Building Committee; The Episcopal Church (Bp Michael Curry); Holy Trinity Doncaster – Confirmation service (Bp Genieve Blackwell); Pastoral services: St Mary's North Melbourne (Bp Genieve Blackwell); Grasslands Church (Bp Brad Billings); St John the Baptist Lilydale (Bp Paul Barker).

**The Parish:** Pray for all those who are ill, anxious or estranged from family.

**The World:** Give thanks for all who work to better their communities.

**The Nation:** Pray for the hungry, homeless and lonely.

### Prayer of the Week

Almighty God, in Christ you make all things new: transform the poverty of our nature by the riches of your grace, and in the renewal of our lives make known your heavenly glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**



## ABM Pew Reflections

The joyous proclamation of the Christian faith is that the reality and capacity of God's love and grace are not hidden from the world nor beyond our ability to see and know. Jesus, the Saviour, the Messiah, put aside the divinity and glory of heaven to be one of us, to be a visible part of this world and to invite the world into a journey of enlightening us to God and God's love. Naming Jesus as Lord begins our journey, and if you know nothing or everything of the bible, these words of Jesus recorded by John will continue to invite you, like Nicodemus, to seek to know how his life, death and resurrection is the power of God's love for our redemption and to eternal life. • Pray that God's endless love would transform the darkness of our world to light – transforming hatred to forgiveness and freedom, conflict to peace and joy, fear to hope and faith, death to life. • Give thanks for the work and witness of CAPA, the Council of the Anglican Provinces of Africa.

## LENTEN BIBLE STUDY

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

**OR**

**Saturday, 9.00am March 16,** church office

**10.00am Saturday, March 23,** church office

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

Thanks to all those who have signed up for learning how to use our AED. Lars is offering training sessions on the following dates:

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

Please ring the office and let us know you are coming before attending so that Lars can prepare the material.

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.

## 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.)

## CONCERT

**Friday 15 March, 6pm–7pm**

Beethoven and Clementi concert at St Patrick's Cathedral Melbourne.

Award-winning concert pianist David Soo, who is a specialist in eighteenth-century keyboard music.

Purchase your tickets today or at the door. Adults \$30 | Concession \$25

*Children aged 15 years and under are admitted free*

## TO MAKE YOU SMILE...

AN IDEA WHOSE TIME HAS NOT YET COME: LENTEN GREETING CARDS



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Lent is always a hard time for the Catholic woodworker. He can't clamp anything in place while he works. He has to give up his vises.

**How did the computer survive Lent without social media?** It reprogrammed its habits.

# HOLY WEEK



## SERVICES DURING HOLY WEEK and EASTER March 25-31

Palm Sunday **9.30am**  
 Wednesday **10.30am** Passion Cycle liturgy with Stations of the Cross  
 Maundy Thursday **7.30pm** Combined Commemoration of the Last Supper

**Good Friday** **9.30am** Solemn liturgy  
**7.30pm** Service in Mandarin, **ST PETER'S**  
**7.30pm** Tenebrae, **ST AIDAN'S**

**EASTER DAY** **10.00am** Combined congregations service  
 With lunch afterwards prepared by Mandarin congregation

### 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 10.03.24</b>	<b>Next week 17.03.24</b>
SIDESPEOPLE	Martin F, Elizabeth B	Noel W, Rosemary S
SERVERS	Michele M, Judy J, <i>Garry M</i>	Elizabeth B, Michele M, <i>Kim C</i>
READERS	Margaret D, Conrad H	Kim C, Hilary B
INTERCESSOR	Judy J	Michele M
COUNTING	Michele M, Garry P	Charles B, Elizabeth B
MORNING TEA	<b>Rosemary</b> , Peter W, Barbara M	<b>Cecilia</b> , Dianne A, Jenny F, Margaret R

## Week Ahead

### SUNDAY 10.03.24

#### Fourth Sunday in Lent

**8.00am** Eucharist, **9.30am** Eucharist

**11.30am** Mandarin service

**1.00pm** Badminton, *hall*

**2.00pm** Dinka service

### MONDAY 11.03.24

Vicar's day off

**6.30-9.00pm** Narc Anon *Undercroft*

**6.30-8.30pm** Celestial Tai Chi, *hall*

### TUES 12.03.23

**9.00am-1.00pm** Office open

**9.00 onwards** Parish People@Work

**6.00-8.00pm** Bellydancing *hall*

### WED 13.03.24

**9.30-11.30am** Playgroup, *Kindergarten*

**10.30am** Eucharist

**11.30am** Bible Study *Undercroft*

**10.00-11.30am** Tai Chi *hall*,

### THU 14.03.24

Rev'd Esther's day off

**6.30-9.30pm** Crossways ESL, *hall*

### FRI 15.03.24

**9.00am-1.00pm** Office open

**5.30-9.30pm** Mandarin Prayer Group

### SAT 16.03.24

**9.00am** Bible Study, *Office*

**10.30am** Memorial Service

for Marjorie Walker

**10.30am-1.30pm** Sat School, *hall*

### SUNDAY 17.03.24

#### Fifth Sunday in Lent

**8.00am** Eucharist, **9.30am** Eucharist

**11.30am** Mandarin service

**1.00pm** Badminton, *hall*

**2.00pm** Dinka service

## For the Diary

### March 12

Parish Council Meeting, 7.30pm, U'croft

### March 13 & 16

Bible Study Wed 13/3 at 11.30am (U'croft)

Bible Study Sat 16/3 at **9.00am** (Office)

### March 16

10.30am

Memorial Service for Marjorie Walker

### March 24

Safe Ministry Level 1 training, Mandarin

Office, 1.00pm

### March 27

Mothers Union Meeting, 10.30am

Eucharist, BYO lunch afterwards in U'croft

### April 17 (*new date*)

I&I Designs Fashion Show and Sale

1.30pm Undercroft

## CLERGY

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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.