

FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

17th March 2024

GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

Please all stand



PROCESSIONAL HYMN 247

GREETING

Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Blessed be God's Kingdom, now and forever.

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

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

SENTENCE

'This is the covenant I will make with them,' says the Lord God: 'I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God and they shall be my people. *Jeremiah 31.33*

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

Christ said that the old self, the false self that is in each of us, has to die if the new self, the true self made in God's image, is to be born. In other words, we have to die to sin to be able to live the new life Christ won for us. Are we dying to ... selfishness, pride, anger, envy...? *Silence.*

Let us then ask for mercy, confessing our sins in penitence and faith.

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.

O God, our Redeemer, in our weakness we have failed to be your messengers of forgiveness and hope: renew us by your Holy Spirit, that we may follow your commands and proclaim your reign of love; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Please be seated for the reading

FIRST READING - JEREMIAH 31:31-34

A reading from the book of Jeremiah.

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the Lord. But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, ‘Know the Lord’, for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the Lord; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

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

PSALM 119:9-16 — APBA.

9 How shall the young keep their path pure: unless they hold to your word?

10 I have sought you with my whole heart: let me not stray from your commandments.
11 I have treasured your words in my heart: that I might not sin against you.
12 Blessed are you, Lord God: O teach me your statutes.
13 With my lips I have been telling: all the judgements of your mouth;
14 And I find more joy in the way of your commands: than in all manner of riches.
15 I will meditate on your precepts: and give heed to your ways;
16 For my delight is wholly in your statutes: and I will not forget your word.

SECOND READING: HEBREWS, 5:5-14

A reading from the Letter to the Hebrews.

Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was appointed by the one who said to him, “You are my Son, today I have begotten you”; as he says also in another place, “You are a priest forever, according to the order of Melchizedek.” In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek. About this we have much to say that is hard to explain, since you have become dull in understanding. For though by this time you ought to be teachers, you need someone to teach you again the basic elements of the oracles of God. You need milk, not solid food; for everyone who lives on milk, being still an infant, is unskilled in the word of righteousness. But solid food is for the mature, for those whose faculties have been trained by practice to distinguish good from evil.

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

GRADUAL HYMN 248

THE GOSPEL : John 12:20-33

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

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If you serve me, follow me, says the Lord; and where I am, my servant will also be.
(*John 12:26*)

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.

Among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, “Sir, we wish to see Jesus.” Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus.

Jesus answered them, “The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honour. “Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say — ‘Father, save me from this hour’? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. Father, glorify your name.” Then a voice came from heaven, “I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.” The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, “An angel has spoken to him.” Jesus answered, “This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.” He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die.

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*

Let us pray like the grain of wheat that we may be prepared to die so that we may be reborn and produce the fruits that God expects from us.

(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.

THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

Please all stand

OFFERTORY HYMN 331

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.

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,

.....(APBA P151).....

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,

.....(APBA P128).....

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:

.....(APBA P129).....

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

As this broken 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.

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

The gifts of God for the people of God.

Jesus Christ is holy, Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

COMMUNION HYMN

THE SENDING OUT OF GOD’S PEOPLE

Please all stand

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

God of mercy, may we who have shared in this holy meal know your forgiveness in our lives, bring your reconciliation to others, and be a sign of your wholeness in this broken world. **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

THE BLESSING

Christ crucified draw you to himself, to find in him a sure ground for faith, a firm support for hope, and the assurance of sins forgiven; 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!**

DISMISSAL HYMN 141

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ABM Pew Reflections

There are people today, like the Greeks of the Gospel passage, who wish to see Jesus, they don't want to see church wardens, parish councils, bishops, priests or deacons. Still Jesus relies on his followers, us, like he relied on Philip and Andrew to bring others to see him. One of the hallmarks of being a mature disciple, apart from being fed on solid food, skilled in righteousness and trained to distinguish good from evil, is our readiness to introduce others to Jesus. • God, help us to be mature disciples that show Jesus to others by our love, actions and speech. • Give thanks for the work and witness of the Anglican Church of Melanesia.



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Years Mind

Betty Scott, Don Berkeley, Marjory Evans, Haig Siebel, and Geoffrey Beaumont, whose anniversaries occur at this time.



Daily Readings

Monday	Susanna 41b-64	Ps 23	John 8.1-11
Tuesday	Numbers 21.4-9	Ps 102.18-22	John 8.21-30
Wednesday	Daniel 3.14-28	Song of 3YM APBA p.399	John 8.31-42
Thursday	Genesis 17.3-9	Ps 105.7-11	John 8.51-59
Friday	Jeremiah 20.10-13	Ps 18.1-7	John 10.31-42
Saturday	Ezekiel 37.21-28	Ps 85.8-13	John 11.45-57

Prayer Points

The Church: All Saints' Greensborough (Julie Blinco-Smith); The Diocese of Newcastle (Bp Peter Stuart, Asst Bps Charlie Murry, Sonia Roulston, Clergy & People); Diocesan Property Committee; The Church in Wales (Abp Andrew John); Pastoral service at St Matthew's Ashburton (Bp Paul Barker).

The Parish: Pray for the leaders of all our congregations.

The World: Pray for world leaders, the United Nations and especially those at war.

The Nation: Pray for the Prime Minister and for the state Premiers.

Prayer of the Week

We thank you, heavenly Father, that you have delivered us from the power of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of your Son: we pray that as by his death he has recalled us to life, so by his presence abiding in us he may raise us to joys eternal; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

LENTEN BIBLE STUDY

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

OR

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

SUCCESSFUL DEFIBRILLATOR TRAINING

Thanks to all those who have taken part in the training to use our new defibrillator. Thanks also to Lars for all his hard work. Training sessions will be offered again in the future for any who missed out and as reminders for others.

STAINER'S "CRUCIFIXION"

Sunday 17th March 2024, at 5pm, at Holy Trinity Surrey Hills

This well-known cantata is regularly performed in Lent and is a meditation on the events of Easter Week. It will be presented by the Holy Trinity Evensong Choir with the

Friends of Anglican Music

Tenor soloist Richard Thomas, Baritone soloist Barry Fry. Conducted by Derek Jones with Organist Richard Hoy.

FRIENDS OF ANGLICAN MUSIC (FOAM)

Extraordinary Meeting: 1.30pm to discuss the future of FOAM (Friends of Anglican Music)

Rehearsal: 2pm

Enquiries: Derek: 0412 025 695 Email: dereklijones@gmail.com; Cindy (FOAM) Email: cindym58@bigpond.net au

Please show your support by attending this presentation, or, if unable to attend, by contacting either Derek or Cindy to give your support to the ongoing future of FOAM.

EASTER FLOWERS

Please see Margaret R if you wish to make a **donation towards Easter flowers** - perhaps in memory of a loved one. Place donations in an envelope, including appropriate details as required, and give to Margaret or place in the collection bowl.

FLOWER ARRANGING

Offers of assistance with preparing and arranging flowers for Easter Day, would be very much appreciated. Date and time to be confirmed. Please see Margaret if you may be able to assist in any way.

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.)

MOTHERS' UNION MEETING

March 27 10.30am Eucharist, followed by Stations of the Cross in the Undercroft and BYO lunch afterwards.

TO MAKE YOU SMILE...



"We always have pizza for Easter lunch because that's what my mum gives up for Lent."

A man took his young son to a football game. While they were sitting there, he asked the boy what he was going to give up for Lent. The boy replied, "I don't know, Dad. What are you going to give up?" His father said, "I've thought about this a lot and decided to give up liquor." Later in the game, the father left his seat and came back with a beer. His son objected, "Hey, I thought you were giving up alcohol!" His dad answered, "Hard liquor, son. I'm giving up hard liquor."

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.

ROSTER	Today 17.03.24	Next week 24.03.24
SIDESPEOPLE	Noel W, Rosemary S	Rob K, Dianne A
SERVERS	Elizabeth B, Michele M, <i>Kim C</i>	Rosemary S, Michele M, <i>Kim C</i>
READERS	Kim C, Hilary B	Laurence L, Judy J
INTERCESSOR	Michele M	Keith W
COUNTING	Charles B, Elizabeth B	Margaret R, Hilary B
MORNING TEA	Cecilia , Dianne A, Jenny F, Margaret R	Barbara P, Keith W, Jan G

Week Ahead

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

MONDAY 18.03.24

Vicar's day off

6.30-9.00pm Narc Anon *Undercroft*

6.30-8.30pm Celestial Tai Chi, *hall*

TUES 19.03.23

9.00am-1.00pm Office open

9.00 onwards Parish People@Work

6.00-8.00pm Bellydancing *hall*

WED 20.03.24

9.30-11.30am Playgroup, *Kindergarten*

10.30am Eucharist

11.30am Bible Study *Undercroft*

10.00-11.30am Tai Chi *hall*

THU 21.03.24

Rev'd Esther's day off

6.30-9.30pm Crossways ESL, *hall*

FRI 22.03.24

9.00am-1.00pm Office open

5.30-9.30pm Mandarin Prayer Group

SAT 23.03.24

9.00am Bible Study, *Office*

10.30am-1.30pm Sat School, *hall*

SUNDAY 24.03.24

Palm Sunday (Sixth Sunday in Lent)

8.00am Eucharist, **9.30am** Eucharist

11.30am Mandarin service

1.00pm Badminton, *hall*

1.30pm Training for Safe Ministry, *Office*

2.00pm Dinka service

For the Diary

March 20 & 23

Bible Study Wed 20/3 at 11.30am (U'croft)

Bible Study Sat 23/3 at 10.00am (Office)

March 24

Safe Ministry Level 1 training, Mandarin
Office, 1.30pm

March 27

10.30am Eucharist,
Mothers Union Meeting,
BYO lunch afterwards in U'croft

April 11

Last day for Tesselaar bulb orders

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.