

PALM SUNDAY

(YEAR A, B AND C)

At the Altar, the Priest says:

Lord Jesus Christ, our King and Redeemer, in whose honour we have borne these branches and have sung your praises: make perfect in us your grace to the attainment of your heavenly kingdom; that we may rejoice to serve you for ever: living and reigning Lord. **Amen.**

Merciful God, as we enter this holy week and gather at your house of prayer, turn our hearts again to Jerusalem, to the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ, that, united with Christ and all the faithful, we may one day enter in triumph the city not made with hands, the new Jerusalem, eternal in the heavens, where, with you and the Holy Spirit, Christ lives in glory forever. **Amen.**

The Collect

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

Let us pray:

Everlasting God, in your tender love for the human race you sent your Son to take our nature, and to suffer death upon the cross; in your mercy, enable us to share in his obedience to your will and in the glorious victory of his resurrection; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. Amen.

PRAYER FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Please be seated for readings

FIRST READING: Isaiah 50:4–9a

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

The Lord God has given me the tongue of a teacher, that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word. Morning by morning he wakens – wakens my ear to listen as those who are taught. The Lord God has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backwards. I gave my back to those who struck me, and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard; I did not hide my face from insult and spitting. The Lord God helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame; he who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me. It is the Lord God who helps me; who will declare me guilty? All of them will wear out like a garment; the moth will eat them up.

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

PSALM 31: 9-18 APBA

- 9 Have mercy upon me, O Lord, for I am in trouble:
my eye wastes away for grief, my throat also and my inward parts.
- 10 **For my life wears out in sorrow, and my years with sighing:
my strength fails me in my affliction, and my bones are consumed.**
- 11 I am become the scorn of all my enemies:
and my neighbours wag their heads in derision.
- 12 **I am a thing of horror to my friends:
and those that see me in the street shrink from me.**
- 13 I am forgotten like one dead and out of mind:
I have become like a broken vessel.
- 14 **For I hear the whispering of many:
and fear is on every side;**
- 15 While they plot together against me:
and scheme to take away my life.
- 16 **But in you, Lord, have I put my trust:
I have said 'You are my God.'**
- 17 All my days are in your hand:
O deliver me from the power of my enemies and from my persecutors.
- 18 **Make your face to shine upon your servant:
and save me for your mercy's sake.**

SECOND READING - Philippians 2:5–11

A reading from Paul's letter to the Philippians.

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death – even death on a cross.

Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

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

GOSPEL (Please stand)

GRADUAL HYMN

During the singing of this hymn those involved in the reading of the Passion move to their places.

The congregation may be seated.

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

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Christ became obedient for us even to death, dying on a cross. Therefore God raised him on high and gave him a name above all other names. (Phil 2:8-9)

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A READING OF THE PASSION

Please see the separate booklet with the reading.

GRADUAL HYMN

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Let us affirm our faith in Jesus Christ the Son of God.

We believe in God the Father,

from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named.

We believe in God the Son,

who lives in our hearts through faith, and fills us with his love.

We believe in God the Holy Spirit,

who strengthens us with power from on high.

We believe in one God; Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen. *cf Ephesians 3*

THE SOLEMN PRAYERS *please kneel/sit*

God sent the Son into the world, not to condemn the world, but so that the world might be saved through him. So let us bring the needs of the whole world to the foot of the cross of Christ.

(the biddings by one or more members of the community.)

We pray for the Church of God throughout the world, that God the almighty, eternal One will guide it, and gather it in unity and peace.

(pause for silent prayer)

Holy God, you have shown your glory to all nations in Christ your Son: guide the work of your Church, help it to keep the faith, proclaim your Name, and bring your salvation to all people.

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

We pray for all God's people in their vocation and ministry, for all bishops, priests and deacons, for our bishops Philip, Genieve, Paul Brad and Kate and our Primate Geoffrey Smith, and all who are preparing for baptism and confirmation.

(pause for silent prayer)

Holy God, by your Spirit you teach your Church and make us holy: help each of us to do your work more faithfully.

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

We pray for all who confess Christ crucified, that God will heal our divisions.

(pause for silent prayer)

Holy God, in baptism you make us one in Christ: help us to persevere in faith, and make us one in love and service.

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

We pray for the peace of Jerusalem, and for the Jewish people, the first to hear the word of God.

(pause for silent prayer)

Holy God, long ago you gave your promise to Abraham and Sarah. Bless the people you first made your own: keep them in the love of your Name, and in faithfulness to your covenant.

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

We pray for all who do not look to Christ as Saviour, and all who do not believe in God.

(pause for silent prayer)

Holy God, you created man and woman in your image: draw all people to yourself, that they may acknowledge you as the maker and redeemer of all, and know Christ's mercy and grace.

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

We pray for the peace of the world, for those in authority, and for all who shape our common life.

(pause for silent prayer)

Holy God, you desire justice for all the earth: guide our leaders and guard all peoples in the way of righteousness, freedom and peace.

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

We pray for the sick, the dying and all in need; for the homeless, the hungry and the oppressed; for those in darkness and despair.

(pause for silent prayer)

Holy God, all tenderness and healing flow from you: give strength to the weary and courage to the downhearted, and show mercy to all who are in trouble.

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

The presider says,

Most merciful God, we commit ourselves to you and pray for the grace of a holy life, that, with all who have died and are alive in Christ, we may come to the

fullness of eternal life, and the joy of the resurrection in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

Holy God, hear the prayers of your Church. Forgive our sins, and send us the grace we need to be faithful followers of our crucified and risen Lord, for we pray in Jesus' name. **Amen.**

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

Let us confess our sins in penitence and faith, confident in God's forgiveness.

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 *(All Stand)*

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.**

THE PEACE *please stand*

Once we were far off, but now in union with Christ Jesus we have been brought near through the shedding of Christ's blood, for he is our peace. *(Ephesians 2.13,14)*

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 remain standing

OFFERTORY HYMN

The offering is collected during the hymn. The gifts of the people, Bread and Wine and collection of money, are brought to the Lord's Table.

THE PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS

Loving God, accept and use our offerings for your glory and for the service of your kingdom. **Blessèd be God for ever.**

Blessèd are you, Lord God of all creation, through your goodness we have this bread to offer, fruit of the earth and work of human hands, it will become for us the bread of life. **Blessèd be God for ever.**

Blessèd are you, Lord God of all creation, through your goodness we have this wine to offer, fruit of the vine and work of human hands, it will become for us the cup of salvation. **Blessèd be God for ever.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING (HOLY WEEK)

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 P152).....

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 OF THE BREAD

Unless a grain of wheat falls into the ground and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies it bears much fruit.

If we have died with him, we shall live with him.

AGNUS DEI

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

THE SENDING OUT OF GOD'S PEOPLE

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Lord Jesus Christ, you humbled yourself in taking the form of a servant, and in obedience died on the cross for our salvation: give us the mind to follow you and to proclaim you as Lord and King, to the glory of God the Father. **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.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

DISMISSAL HYMN

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 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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St Peter's, 1038 Whitehorse Road, Box Hill. Vicar: Rev'd Victor Fan

Years Mind

Iris Tiller, Isabel Murray, Peg Eadon, Charmain Bryden, and Kathleen Hoare, whose anniversaries occur at this time.



Daily Readings

Monday	Isaiah 42.1-9	Ps 36.5-11	John 12.1-11
Tuesday	Isaiah 49.1-7	Ps 71.1-14	John 12.20-36
Wednesday	Isaiah 50.4-9a	Ps 70	John 13.21-32
Thursday	Exodus 12.1-14	Ps 116.1-2, 11-18	John 13.1-17, 31b-35
Friday	Isaiah 52.13-53.12	Ps 22	John 18.1-19.42
Saturday	Job 14.1-14	Ps 31.1-8	Matthew 27.57-66

Prayer Points

The Church: St John's Highton (William Orpwood, Christopher Lynch, Saurabh Simon); The Diocese of The Murray (Bp Keith Dalby, Clergy & People); Melbourne Anglican Diocesan Schools Commission (Richard St John, Chair, Rick Tudor, Deputy Chair); The Church of the Province of West Africa (Abp Cyril Kobina Ben-Smith); Pastoral services: St George's Flemington (Bp Genieve Blackwell); Mullum Mullum Ringwood (Bp Paul Barker); St Paul's Cathedral (Bp Kate Prowd).

The Parish: Pray for the anxious, distressed or lonely.

The World: Pray for all peacemakers and relief workers.

The Nation: Pray for police, judges and all who keep our community safe.

Prayer of the Week

Almighty and everlasting God, of your tender love towards us you sent your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ, to take upon him our flesh, and to suffer death upon the cross, that all should follow the example of his great humility: mercifully grant that we may both follow the example of his patience, and also be made partakers of his resurrection; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

BIBLE STUDY

The Lenten Bible studies have now concluded. Bible study will resume on Wednesday, April 24, and Saturday April 27. See the Vicar for more details.

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 Date 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. BYO lunch afterwards in the Undercroft.

THE SIXTH ROBIN SHARWOOD LECTURE

by Ms Mandy Tibbey, barrister.

Church Law and Anti-Discrimination Law: do these need to collide?

Date: Wednesday 15 May 2024

Time: 7.30pm, followed by light refreshments

Location: The Craig Auditorium, Gateway Building, Trinity College
100 Royal Parade, Parkville VIC 3052

Cost: Free, but bookings are essential

RSVP: By 5pm, Friday 10 May 2024 [Click here to RSVP](#)

Enquiries: Briony O'Halloran | 03 8341 0216 events@trinity.unimelb.edu.au



OFFICE HOURS DURING HOLY WEEK

Tuesday 27th 9.00am – 2.00pm

Wednesday 28th 8.30am – 1.30pm

The office will *not* be open on Good Friday

EASTER CROSS AND FLOWERS

Please bring a **flower with you on Easter Day**, if possible, so that it can be placed on the Easter Cross. This flower-covered cross is a special addition to our Easter celebrations.

TO MAKE YOU SMILE...

What do you get when you cross the Easter Bunny with an over-stressed minister during Holy Week?

Answer: An Easter Basket Case!

HOW TO MAKE CHURCH BRILLIANT



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 24.03.24	Next week 31.03.24 EASTER
SIDESPEOPLE	Rob K, Dianne A	Noel W, Elizabeth B
SERVERS	Rosemary S, Michele M, <i>Kim C</i>	Michele M, Rosemary S, <i>Kim C</i>
READERS	Laurence L, Judy J	Edwin C, Michele M
INTERCESSOR	Keith W	Keith W
COUNTING	Margaret R, Hilary B	Michele M, Rob K
MORNING TEA	Barbara P , Keith W, Jan G	Cecilia , Lyn B, Jan G

Week Ahead



SUNDAY 24.03.24

Palm Sunday (Sixth Sunday in Lent)

8.00am Eucharist, 9.30am Eucharist

11.30am Mandarin service

1.00pm Badminton, *hall*

1.00pm Training for Safe Ministry, *Office*

2.00pm Dinka service

MONDAY 25.03.24

Vicar's day off

6.30-9.00pm Narc Anon *Undercroft*

6.30-8.30pm Celestial Tai Chi, *hall*

TUES 26.03.23

9.00am-1.00pm Office open

9.00 onwards Parish People@Work

6.00-8.00pm Bellydancing *hall*

WED 27.03.24

8.00am-1.00pm Office open

9.30-11.30am Playgroup, *Kindergarten*

10.00-11.30am Tai Chi *hall*

10.30am Passion Cycle liturgy with
Stations of the Cross

11.30am Mothers' Union, *Undercroft*

THU 28.03.24

Rev'd Esther's day off

6.30-9.30pm Crossways ESL, *hall*

7.30pm Combined Commemoration of
the Last Supper

GOOD FRIDAY 29.03.2

9.30am Solemn liturgy

7.30pm Service in Mandarin, **ST PETER'S**

7.30pm Tenebrae, **ST AIDAN'S**

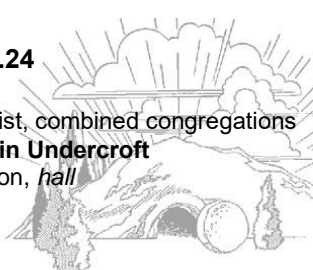
SUNDAY 31.03.24

EASTER DAY

10.00am Eucharist, combined congregations

12.00pm Lunch in *Undercroft*

1.00pm Badminton, *hall*



For the Diary

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

April 24 and 27

Bible study resumes on Wednesdays
and Saturdays

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St Peter's is part of the Anglican Church of Australia and the worldwide Anglican Communion.

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.