



ST. JOHN'S ANGLICAN CHURCH
TOORAK
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Last Sunday
after Epiphany

11 February, 2018

Welcome

On behalf of everyone at St. John's, Toorak, a very warm welcome to this church and faith community. St. John's welcomes everyone to all services and events, regardless of age, gender, sexual orientation, race or background.

This is a wonderful and historic church, founded in 1859, and is a vibrant part of the Toorak and Melbourne community. This parish church is part of the Anglican Church of Australia and a member of the global Anglican Communion, comprised of 80 million people.

Regular services of worship during the year take place here each Sunday at 8am and 10am, and during January 2018, with one service of Holy Communion each Sunday at 9am. Services are followed by times of fellowship over food and drinks to which everyone is also welcome.

This church actively follows Jesus' command to love God, love one's neighbour and to care for all people. Our clergy and parishioners regularly visit the sick, home-bound, and the dying. We care for the poor and needy through service and charitable giving, through our Opportunity Shop run in partnership with the local Catholic and Uniting churches, and by supporting the work of Anglicare, The Brotherhood of St. Laurence and The Anglican Board of Mission. Our clergy regularly baptise new members of the church, preside at weddings and care for the grieving through our funeral ministry. If we can be of service to you or your family, please do not hesitate to get in touch. If you would like to give of your time and talents in the service of others, please also contact the church and we will gladly welcome your contribution.

If you're visiting for the first time do please introduce yourself to a welcomer or member of the clergy, and fill out the brief information form found in the foyer so we can stay in touch with you.

*The 8am service begins with the Introductory Rite, below.
The 10am service begins with the processional hymn 212.*

INTRODUCTORY RITE *All stand*

Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
Blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever.

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

Hymn 212 'Christ, whose glory fills the skies'
At the 8am service only the first and last verses are sung

The Collect for Purity *said together*

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 your 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.'

Confession

Christ the Son of God has been revealed as a light to the nations. Let us bring our darkness to his light, 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.**

Gloria in Excelsis

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's people on earth. Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Collect for the Last Sunday after Epiphany

The celebrant prays the collect, after which all are seated

The Children's Address

All children are invited to join together at the chancel step

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

The Old Testament Lesson 2 Kings 2.1-12

Read at 8am by S. Kincaid and at 10am by L. Hawthorne

¹Now when the Lord was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. ²Elijah said to Elisha, 'Stay here; for the Lord has sent me as far as Bethel.' But Elisha said, 'As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.' So they went down to Bethel. ³The company of prophets who were in Bethel came out to Elisha, and said to him, 'Do you know that today the Lord will take your master away from you?' And he said, 'Yes, I know; keep silent.' ⁴Elijah said to him, 'Elisha, stay here; for the Lord has sent me to Jericho.' But he said, 'As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.' So they came to

Jericho. ⁵The company of prophets who were at Jericho drew near to Elisha, and said to him, 'Do you know that today the Lord will take your master away from you?' And he answered, 'Yes, I know; be silent.' ⁶Then Elijah said to him, 'Stay here; for the Lord has sent me to the Jordan.' But he said, 'As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.' So the two of them went on. ⁷Fifty men of the company of prophets also went, and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. ⁸Then Elijah took his mantle and rolled it up, and struck the water; the water was parted to the one side and to the other, until the two of them crossed on dry ground. ⁹When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, 'Tell me what I may do for you, before I am taken from you.' Elisha said, 'Please let me inherit a double share of your spirit.' ¹⁰He responded, 'You have asked a hard thing; yet, if you see me as I am being taken from you, it will be granted you; if not, it will not.' ¹¹As they continued walking and talking, a chariot of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them, and Elijah ascended in a whirlwind into heaven. ¹²Elisha kept watching and crying out, 'Father, father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!' But when he could no longer see him, he grasped his own clothes and tore them in two pieces.

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

Psalter Psalm 50.1-6

¹ The Lord our God, the Mighty One, has spoken:
and summoned the earth,
from the rising of the sun to its setting in the west.

² From Zion, perfect in beauty:
God has shone out in glory.

³ Our God is coming, he will not keep silent:
before him is devouring fire,
and tempest whirls about him.

⁴ He calls to the heavens above:
and to the earth, so he may judge his people.

⁵ 'Gather to me my faithful ones:
those who by sacrifice made a covenant with me.'

⁶ The heavens shall proclaim his righteousness:
for God himself is judge.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world
without end. Amen.

The Epistle 2 Corinthians 4.3-12

Read at 8am by T. Mouritz and at 10am by B. Fordham

³And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. ⁴In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. ⁵For we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus' sake. ⁶For it is the God who said, 'Let light shine out of darkness', who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. ⁷But we have this treasure in clay jars, so that it may be made clear that this extraordinary power belongs to God and does not come from us. ⁸We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair; ⁹persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed; ¹⁰always carrying in the body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be made visible in our bodies. ¹¹For while we live, we are always being given up to death for Jesus' sake, so that the life of Jesus may be made visible in our mortal flesh. ¹²So death is at work in us, but life in you. Hear the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

At 10am, please stand for the Gradual Hymn

Gradual Hymn 193 'God you are clothed with light'

At both services we stand and turn to face the gospel as it is read

The Gospel Mark 9.2-9

*The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, Chapter 9, commencing at the second verse. **Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.***

²Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, ³and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them. ⁴And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. ⁵Then Peter said to Jesus, 'Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.' ⁶He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. ⁷Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!' ⁸Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them any more, but only Jesus. ⁹As they were coming down the mountain, he ordered them to tell no one about what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

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

The Sermon The Vicar, The Revd Dr Peter French

Anthem *Lift up your heads* William Mathias (1934–1992)

Nicene Creed *said together, standing*

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.

The Prayers of the People *kneeling*

Intercessor at 8am V. Randall, and at 10am J. Smith

The Prayers end with the following

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 Greeting of Peace *standing*

We are the body of Christ. **His Spirit is with us.**

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

All share with each other the sign of peace, customarily shaking hands with those around them, and saying, 'Peace be with you'

Parish Notices *given by a member of the parish clergy*

Offertory Hymn 143 'Immortal, invisible, God only wise'

During which a collection for the life and ministry of St. John's will be taken

Prayer for Receiving the Offertory

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 EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

All remain standing

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.

The celebrant prays the Great Thanksgiving Prayer until the following

Therefore, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we proclaim your great and glorious name, 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.

The celebrant continues to pray the Great Thanksgiving Prayer until the following

...Let us proclaim the mystery of faith

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

The celebrant continues to pray the Great Thanksgiving Prayer, which ends with the following

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

Please pray the Lord's Prayer in your own language or using one of the following translations

The Lord's Prayer

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.

Our Father, who art in
heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done on earth
as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily
bread.
And forgive us our
trespasses
as we forgive those who
trespass against us.
And lead us not into
temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
the power, and the glory
for ever and ever. Amen.

The Breaking of 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 *kneeling or standing*

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.

Invitation to Communion *kneeling or standing*

This is 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.**

Administration of Holy Communion

All baptized Christians are welcome to receive Holy Communion. If you do not wish to receive communion and would like a blessing, please come forward and indicate your desire to do so by keeping your arms behind your back.

Communion *O nata lux*

Thomas Tallis (1505–1585)

[See Music Notes for transliteration]

Post Communion Prayers *kneeling*

God of the nations, we thank you for nourishing us with this holy sacrament. Guide us by your presence, that we may bring your light to those who dwell in darkness, and establish your justice in the earth. Most loving God, **you send us into the world you love. Give us grace to go thankfully and with courage in the power of the Spirit.**

Final Hymn 234 'How good, Lord, to be here' *at 8am verses 1 & 5*

Blessing *to which the response is 'Amen.'*

Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord:

In the name of Christ. Amen.

Postlude Fugue in G [BWV 541]

Joh Seb Bach (1685-1750)



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Morning Tea & Fellowship

Join us for breakfast after the 8am service and for morning tea and coffee after the 10am service, in the guild room, to the east of the church.

Cover Image

Gherardi Cristofano, *Transfiguration* 1555, fresco,
Museo Diocesano, Cortona.

Music Notes

O nata lux is the text for the Office hymn for Lauds on the feast of the Transfiguration, the gospel reading of which we have today, as well as on August 6th.

O Light born of Light,
Jesus, redeemer of the world,
with loving-kindness deign to receive
suppliant praise and prayer.

Thou who once deigned to be clothed in flesh
for the sake of the lost,
grant us to be members
of thy blessed body.

Parish Notices

Mission presentation

Liz Hawthorne will present a talk on her missionary work in Africa at 11.30am, on Sunday 11 February (**today**), in Buxton Hall. All are welcome to attend.

Prayers for Christian Unity

On Thursday 22 February, 10.00am, at The Swedish Church.

Ash Wednesday, 14 February

A Service of Holy Communion with the Anointing of Ashes will be celebrated at 7pm on Ash Wednesday, to which all are invited. Ash Wednesday, with its readings from scripture, celebration of the eucharist and anointing with ashes begins the penitential period of Lent, the six weeks leading up to Easter and the celebration of Jesus' resurrection. This service is an important one to attend as it sets us on a holy and intentional path for the Lenten time ahead.

Induction Service for The Reverend Kuncoro Rusman

A service for the induction of The Reverend Kuncoro Rusman as Priest-in-charge of All Saints Kooyong will be conducted by The Right Reverend Genieve Blackwell on Saturday 17 February at 12.00pm. To be followed by lunch. R.S.V.P to Andrew Prentice 0412 461 401 andrew.prentice@monash.edu.

Invitation to Launch of Anglican Board of Mission (ABM) Lent Appeal for 2018, February 18, 6pm at Christ Church, South Yarra

Everyone is invited to the Launch of the Annual ABM Lenten Appeal at our neighbours at Christ Church, South Yarra, corner Chapel and Punt Roads. A Service of Evensong will be sung to start the appeal and Mr Brad Chapman, Reconciliation, Advocacy and Education Missioner for ABM will be the guest preacher.

Weekday Services Resume in mid-February

With the commencement of Lent, St. John's weekday services will resume. The first Wednesday evening service will be that of Ash Wednesday on February 16 at 7pm, and each Wednesday evening following, also at 7pm, with wine and cheese served in the vestry following. The Thursday service of Holy Communion will recommence on Thursday 15th February, at the new revised time of 12.15pm. It is hoped that such a time will allow for more people to attend such a service, especially as it set for lunchtime and will run for only 30 minutes.

Sunday School

Has resumed for the year. It will run each Sunday during term time, excluding public holidays. On the Fifth Sunday there will be activities at the back of the church. All children welcome to attend.

Secularism, Consumerism and the Search for Meaning

Friday 23 February 2018 | 4.00pm. Old Warden's Lodge, Trinity College, 100 Royal Parade, Parkville. Free, and followed by drinks. In this Commencement Lecture for the Trinity College Theological School, Bishop John Parkes which will explore the fundamental question of the search for meaning in our modern times. For more information and to register (free) go to www.trybooking.com/340627, or email to theologyevents@trinity.edu.au or call 03 9348 7127.

The Sally Beddison Garden

This week work has been completed in installing new bluestone paving on the paths to the north and east of the church and the southern paths are almost all complete too. Japanese box hedge has been planted at the front of the church, as too has lawn. Construction of garden beds to the south and east of the church continues. Work will continue on the main church site until completion, after which the garden in front of the vicarage will be completed.

Cards for sale

Parishioner Jane Anderson will be selling cards at Morning Tea this morning. All proceeds from the sale of these items goes to support the homeless outreach program at Christ Church Anglican Church, St. Kilda.

Photography in the Church, Hall and Parish Grounds

Please be aware that photographs of St. John's, the church, hall, gardens and congregation often take place to help us with our publicity and social media presence. If you do not wish to be photographed, please alert the photographer. Members and visitors to St. John's are reminded that photography of minors (people under the age of 18) is expressly forbidden.

Worship Next Week, 18 February
First Sunday in Lent

8.00am Service of Holy Communion

First Reading: Genesis 9.8-17, read by V. Randall
Second Reading: 1 Peter 3.18-22, read by C. Papageorge
Gospel Reading: Mark 1.9-15
Intercessor: Volunteer required
Celebrant: The Revd Dr Peter French
Preacher: The Revd Elizabeth Murray

10.00am Service of Holy Communion

First Reading: Genesis 9.8-17, read by R. Williams
Second Reading: 1 Peter 3.18-22, read by P. Middleditch
Gospel Reading: Mark 1.9-15
Intercessor: J. Horan
Celebrant: The Revd Dr Peter French
Preacher: The Revd Elizabeth Murray
Morning Tea - volunteers are required.

In the Church Foyer

The following pamphlets/newsletters are currently in the
foyer for your perusal/collection:

- *Continuing Education Program 2018* Trinity College
Theological School
- *Diploma in Theology* Trinity College Theological School

For Your Prayers

From the Anglican Cycle of Prayer:

We pray for Anglican Christians working for peace in all parts of the world. We pray this week for the Diocese of Anglican Church of Canada (Abp Frederick Hiltz); Diocese of Canberra & Goulburn (Bp Stuart Robinson; Asst Bps Matt Brain, Trevor Edwards, Stephen Pickard; Clergy & People); Anglican Men's Society; Parish of St Peter's, Mornington w. St Martin's, Mount Martha (Helen Phillips, John Phillips); St Mark's Camberwell (Bp Genieve Blackwell); St Mark's Spotswood (Bp Philip Huggins).

For those who lead us in the Anglican Church: Our Primate The Most Revd Philip Freier, Archbishop of Melbourne, and our Bishop, The Right Revd Genieve Blackwell.

For Reconciliation between Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australians: we pray for Aboriginal Anglican clergy and lay-leaders around Australia, their spiritual health and physical well-being, and the people they care for. For Aboriginal and Government leaders and their work together.

The Toorak Ecumenical Movement: Our partner churches, St Peter's Roman Catholic Church, Toorak Uniting Church, and The Swedish Church.

For Those in Mission Work: for The Anglican Board of Mission, and for parishioner Liz Hawthorne.

Those celebrating birthdays: Brian Canning on Thursday.

For schools in our parish: Geelong Grammar School Toorak Campus (Glamorgan), Head of Campus Rachel George; St Catherine's School, Principal Michelle Carroll; Toorak Primary School, Principal Julie Manallack; Scotch College, Principal Tom Batty, and St. John's Kindergarten, Director Baiba Thompson.

For the sick and all in need: David; Matthew; John Saunders; Alan; Paul Dalton; Kate; Grace; Rosemary Griffith; Noriece Bradbury; Rhonda Cook; Philip; Sam; Sandra, John; Charles; Julia Jones; Betty Britten; Mary; Faye Neville-Jones; Keith Anderson; Brenda Williams; Debra Moore.

For those in aged care and those who are housebound: Randall Watt; Michael Moore; Don Sawers; Lynton Morgan; Teri Lawrence; Janet Field, and Beverley Joyce.

Give thanks for those whose Anniversary of Death is this week:

Jennifer Fordham; Rosemary Stone; Prue McFarlane; Marshall Browne; Peter Moss; Victoria Maclarn; Pamela Williams; Diana Coate; Thelma Freeman. The flowers by the Book of Remembrance are in loving memory of Victoria Maclarn.



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