



ST. JOHN'S ANGLICAN CHURCH
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PALM SUNDAY

HOLY WEEK

It is still uncertain when Christians first began to make an annual memorial of the death and resurrection of Christ. This Pascha (a word derived indirectly from *pesach*, Hebrew 'Passover') was at first a night-long vigil, followed by the celebration of the Eucharist at cock-crow, and all the great themes of redemption were included within it: incarnation, suffering, death, resurrection, glorification. Over time, the Pascha developed into the articulated structure of Holy Week and Easter with which we are familiar. Through participation in the whole sequence of services, the Christian shares in Christ's own journey, from the triumphal entry into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday to the empty tomb on Easter morning. The procession with palms, which was already observed in Jerusalem in the fourth century, is accompanied by the reading or singing of the Passion Narrative, in which the whole story of the week is anticipated. Maundy Thursday (from *mandatum*, 'commandment', because of the use of John 13.34 in the Antiphon) contains a rich complex of themes: humble Christian service expressed through Christ's washing of his disciples' feet, the institution of the Eucharist, and the Christ's loving obedience through the agony of Gethsemane.

After keeping vigil ('Could you not watch with me one hour?') Thursday passes into Good Friday with its two characteristic episodes. The veneration of the Cross is older; the sequence of meditations and music known as the Three Hours' Devotion was introduced into the Church of England in the nineteenth century. The first is now sometimes incorporated into the structure of the second. It is a widespread custom for there not to be a celebration of the Eucharist on Good Friday. The church remains stripped of all decoration. It continues bare and empty through the following day, Holy Saturday, which is a day without a liturgy: there can be no adequate way of recalling the being dead of the Son of God, other than silence and desolation. But within the silence there grows a sense of peace and completion, and then rising excitement as Easter Day draws near.

Weather permitting, the service begins on the south lawn with the Liturgy of the Palms

THE LITURGY OF THE PALMS

Welcome and Announcements

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

A brief introduction to Holy Week and Palm Sunday is given here until everyone is invited to hold up palms and branches to be blessed

Prayer of Blessing

The Palm Gospel *Luke 19: 28-40*

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to St. Luke.

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

When Jesus had come near Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of the disciples, saying, 'Go into the village ahead of you, and as you enter it you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden. Untie it and bring it here. If anyone asks you, "Why are you untying it?" just say this: "The Lord needs it."' So those who were sent departed and found it as he had told them. As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, 'Why are you untying the colt?' They said, 'The Lord needs it.' Then they brought it to Jesus; and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it.

As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road. As he was now approaching the path down from the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice for all the deeds of power that they had seen, saying, 'Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven, and glory in the highest heaven!'

Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, 'Teacher, order your disciples to stop.' He answered, 'I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out.'

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

A Collect is prayed here after which the following invitation is given

Let us go forth, praising Jesus our Messiah.
In the name of Christ. Amen.

*The following hymn is sung as the procession makes its way
from the south lawn into the church*

Processional Hymn 'All glory, laud, and honour'



*All glory, laud, and honour
to thee, Redeemer, King!
to whom the lips of children
made sweet hosannas ring.*

Thou art the King of Israel,
thou David's royal Son,
who in the Lord's name comest,
the King and blessed one: *Refrain*

The company of angels
are praising thee on high;
and mortal ones and all things
created make reply: *Refrain*

The people of the Hebrews
with palms before thee went;
our praise and prayer and anthems
before thee we present: *Refrain*

To thee before thy passion
they sang their hymns of praise;
to thee, now high exalted,
our melody we raise. *Refrain*

Thou didst accept their praises;
Accept the love we bring,
Who in all good delightest,
Thou good and gracious King.

Words: Theodulph of Orleans (ca. 750-821), ca. 820.
Trans. John Mason Neale (1818-1866), 1854,
as altered in *Hymns Ancient and Modern*.

*After the procession and when all are in their places,
the priest prays the following collect of the day*

The Collect for Palm Sunday

Please be seated

THE LITURGY OF THE PASSION

Lesson *Isaiah 50.4-9a, read by Nicholas Langford*

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 backward. 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.

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

Psalter *Psalm 31: 9-18*

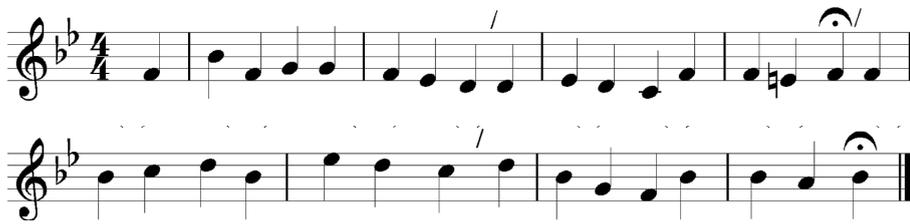
Have mercy upon me O Lord for I am in trouble:
my eye wastes away for grief my throat also and my inward parts.
For my life wears out in sorrow and my years with sighing:
my strength fails me in my affliction and my bones are consumed.
I am become the scorn of all my enemies:
and my neighbours wag their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

Epistle *Philippians 2:5-11, read by Claire Beecher*

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.

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

Gradual Hymn 'Ride on, ride on, in majesty'



Ride on! ride on in majesty!
Hark! all the tribes Hosanna cry;
O Saviour meek, pursue Thy road
With palms and scatter'd garments strow'd.

Ride on! ride on in majesty!
In lowly pomp ride on to die:
O Christ, Thy triumphs now begin
O'er captive death and conquer'd sin

Ride on! ride on in majesty!
The wingèd armies of the sky
Look down with sad and wondering eyes
To see the approaching sacrifice.

Ride on! ride on in majesty!
Thy last and fiercest strive is nigh;
The Father on His sapphire throne
Expects His own anointed Son.

Ride on! ride on in majesty!
In lowly pomp ride on to die;
Bow Thy meek head to mortal pain,
Then take, O God, Thy power and reign.

Henry Hart Milman, 1791-1868 *alt.*
WINCHESTER NEW Musikalisches Handbuch der geistlichen
Melodien, Hamburg, Germany, 1690.

The congregation sit for the reading of the Passion Gospel

Passion Gospel

The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. Luke

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

The Passion Gospel is read in dramatic form by several different people. The congregation remains seated for the gospel and kneels at the death of Christ, after which a short pause for silent prayer is observed. At the end the following is said:

For the Passion of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

The Sermon

The Assistant Curate, The Revd Elizabeth Murray

Anthem 'Solus ad victimam'

Alone to sacrifice thou goest, Lord, giving thyself to Death whom thou hast slain. For us thy wretched folk is any word? Who know that for our sins this is thy pain?

For they are ours, O Lord, our deeds, our deeds. Why must thou suffer torture for our sin? Let our hearts suffer in thy Passion, Lord, that very suffering may thy mercy win.

This is the night of tears, the three days' space, sorrow abiding of the eventide, Until the day break with the risen Christ, and hearts that sorrowed shall be satisfied.

So may our hearts share in thine anguish, Lord, that they may sharers of thy glory be; Heavy with weeping may the three days pass, to win the laughter of thine Easter Day.

Text: Peter Abelard (1079-1142)

Music: Kenneth Leighton (1929-1988)

The Prayers of the People *kneeling, led by Keith Beecher*

The response to the bidding, "Lord, hear us," is "**Lord, hear our prayer.**"

The presider concludes with this prayer

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.**

Confession & Absolution *kneeling*

Let us confess our sins, 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.

The priest pronounces absolution after which the congregation stands

The Greeting of Peace

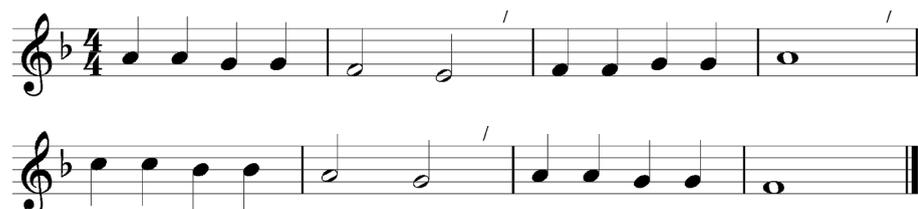
We are the body of Christ.

His Spirit is with us.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

Offertory Hymn 'Glory be to Jesus'



Glory be to Jesus,
Who in bitter pains
Poured for me the lifeblood
From His sacred veins!

Grace and life eternal
In that blood I find;
Blest be His compassion,
Infinitely kind!

Blest through endless ages
Be the precious stream
Which from endless torments
Doth the world redeem!

Abel's blood for vengeance
Pleaded to the skies;
But the blood of Jesus
For our pardon cries.

Oft as earth exulting
Wafts its praise on high,
Angel hosts rejoicing,
Make their glad reply.

Lift we, then, our voices,
Swell the mighty flood;
Louder still and louder
Praise the precious blood!

Translator: Edward Caswall (1857).
Tune: WEM IN LEIDENSTAGEN [F Filitz].

The gifts of the people are brought forward

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

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 until

...exalting us there to join with angels and archangels, for ever praising you and singing:

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 prays until

...Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

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

The celebrant prays until

...we worship you, Father, in songs of never-ending praise:

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

As our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are confident to pray,
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

Every time we eat this bread and drink this cup,
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

The Invitation

Jesus 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.

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.

Administration of Holy Communion

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

Communion Anthem *Crucifixus*

Crucifixus etiam pro nobis sub Pontio Pilato,
passus et sepultus est.

*[He] was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered death and was buried.*

Music: Antonio Lotti (1667-1740) Text: Nicene Creed (325)

Prayer after Communion *standing*

Blessing and Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord:
in the name of Christ. Amen.

Post-Communion Hymn 'The Royal Banners Forward Go'



The royal banners forward go,
the cross shines forth in mystic glow;
where he in flesh, our flesh who made,
our sentence bore, our ransom paid.

Fulfilled is now what David told
in true prophetic song of old,
how God the nations' king should be:
for God is reigning from the tree.

O tree of glory, tree most fair,
ordained those holy limbs to bear,
how bright in royal robe it stood -
the purple of a Saviour's blood!

To you, eternal Three in One,
let homage due by all be done:
as by the cross you now restore,
so rule and guide us evermore. Amen.

Venantius Fortunatus 530-609 *tr.* John Mason Neale 1818-66 *alt*

Postlude *Rhapsody in C# Op 17/3*

Herbert Howells (1892-1983)

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Breakfast & Morning Tea

Join us for breakfast after the 8am service in the Guild Room and for morning tea and coffee after the 10am service, generously provided this morning by Jane Anderson and Celia Langford in Buxton Hall (immediately behind the church) or, weather permitting, in the garden.

What's Happening at St. John's?

For the latest details on what is planned in the parish this year, go to <https://www.saintjohnstoorak.org/community-events/>

Parish Notices

Easter Day Easter Egg Hunt, Egg and Spoon Race and Childrens Activities

As is our tradition at the 10am Service on Easter Day, the children are invited to participate in a variety of activities and games both during the service and of course afterward. *We need volunteers to help facilitate this important part of Easter Day.* Please contact Sally in the parish office on 9826 1765 or enquiries@saintjohnstoorak.org to be part of what is always a wonderful day. Thank you!

No Lunchtime Holy Communion Service *this Thursday*

Please note, there will be no Lunchtime Holy Communion service this Thursday 18 April due to the Maundy Thursday service at 7pm that evening.

Thank you!

Many thanks to everyone who helped with the letter box drop of flyers advertising our Holy Week and Easter services to our neighbours in Toorak. One thousand cards went out to the community. Your part in extending St. John's invitation of welcome is greatly appreciated.

Anglican Board of Mission/Aprons

The Annual Anglican Board of Mission Lenten appeal has one week to go, presenting an ideal time to purchase for \$25 one of our special St. John's aprons, all profits go to the Mission, approx. \$600 to date, with your help, it would be great to increase this to \$1,000.

Oxfam's 'Walk against Want'

Parishioners Jenny Stengards and Barbara Brown will be doing the annual 'Walk Against Want' again this year on Saturday 4 May. They will be at Morning Tea after the 10.00am service on Sundays 14, 21 and 28 April. If you would like to sponsor them, donations, which are tax deductible, support self-help programs in many countries around the world as well as Indigenous Australia. Many, many thanks!

Save the date! Parish Trivia Night, June 1

Our Parish's major social activity and community fundraiser (again for the work of BSL and local foodbanks) for the year will be a Trivia Night on Saturday 1st June, commencing at 6pm. More details will be announced later, but please keep the date and spread the word to all your friends and family. We are starting to collect prizes for the raffle. If you are able to assist please contact Diana Saul, Jane Anderson, Carmen Papageorge or the parish office.

New Office Hours

Beginning in April, the office hours at St. John's will be Monday to Thursday, 9.00am - 4.30pm. Any information for the pewsheets should be sent to the office by Wednesday morning. If the office is unattended, please leave a message on the answering machine. We welcome any communication (by email, as well) and will reply as soon as we are able.

The April issue of *The Melbourne Anglican (TMA)* is now available in the narthex

This issue includes:

A special Easter cover painting, "Woman", by Indigenous artist the Revd Robyn Davis, who says, "I named this painting 'Woman' to represent all women, but mainly the women in the life of Jesus, who were always there - praying, learning, supporting, loving and grieving."

Reports on the first Archbishop's Conversation for 2019, the Surrender conference, and an empowerment event which brought together women, both lay and ordained, from across the diocese

An interview with the Revd Dr Bob Derrenbacker, the new Dean of Trinity College Theological School, who has come from Canada to take up his appointment and says that the Anglican Church seems to have a greater presence in society and culture in Australia than it does in Canada, which presents "interesting opportunities" for the church and theological education

Items that may be of particular interest to St. John's parishioners:

Our ordinand Keiron Jones features in the Theological Education feature (p. 14) on Pilgrimage

Our curate Elizabeth Murray is mentioned in an article on "Empowering Women in Leadership" (p. 10)

A great app for daily prayer!

The 'Epray Daily' app is available for Android and Apple users. All members of the St. John's congregation with phone or tablet access will be able to pray the daily prayers (or 'offices') of the church wherever they maybe! Download onto your device now. The parish code for St. John's is 2041.

In the Church foyer

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

- *Imagine* Anglicare Victoria Autumn 2019

For Your Prayers

From the Anglican Cycle of Prayer: Episcopal Church in Jerusalem & The Middle East (Abp Suheil Dawani); Diocese of the Riverina (Clergy & People); Royal School of Church Music (Roslyn Carolane, Chair); Parish of Christ Church, Whittlesea w St Peter's, Kinglake (Ruwan Palapathwala); City on a Hill East, Chadstone – parish visit (Bp Paul Barker); St Luke's Carrum Downs – Lenten Series (Bp Paul Barker); All Saints Ascot Vale – Palm Sunday service (Bp Genieve Blackwell); All Saints' Newtown – parish visit (Bp Kate Prowd); Trinity College Theological School – parish visit (Bp Kate Prowd).

For all those who lead us in the Anglican Church, especially: 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: 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 The Anglican Board of Mission, The Brotherhood of St. Laurence, and Anglicare.

For those celebrating birthdays: Madeleine Nye on Thursday.

For schools in our parish: Geelong Grammar School Toorak Campus, Head of Campus Rachel George; St Catherine's School, Principal Michelle Carroll; and Toorak Primary School, Principal Julie Manallack.

For the sick and all in need: David; Matthew; John Saunders; Alan; Paul Dalton; Grace; Rosemary Griffith; Rhonda Cook; Philip; Sam; Sandra, John; Julia Jones; Mary; Christopher Morgan; Maggie Perkins; Helen Kent; Elizabeth Haes; Jacob Henriss-Anderssen; Rhonda Ritchie; Augustus and Victoria; Sean and Valerie; Gordon D'Rosario; Audrey Leeton; Brenda Mouritz and Annette B.

For those in aged care and those who are housebound: Randall Watt; Teri Lawrence; Janet Field; and Beverley Joyce.

Give thanks for those whose Anniversary of Death is this week: Murray Sutherland; Geoff McMaster; Jenny Williams; Robert Wilson; Shirley Clements and Peter Garrison.

The prayer petitions above follow closely the daily prayer regimen of the Anglican Church of Australia, which you can follow everyday here:

<http://www.melbourneanglican.org.au/faith/CallingMelbourne2Prayer/Pages/Prayer-resources.aspx> How about making this part of your daily prayers?



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Holy Week & Easter

Palm Sunday

Services, 14 April, 8am & 10am
Celebrate Jesus Christ entering Jerusalem

Maundy Thursday

Service, 18 April, 7pm
Remember the Last Supper and Washing of Disciples' Feet

Good Friday

Service, 19 April, 10am
followed by Ecumenical Walk of Witness
Recall The Crucifixion

Easter Day

Services, 21 April, 8am & 10am
Christ is Risen. Alleluia!
Join us for an Easter Egg Hunt & Games after 10am

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THIS WEEK

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8am Service of Holy Communion

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Gospel Reading: Luke 19.28-40

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Breakfast: Carmen Papageorge & Vivienne Randall.

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Morning tea: Jane Anderson & Celia Langford

Wednesday 17th April

7pm Holy Communion, Angel Chapel,
with refreshments in the vestry following

Thursday 18th April

Cancelled for today 12.15pm Holy Communion,
Angel Chapel

7pm Maundy Thursday service

Friday 19th April

10am Good Friday service, followed by
Ecumenical Walk of Witness

NEXT WEEK

Sunday 21st April Easter Day

8am Service of Holy Communion

First Reading: Acts 10.34-43, read by Cindy Kalai

Second reading: 1 Corinthians 15.19-26, read by Lindsay Hosking

Gospel Reading: John 20.1-18

Intercessor: Vivienne Randall

Celebrant: The Revd Elizabeth Murray

Preacher: The Revd Dr Peter French

Breakfast: Sarojini Maclarn & Jenny Garner

10am Service of Holy Communion

First Reading: Acts 10.34-43, read by Andrew Ankers

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 15.19-26, read by Judith Chapman

Gospel Reading: John 20.1-18

Intercessor: David Aspin

Celebrant: The Revd Elizabeth Murray

Preacher: The Revd Dr Peter French

Morning Tea: Catherine Soans & John Correa



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