



ST. JOHN'S ANGLICAN CHURCH  
TOORAK  
EST. 1859



Fifth Sunday in Lent

26th of March, 2023

# 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.

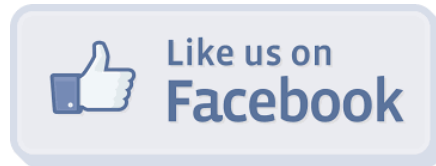
This is a wonderful and historic church, founded in 1859, a faithful Christian presence for over 160 years. We are part of the Anglican Church of Australia and a member of the global Anglican Communion.

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.

If you're visiting for the first time please introduce yourself to a welcomer or member of the clergy.



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## Cover Image

Giotto di Bondone

*No. 25 Scenes from the Life of Christ: 9. Raising of Lazarus* 1304-06

Fresco, 200 x 185 cm

Cappella Scrovegni (Arena Chapel), Padua

## INTRODUCTORY RITE

### THE INVOCATION

Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins  
**Whose mercy endures for ever.**

### THE GREETING

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

### HYMN 'Eternal light'

G C D7 G C Am / D7  
G Am D / Dm G7 C  
Am B7 / Em C Am D

1. Eternal light, shine in my heart;  
eternal hope, lift up my eyes;  
eternal power, be my support;  
eternal wisdom, make me wise.

2. Eternal life, raise me from death;  
eternal brightness, help me see;  
eternal Spirit, give me breath;  
eternal Saviour, come to me;

3. until by your most costly grace,  
invited by your holy word,  
at last I come before your face  
to know you, my eternal God.

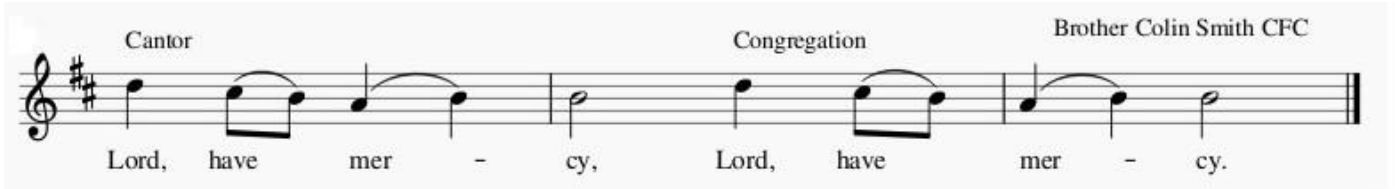
Christopher Martin Idle 1938- from a prayer  
by Alcuin 735-804

### 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.**

### KYRIE ELEISON *said at 8am, sung at 10am*

Cantor Congregation Cantor Congregation  
Lord, have mer - cy, Lord, have - mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy, Christ, have mer - cy



#### CONFESSION

Compassion and forgiveness belong to the Lord our God, though we have rebelled and wandered far off. Let us then ask for mercy, confessing our sins in penitence and faith.

*A moment of 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 *Here absolution is pronounced by the celebrant*

#### THE COLLECT

Gracious God, out of your love and mercy you breathed into dust the breath of life, creating us to serve you and one another: call forth our penitence and acts of love, and strengthen us to face our mortality, so that we may look with confidence for your salvation; 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

THE FIRST READING [Ezekiel 37.1-14] *Read at 8am by Sam Hartley; at 10am by Keith Beecher*  
A reading from the book of Ezekiel.

The hand of the Lord came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the Lord and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. He led me all round them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. He said to me, 'Mortal, can these bones live?' I answered, 'O Lord God, you know.' Then he said to me, 'Prophecy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of

the Lord . Thus says the Lord God to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. I will lay sinews on you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live; and you shall know that I am the Lord . ' So I prophesied as I had been commanded; and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them; but there was no breath in them. Then he said to me, 'Prophecy to the breath, prophecy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord God : Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live.' I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude. Then he said to me, 'Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, "Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely." Therefore prophecy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord God : I am going to open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people; and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. And you shall know that I am the Lord , when I open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people. I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the Lord , have spoken and will act, says the Lord . '

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

*PSALM Psalm 130 said together at 8am, and sung by the choir at 10am*

Out of the depths have I called to you, O Lord:

Lord, hear my voice;

O let your ears consider well:

the voice of my supplication.

If you, Lord, should note what we do wrong:

who then, O Lord, could stand?

But there is forgiveness with you:

so that you shall be feared.

I wait for the Lord, my soul waits for him:

and in his word is my hope.

My soul looks for the Lord:

more than watchmen for the morning,

more, I say, than watchmen for the morning.

O Israel, trust in the Lord, for with the Lord there is mercy:  
 and with him is ample redemption.  
 He will redeem Israel:  
 from the multitude of their sins.

THE SECOND READING [Romans 8.6-11] *Read at 8am by Vivienne Randall; and at 10am by Jenny Smith*

A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans

To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law – indeed it cannot, and those who are in the flesh cannot please God. But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

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

GRADUAL HYMN 'Your words to me' At 10am only

1. Your words to me are life and health;  
 pour strength into my soul;  
 enable, guide, and teach my heart to reach its perfect goal.

2. Your words to me are light and truth;  
 from day to day they show their wisdom, passing human thought,  
 as in their truth I grow.

3. Your words to me are full of joy,  
of beauty, peace, and grace;  
from them I learn your blessed  
will,  
through them I see your face.

George Currie Martin 1865–1937 *alt.*  
Words © G. C. Martin

4. Your words are perfected in One,  
yourself, the living Word;  
within my heart your image print  
in clearest lines, O Lord.

*Please stand, or remain standing, and turn and face the Gospel as it is read*

THE GOSPEL John 11.1-45

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

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. John.  
**Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

Now a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. Mary was the one who anointed the Lord with perfume and wiped his feet with her hair; her brother Lazarus was ill. So the sisters sent a message to Jesus, 'Lord, he whom you love is ill.' But when Jesus heard it, he said, 'This illness does not lead to death; rather it is for God's glory, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it.' Accordingly, though Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, after having heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was. Then after this he said to the disciples, 'Let us go to Judea again.' The disciples said to him, 'Rabbi, the Jews were just now trying to stone you, and are you going there again?' Jesus answered, 'Are there not twelve hours of daylight? Those who walk during the day do not stumble, because they see the light of this world. But those who walk at night stumble, because the light is not in them.' After saying this, he told them, 'Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I am going there to awaken him.' The disciples said to him, 'Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will be all right.' Jesus, however, had been speaking about his death, but they thought that he was referring merely to sleep. Then Jesus told them plainly, 'Lazarus is dead. For your sake I am glad I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him.' Thomas, who was called the Twin, said to his fellow-disciples, 'Let us also go, that we may die with him.' When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb

for four days. Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, some two miles away, and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them about their brother. When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home. Martha said to Jesus, 'Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him.' Jesus said to her, 'Your brother will rise again.' Martha said to him, 'I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day.' Jesus said to her, 'I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?' She said to him, 'Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world.' When she had said this, she went back and called her sister Mary, and told her privately, 'The Teacher is here and is calling for you.' And when she heard it, she got up quickly and went to him. Now Jesus had not yet come to the village, but was still at the place where Martha had met him. The Jews who were with her in the house, consoling her, saw Mary get up quickly and go out. They followed her because they thought that she was going to the tomb to weep there. When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, 'Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.' When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. He said, 'Where have you laid him?' They said to him, 'Lord, come and see.' Jesus began to weep. So the Jews said, 'See how he loved him!' But some of them said, 'Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?' Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. Jesus said, 'Take away the stone.' Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, 'Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead for four days.' Jesus said to her, 'Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?' So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upwards and said, 'Father, I thank you for having heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me.' When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, 'Lazarus, come out!' The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, 'Unbind him, and let him go.'



Many of the Jews therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what Jesus did, believed in him.

For the Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

THE SERMON The Assistant Curate, The Revd Lydia Thangadurai

THE ANTHEM *O Saviour of the world* John Goss (1800 – 1880)

THE 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 *at 8 am led by Sam Hartley; at 10 am led by Jenny 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.**

PARISH NOTICES by the Assistant Priest/ Acting Vicar

THE GREETING OF PEACE *standing*

Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given us access to his grace.

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 a 'COVIDsafe' sign of peace*

OFFERTORY *As the gifts of bread and wine are brought forward, a monetary collection for the life and ministry of St. John's is taken. You may give by contributing to the brass collection plate, or at the paypoint at the rear of the church*

OFFERTORY HYMN 'Sing, my tongue'

Dm Bb F Dm Bb A  
Bb F Gm Dm F Bb C F  
D Gm Dm C Dm Gm Am Dm

1. Sing, my tongue, the glorious battle;  
of the mighty conflict sing:  
tell the triumph of the victim,  
to his cross your tribute bring.  
Jesus Christ, the world's Redeemer,  
from that cross now reigns as King.
2. When at length th'appointed fullness  
of the sacred time was come,  
he was sent, the world's Creator,  
from the Father's heavenly home  
and was found in human fashion  
offspring of the Virgin's womb.
3. When the thirty years were ended  
which on earth he willed to see,  
willingly he meets his passion,  
born to set his people free;  
on the cross the Lamb is lifted,  
there the sacrifice to be.
4. There the nails and spear he suffers,  
vinegar and gall and reed;  
from his sacred body pierced  
blood and water both proceed:  
precious flood, which all creation  
from the stain of sin has freed.
5. Faithful cross, above all other,  
one and only noble tree,  
none in foliage, none in blossom,  
none in fruit your peer may be;  
sweet the wood and sweet the iron,  
and your load, most sweet is he.
6. Praise and honour to the Father,  
praise and honour to the Son,  
praise and honour to the Spirit,  
ever Three and ever One:  
One in might and One in glory  
while eternal ages run.

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

PRAYER FOR RECEIVING THE OFFERTORY

God of mercy and compassion, your Word calls us home to faith and love. Accept all we offer you this day; in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord.  
**Blessed be God for ever.**

**THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

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 continues, concluding with*

Therefore, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we proclaim your great and glorious name, for ever praising you and singing:

Brother Colin Smith CFC

Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord; God of pow'r and might.

Heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - sa - nna in the high - est.

Bless'd is He who comes in the Name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

*The Great Thanksgiving Prayer continues until the following*

...Let us proclaim the mystery of faith

Christ has died, Christ is ris - en, Christ will come a - gain.

The Great Thanksgiving Prayer ends with the following  
 ... songs of never ending praise. or ... now and for ever.

Bless - ing and hon - our and glor - y and pow'r are  
 yours for ev - er and ev - er. A - men.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

As our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are confident to pray:  
**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 forever. Amen.**

THE BREAKING OF THE 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

Choir Congregation  
 Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world; have mercy on us. have mercy on us.

Choir Congregation  
 Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world; have mercy on us. have mercy on us.

Choir Congregation  
 Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world; Grant us your peace. Grant us your peace.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

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

*\*Please note update below\**

All baptised Christians are welcome to receive Holy Communion. Communion is available as consecrated bread, which is given to each person, and wine which may be drunk from the chalice. A separate chalice for intinction (dipped) is also provided. If you would prefer a blessing, please come forward and indicate this by keeping your arms behind your back. Gluten free wafers are available on request.

THE ANTHEM *O Lord, look down from heaven* Jonathan Battishill (1738–1801)

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.

**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.**

HYMN 'Were you there?'

*Gr. Capo 1* Eb(D) Fm(Em) Bb7(A7)  
 Eb(D) Ab(G) Eb(D) Cm(Bm) Eb(D) Ab(G) Eb(D)  
 F7(E7) Bb(A) Eb(D) Ab(G) Bb(A) Eb(D)  
 G(F#) Cm(Bm) Ab(G) Eb(D) Bb7(A7) Ab(G)  
 Eb(D) Fm(Em) Bb7(A7) Eb(D)

O some-times it  
 cau - ses me to trem - ble, trem - ble, trem - ble;  
 were you there when they crucified my Lord?

Were you there when they crucified my Lord?  
 Were you there when they crucified my Lord?  
*O sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble;  
 were you there when they crucified my Lord?*

Were you there when the sun refused to shine?  
 Were you there when the sun refused to shine?  
*O sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble;  
 were you there when they crucified my Lord?*

Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?  
Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?  
*O sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble;  
were you there when they crucified my Lord?*

Were you there when he rose from out the tomb?  
Were you there when he rose from out the tomb?  
*O sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble;  
were you there when they crucified my Lord?*

Based on an African-American spiritual

BLESSING

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

Grant, merciful Lord,  
to your faithful people pardon and peace,  
that they may be cleansed from all their sins  
and serve you with a quiet mind;  
through Christ our Lord. **Amen**

And the blessing . . . .

DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE *Out of the deep* [BWV 686]      Joh Seb Bach (1685 – 1750)

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All readings from scripture are taken from The Revised Standard Version (NRSV).

## **A PRAYER FOR LENT**

Loving God, I commit this season of Lent to you, and ask you to show me what I need to turn away from, and what I need to turn towards. Shine your loving light into those dark parts of my heart, and bring new life, new hope, and new possibilities. Help me to walk closely with Jesus, to know that I am deeply loved, and to share his love with others. *Archbishop Justin Welby*

## NOTICES

### **Communion Instructions**

All are welcome at the altar. Please note that the manner in which we now serve Holy Communion will include a chalice from which to drink or a separate chalice into which the bread may be intincted (dipped). This is a return to the longstanding practice of St. John's. If you wish to simply receive the bread only that is perfectly appropriate. If you wish for a blessing only that is also fine.

### **Covid Safety Measures and Zoom Link**

It is recommended that we continue to wear masks when appropriate, and to physically distance when necessary. Our regular 10am Sunday service is streamed via Zoom.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89214863985?pwd=YmhHYmlsczRUa1RmWG84SGJUeG8zdz09> Meeting ID: 892 1486 3985 Passcode: 945749

### **Baptism**

The Easter Sunday service (9th April) is a particularly significant day to be baptised; the day we celebrate the resurrection of Christ. Please speak to one of the clergy if you would like to consider this, and explore it further. Three baptism preparation sessions have been held and the fourth is today at 1.30-2.30 pm in the church. It is not too late to join. *Please pray* for those who are preparing to be baptised and for those who are considering it.

### **Pastoral Care**

Clergy and members of the St John's Pastoral Care Team offer pastoral care on a regular basis to parishioners as well as to those who specifically request it. This may include Home Communion. They also visit local hospitals at the request of patients, family, friends or staff with the consent of the recipient. Clergy and Lay Pastoral Carers visit a number of local Aged Care facilities on a regular, usually monthly, basis. Parishioners and others are welcome to phone the church office to arrange a home visit by the clergy or a lay pastoral carer. Those who are no longer able to attend usual services at the church are visited on a regular basis at time intervals that suit them.

### **Working bee for Holy Week**

On Saturday 1 April from 10am - 12pm we will be holding a working bee, to prepare the church for Palm Sunday, Holy Week and Easter. Please write your name on the sign-up sheet if you can assist.

### **Volunteers for Holy Week services**

For the Maundy Thursday and Good Friday services we require readers, stewards and welcomers. If you are able to assist please contact the parish office or Lydia.

## **Easter Day morning tea**

As this will be one of our biggest morning teas of the year, we need volunteers to help share the load. The following is required:

- Two to warm up the hot food
- Two to serve the tea and coffee
- Four to help with the packing up
- Two loaves of egg sandwiches
- Two loaves of ham sandwiches
- One loaf of gluten free sandwiches (of the maker's choice)
- 40 - 50 sausage rolls

Please let the office know if you can contribute to any of the above. Any questions contact Amanda Bagot or Jane Anderson. Thank you, in advance!

## **Prayers for Christian Unity**

On Thursday 30 March, 10am, at Toorak Uniting Church. All welcome.

## **54th Synod General Election of Lay Representatives**

The nomination process for three parish lay synod representatives, plus an alternate, for the 54th Melbourne synod in October is now complete. No election will be necessary today as the number of nominations equals the number of positions available in this parish. Our three lay representatives are Jenny Smith, Adriaan Den Dulk and Fiona McLeay. Our alternate representative is Anthony Mannering. I am grateful to these four parishioners for their willingness to commit themselves to this important task. It is a critical year in the life of our Diocese as we strive to keep it an open, diverse and broad diocese that values mainstream Anglicanism and our liturgical tradition. This new 3 year Synod will also be a crucial moment for our church as it will elect a new Archbishop for Melbourne, on or before 9 February 2025. *Wendy Crouch, Acting Vicar*

## **Thank you**

Lydia, our Assistant Curate would like to thank those who were able to attend last week's Mission Trip to Cambodia presentation. Thank you to all those who assisted with the logistics too.

## **Mothers' Union Lady Day Annual Cathedral Service - TODAY**

You are warmly invited to attend the Festival Choral Eucharist for The Mothers' Union for Lady Day on Sunday 26 March at 4pm. Bishop Kate Prowd will preach, and the Dean will preside. All are welcome! For further information, contact the Precentor, Heather Patacca: [precentor@stpaulscathedral.org.au](mailto:precentor@stpaulscathedral.org.au)



## SAVE THE DATES

**Holy Week and Easter services: See attached flyer.**

**Wednesday May 10th, 5-6.30pm.**

*Ageing and wellbeing: Enhancing our resilience.* Do we want to thrive rather than just survive, as we age? As well as the provision of information and resources there will opportunity for questions and discussion on key issues raised. All welcome, including carers. *For further information speak to Rev'd Wendy.*

**Sunday 16th July 12pm.**

*Winter warmer lunch* following 10am service. Fully catered. Further details to come.

### **Contribute to Worship Services**

All our ministries at St John's are supported by our wonderful volunteers. The rosters for March and April are [here](#). And you will note that volunteering for morning tea has now been added to the list of duties. There are a number of dates which require volunteers to provide, set-up, serve and pack away the morning tea. If you are able to provide more than one date that you would be available we would be very grateful, and please let the parish office know so that the rosters can be updated.

### **The Melbourne Anglican (TMA)**

The link to the latest edition of TMA is [here](#). The link to the March Prayer Diary is [here](#).

### **Prayer Requests**

Prayer requests can be sent to [prayers@saintjohnstoorak.org](mailto:prayers@saintjohnstoorak.org). The clergy check emails for prayer requests daily, and pray in solidarity with anyone who would like prayers said for them.

### **Clergy Days Off**

Our clergy have one regular day off per week. Our Assistant Curate Lydia has Monday and Vicar Peter has Friday. Wendy usually works Wednesday, Thursday and Sunday only. Please respect their time away from work and unless in an emergency, please refrain from telephoning, texting, visiting the Vicarage, or emailing them on these days. Thank you.

### **ART COMMENTARY**

This scene is composed with the heightened effect of the gaze and gesture of Christ in mind. The rhythm of the individual gestures and the reactions of those present clearly show the energy which emanates from Christ which startles the onlookers and wakes Lazarus from the dead. This energy carries on like an arrested wave into the narrative details: the arrangement of the folds in Lazarus' winding sheet or in the hitched up cloak of the disciple next to him are touched by it, as are the precisely characterised faces.

Giotto (or a pupil of Giotto) painted this scene again in the Magdalen Chapel of the Lower Church of San Francesco at Assisi in a larger version, using the same figures with similar attitudes.

## FOR YOUR PRAYERS

**For the suffering, grieving, and displaced people, particularly women and children, of Somalia during drought and famine. For leaders and aid workers.**

**We continue to pray for Ukraine, Russia, and their leaders and peoples.**

**From the Anglican Cycle of Prayer:** Holy Trinity Hampton Park (Argo Biswas); The Diocese of Willochra (Bp – elect Jeremy, Clergy & People); St Andrew’s Brighton; St Peter’s Brighton Beach – pastoral visit (Bp Paul Barker).

**For those who lead us in Government:** His Majesty King Charles III; Governor General David Hurley AC; Prime Minister Anthony Albanese; Federal Member of Parliament for Division of Higgins, Dr. Michelle Ananda-Rajah; Premier of Victoria, Daniel Andrews.

**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.

**For 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 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:** Gwen; Bruce Fordham; Sam Shepherd; Margaret Jones; Nichole Garnaut; Joanna; Sam; Ivan and John.

**For those in aged care and those who are housebound:** Rosie Creswell; Beverley Joyce; Val Hurst; Rosalind Scott; Anne Myers; Elizabeth Johnson; and, Claire Beecher.

**Give thanks for those whose Anniversary of Death is this week:** Paul Rice (2021); Brian Loton (2022); Patrick Gorman (2013); Joy Mein (2015).

### **Support St John’s**

Your support of St John’s is greatly appreciated. Donations can be made directly to: St. John’s Anglican Church General Account, Westpac, 509 Toorak Road, Toorak, Victoria, 3142, Australia. Account Name is St John’s Anglican Church. BSB is 033 086. Account No. is 871931. For international transfers please include SWIFT code WPACAU2S.

# Holy Week & Easter Services

## **Palm Sunday**

2 April 10am

*Celebrate Jesus Christ entering Jerusalem*

## **Holy Wednesday**

5 April 7pm

*Reflections on Jesus' path to the cross*

## **Maundy Thursday**

6 April 7pm

*Remember the Last Supper and Washing of Disciples' feet*

## **Good Friday**

7 April 10am followed by

Ecumenical Walk of Witness at 11.30am

*Recall the Crucifixion*

## **Easter Day**

9 April 8am & 10am

*Christ is risen. Alleluia!*

Join us for an Easter Egg Hunt and Games after the 10am service

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## This Week

SUNDAY, 26 March 2023

### Fifth Sunday in Lent

8am Said Eucharist

10am Sung Eucharist

12pm Baptism of Frankie Leighton

1.30-2.30. Baptism preparation in the church.

WEDNESDAY, 29 March, 2023

7pm Eucharist service

THURSDAY, 30 March, 2023

9.00am Geelong Grammar service, St John's

10.00am Prayers for Christian Unity, Toorak  
Uniting Church

## Next Sunday, 2 April Palm Sunday

### 10am Sung Eucharist

First Reading: Isaiah 50.4-9a, Anthony Mannering

Second Reading: Philippians 2.5-11, Nick  
Langford

Gospel Reading: Matthew 26.14-27

Intercessor: James Griffith

Preacher: The Revd Dr Wendy Crouch

Celebrant: The Revd Lydia Thangadurai

Morning Tea: Anthony Mannering; Nicole

Graham & Mark.



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