



ST. JOHN'S ANGLICAN CHURCH
TOORAK
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Trinity Sunday

31 May, 2026

10am

Welcome

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. We are part of the Anglican Church of Australia and a member of the global Anglican Communion, comprised of 80 million people.

Worship

Regular services of worship are held each Sunday at 8am and 10am, and Wednesday at 7pm. Services are followed by times of fellowship over food and drinks. All are welcome.

Mission

Our mission is to know and love Christ and neighbour. We actively follow Jesus' command to love God, love one's neighbour and to care for all people. We 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.

Visitors

If you're visiting for the first time please introduce yourself to a welcomer or member of the clergy, and fill out the blue 'Welcome' card found at the end of every pew so we can stay in touch with you.

The Church

The church is decorated in white symbolising purity, grace, joy and resurrection. It is used during the Christmas and Easter seasons, and on major feast days.

Cover Image

Holy Trinity, Hendrick van Balen the Elder (1573–1632),
1620s, oil on panel,
St. James' Church, Antwerp, Belgium.

Acknowledgement of Country

We acknowledge we meet on the Traditional Lands of the Wurundjeri Woi Wurrung and Bunurong peoples of the East Kulin Nations and pay our respect to their Elders past and present.



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As you enter the church, please ensure your phone is switched off or on silent and use the time before the service for prayer or quiet reflection, allowing others to do the same

INTRODUCTORY RITE

Please stand as the procession enters the church

PRELUDE 'Soliloquy'

Healey Willan (1880-1968)

THE INVOCATION

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

THE GREETING

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

HYMN 'Praise, my soul, the king of heaven'

Gtr. Capo 2 D(C) A7(G7) D(C) G(F) D(C) / G(F)

G(F) Em(Dm) A(G) F#(E) F#7(E7) Bm(Am)

E7(D7) / A(G) Bm(Am) E(D) A(G) Bm(Am)

A(G) D(C) A(G) B7(A7) Em(Dm) A7(G7) D(C)

1. Praise, my soul, the king of heaven;
to his feet your tribute bring;
ransomed, healed, restored,
forgiven,
who like me his praise should sing?
Praise him, praise him, hallelujah,
praise the everlasting king!
2. Praise him for his grace and favour
to his people in distress;
praise him still the same for ever,
slow to chide, and swift to bless:
praise him, praise him, hallelujah,
glorious in his faithfulness!
3. Father-like he tends and spares us;
well our feeble frame he knows;
in his hands he gently bears us,
rescues us from all our foes:
praise him, praise him, hallelujah,
widely as his mercy flows!
4. Frail as summer's flower we
flourish,
blows the wind and it is gone;
but while mortals rise and perish
God endures unchanging on.
Praise him, praise him, hallelujah,
praise the high eternal one!

5. Angels, help us to adore him,
you behold him face to face;
sun and moon, bow down before
him,
dwellers all in time and space:
praise him, praise him, hallelujah,
praise with us the God of grace!

Henry Francis Lyte 1793-1847 *alt.*
based on Psalm 103
John Goss 1800-80 (TiS 134)

COLLECT FOR PURITY

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.’

KYRIE ELEISON *sung*

Kyrie **2**

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

From Parish Eucharist - Michael Dudman (1938-1994)

CONFESSION

God the Creator forgives us in Christ and heals us by the Holy Spirit. Let us then open our hearts and confess our sins in penitence and faith to the one true God.

Silence is kept

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

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS *sung*

Gloria

Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

Lord God, hea - ven - ly King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we

give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the

Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on

us; you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer. For

you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord, — you a - lone are the Most High,

Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

COLLECT FOR TRINITY SUNDAY

Almighty and everlasting God, you have given to us your servants grace by the confession of a true faith to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity, and in the power of the divine majesty to worship the Unity: keep us steadfast in this faith, and evermore defend us from all adversities, for you live and reign, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Please be seated

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

THE FIRST READING Exodus 34.1-8 *read by Richard Uglow*

The Lord said to Moses, 'Cut two tablets of stone like the former ones, and I will write on the tablets the words that were on the former tablets, which you broke. Be ready in the morning, and come up in the morning to Mount Sinai and present yourself there to me, on the top of the mountain. No one shall come up with you, and do not let anyone be seen throughout all the mountain; and do not let flocks or herds graze in front of that mountain.' So Moses cut two tablets of stone like the former ones; and he rose early in the morning and went up on Mount Sinai, as the Lord had commanded him, and took in his hand the two tablets of stone. The Lord descended in the cloud and stood with him there, and proclaimed the name, 'The Lord.' The Lord passed before him, and proclaimed, 'The Lord, the Lord, a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness, keeping steadfast love for the thousandth generation, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin, yet by no means clearing the guilty, but visiting the iniquity of the parents upon the children and the children's children, to the third and the fourth generation.' And Moses quickly bowed his head towards the earth, and worshipped.

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

THE CANTICLE The Song of the Three 29-34 *sung by the choir*

Blessed are you, the God of our forebears:

worthy to be praised and exalted for ever.

Blessed is your holy and glorious name:

worthy to be praised and exalted for ever.

Blessed are you, glorious in your holy temple:

worthy to be praised and exalted for ever.

Blessed are you who behold the depths:

worthy to be praised and exalted for ever.

Blessed are you on the throne of your kingdom:

worthy to be praised and exalted for ever.

Blessed are you in the heights of heaven:

worthy to be praised and exalted for ever.

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 SECOND READING 2 Corinthians 13.11-14 *read by Karin Rethwisch*

Finally, brothers and sisters, farewell. Put things in order, listen to my appeal, agree with one another, live in peace; and the God of love and peace will be with you. Greet one another with a holy kiss. All the saints greet you. The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with all of you.

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

THE GRADUAL HYMN 'God gives us a future'

C G7 C / F G7 C / Am Dm
Em Eb7 G D7 G C G7 C C7
F E7 Am Dm G7 C Dm C G7 C

1. God gives us a future,
daring us to go
into dreams and dangers
on a path unknown.
We will face tomorrow
in the Spirit's power,
we will let God change us,
for new life starts now.
2. We must leave behind us
sins of yesterday,
for God's new beginning
is a better way.
Fear and doubt and habit
must not hold us back:
God gives hope, and insight,
and the strength we lack.
3. Holy Spirit, teach us
how to read the signs,
how to meet the challenge
of our troubled times.
Love us into action,
stir us into prayer,
till we choose God's life,
and find our future there.

Elizabeth J. Smith 1956-
John Brierley 1932-
CAMBERWELL (TiS 687)

Please remain standing for the reading of the Gospel

THE GOSPEL Matthew 28.16-20

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

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to St. Matthew.
Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. When they saw him, they worshipped him; but some doubted. And Jesus came and said to them, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.'

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

THE SERMON The Vicar, The Revd Dr Peter French

THE ANTHEM 'Te Deum in C minor'

Charles Wood (1866-1926)

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 *led by Anthony Mannering*

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

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 a 'COVIDsafe' sign of peace
Feel free to come and share peace with those people joining us on Zoom*

OFFERTORY

As the gifts of bread and wine are brought forward, a monetary collection for the life of St. John's is taken. Please give by contributing to the collection plate, at the paypoint at the rear of the church or by scanning the QR code.



OFFERTORY HYMN 'Holy God, we praise your name'



The musical notation consists of four staves of music in 3/4 time, written in a key with one flat (B-flat). The notes are as follows:
Staff 1: F (quarter), G (quarter), A (quarter), B (quarter), C (quarter), D (quarter), E (quarter), F (quarter). Chords: F, C7, F, Dm.
Staff 2: F (quarter), G (quarter), A (quarter), B (quarter), C (quarter), D (quarter), E (quarter), F (quarter). Chords: F, C, F, C7, F.
Staff 3: F (quarter), G (quarter), A (quarter), B (quarter), C (quarter), D (quarter), E (quarter), F (quarter). Chords: F, Dm, F, C, Gm, C7.
Staff 4: F (quarter), G (quarter), A (quarter), B (quarter), C (quarter), D (quarter), E (quarter), F (quarter). Chords: F, C, Bb, F, C7, F.

1. Holy God, we praise your name,
Lord of all, we bow before you;
all on earth your power proclaim,
all in heaven above adore you;
boundless is your vast domain,
everlasting is your reign.
2. Hear the loud celestial hymn
angel choirs above are raising;
cherubim and seraphim,
in unceasing chorus praising,
fill the heavens with sweet accord:
'Holy, holy, holy, Lord!'
3. Holy Father, holy Son,
holy Spirit, three we name you,
while in essence only one,
undivided God we claim you,
and adoring bend the knee,
while we own the mystery.
4. King of glory, God's own Son,
humbly our poor nature sharing,
now to save us you have come,
all our sin and sorrow bearing;
you have brought us saving grace,
freed from guilt our sinful race.

5. Spare your people, Lord, we pray,
 by a thousand snares surrounded;
 keep us free from sin today,
 never let us be confounded:
 grant us with your saints a place;
 all our trust is in your grace.

Anon. German, 18th cent.,
 from *Te Deum laudamus*
tr. composite based on
 Clarence Alphonsus Walworth 1820-1900
 GROSSER GOTT (TiS 127)

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 GREAT THANKSGIVING


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 Great Thanksgiving Prayer continues to 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 singing:

Sanctus 2




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




Hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Benedictus



Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the



Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - - est.

The Great Thanksgiving Prayer continues to the following

...Let us proclaim the mystery of faith

Acclamation



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

The Great Thanksgiving Prayer ends with the following

... songs of never ending praise.

Acclamation



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

THE LORD'S PRAYER

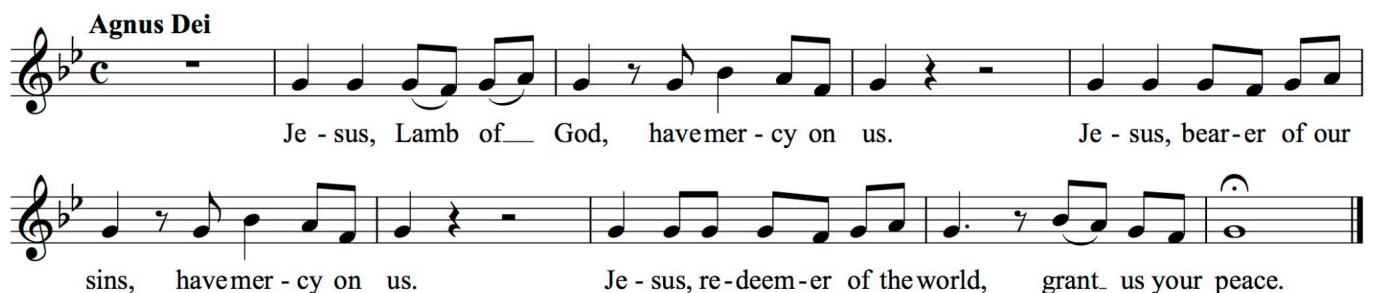
As our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are confident to pray
**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come,
 your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily
 bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
 Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the
 kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and for ever. 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

Agnus Dei



Je - sus, Lamb of God, have mercy on us. Je - sus, bear-er of our
 sins, have mercy on us. Je - sus, re-deem-er 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.**

COMMUNION 'Zum Sanctus'

Franz Schubert (1797-1828)

ADMINISTRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

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.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER *Please stand*

The prayer ends with the following

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.

FINAL HYMN 'I bind unto myself today'

(♩ = 104-112)
 Gtr. Capo 3 Gm(Em) Bb(G) Gm(Em) F(D) Am(F#m)

1 I bind un - to my - self to - day the strong name
 of the Tri - ni - ty by in - vo - ca - tion
 of the same, the Three in One, and One in Three.

2 I bind this day to me for e - ver, by
 power of faith, Christ's in - carn - a - tion, his
 bap - tism in the Jor - dan ri - ver, his
 death on cross for my sal - va - tion, his
 burst - ing from the spi - cèd tomb. his

2 ri - ding up the heaven - ly way, his

2 co - ming at the day of doom: I

2 bind un - to my - self to - day.

*repeat for
verses 3-5 & 7*

1. I bind unto myself today
the strong name of the Trinity
by invocation of the same,
the Three in One, and One in Three.
2. I bind this day to me for ever,
by power of faith, Christ's
incarnation,
his baptism in the Jordan river,
his death on cross for my salvation,
his bursting from the spiced tomb,
his riding up the heavenly way,
his coming at the day of doom:
I bind unto myself today.
3. I bind unto myself today
the virtues of the starlit heaven,
the glorious sun's life-giving ray,
the whiteness of the moon at even,
the flashing of the lightning free,
the whirling wind's tempestuous
shocks,
the stable earth, the deep salt sea
around the old eternal rocks.
4. I bind unto myself today
the power of God to hold and lead,
his eye to watch, his might to stay,
his ear to hearken to my need,
the wisdom of my God to teach,
his hand to guide, his shield to ward,
the word of God to give me speech,
his heavenly host to be my guard.
5. Against all Satan's spells and wiles,
against false words of heresy,
against the knowledge that defiles,
against the heart's idolatry,
against the wizard's evil craft,
against the death wound and the
burning,
the choking wave, the poisoned shaft,
protect me, Christ, till your returning.
6. *Choir only*
7. I bind unto myself the name,
the strong name of the Trinity,
by invocation of the same,
the Three in One, and One in Three,
of whom all nature hath creation,
eternal Father, Spirit, Word.
Praise to the Lord of my salvation:
salvation is of Christ the Lord.

From 'St Patrick's Breastplate' Gaelic 5th-7th cent.
attrib. St Patrick c.389-c.461
version by Cecil Frances Alexander 1818-95
ST PATRICK (TiS 478)

DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE 'March from Scipio' HWV 20 *George Frideric Handel (1685-1759)*

As the postlude is played please remain seated or leave quietly



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CURRENT NOTICES

Support Our Choir and Music Program

In the lead-up to the end of the financial year, please consider making a tax deductible donation in support of our choir and music program. You can do this by visiting bit.ly/donate_maco or scanning the QR code. Select *St. John's Toorak - Cultural Program*.

Thank you. Every gift, large and small, helps us sing!



Sunday 21 June, Safe Ministry Training, 11.30am, Whitney King Room

If you are a volunteer at St. John's and you have not completed Safe Ministry Training or it has been 3 years since your last training session, please join us after the 10am service on Sunday 21 June for a group training session. Meet in the Whitney King Room (to the right as you enter the hall) for an 11.30am start. Finish 1pm. Sign-up [here](#) or in the Narthex.

Saturday 4 July, 7.30pm, Harvard Krokodiloes Concert



The Harvard Krokodiloes are Harvard University's oldest *a cappella* singing group, founded in 1946. Join us for an evening of entertainment and fellowship as the internationally renowned *Harvard Kroks* captivate us with their signature blend of harmonies and humour. Tickets are \$55 each and include light refreshments. To book your tickets go to bit.ly/kroks-at-sjt or scan the QR code.

REGULAR NOTICES

Safeguarding and Wellbeing

St. John's is committed to safeguarding all people and protecting their wellbeing, including young and vulnerable people, especially Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children, and children with diverse needs. All relevant staff and volunteers are trained in child safety and have appropriate clearance for service or ministry. If you have any concerns about the wellbeing of children in this parish, contact Kooyoora on 1800 135 246 or www.kooyoora.org.au If you have concerns about your wellbeing or that of another churchgoer, please contact the clergy.

Pastoral Care

Clergy and members of the 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.

The Melbourne Anglican (TMA) and Prayer Diary

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

Contribute to Worship Services

All our ministries at St John's are supported by our wonderful volunteers. The rosters for this month are available [here](#). And you will note that volunteering for morning tea has now been added to the list of duties. If you can help fill any of the gaps please contact the parish office. Thanks in advance.

Parish Council

Parish council meets monthly, and minutes are available on request.

Communion Instructions

All are welcome at the altar and those baptised are welcome to receive Communion. Holy Communion is distributed via a chalice from which to sip or, a separate chalice into which the bread may be intincted (dipped). If you wish to simply receive the bread only that is perfectly appropriate. Gluten free wafers are available on request. A blessing only is also available.

Zoom Link

Our 10am Sunday service is streamed here:

us06web.zoom.us/j/86212089431?pwd=ZEN2M2xWRHRhMVhxTWhwcmVwTzFEdz09

Meeting ID: 862 1208 9431 | Passcode: 541347

Prayer Requests

Prayer requests can be sent to 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 Vicar, Peter, has Friday. Our Curate Victoria works Sunday, Monday and Wednesdays. Please respect their time away from work and unless in an emergency, please refrain from telephoning, texting, emailing them, or visiting the Vicarage, on these days. Thank you.

FOR YOUR PRAYERS

A Prayer for Victims of War: Give comfort, O Lord, to all who are torn away from their homes and their loved ones, by war, by famine, or by cruelty; give the world your peace and turn the hearts of those who will to war; grant that we who dwell secure in this insecure world may be generous in caring for our displaced brothers and sisters, of all faiths and none. We ask this in the name of the Prince of Peace, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

From the Anglican Cycle of Prayer: Marningatha Episcopate, Archdeaconry of Melbourne, Deanery of Melbourne (1): St Bartholomew's Burnley, St Jude's Carlton, Chinese Mission of the Epiphany, St Philip's Collingwood, St Mark's Fitzroy, St George's Flemington, Christ Church Kensington, St Peter's Eastern Hill, Holy Trinity East Melbourne & St Mary's North Melbourne.

For the Anglican Church: Archbishop of Canterbury, The Most Revd and Rt Hon. Sarah Mullally; Primate of the Anglican Church of Australia, The Rt Revd Dr Mark Short; Archbishop of Melbourne, The Most Revd Dr Ric Thorpe; and, Assistant Bishop of Melbourne, Marningatha Episcopate, The Rt Revd Alison Taylor.

For those who lead us in Government: His Majesty King Charles III; Governor General Sam Mostyn AC; Prime Minister Anthony Albanese; Member for Kooyong, Dr. Monique Ryan; Premier of Victoria, Jacinta Allan; and, Member for Prahran, Rachel Westaway.

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 our Neighbours: Our partner churches in the Toorak Ecumenical Movement, St. Peter's Catholic Church, Toorak Uniting Church, and The Swedish Church; and our friends at the Melbourne Hebrew Congregation.

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 Nicole Ginnane; St Catherine's School, Principal Natalie Charles; and Toorak Primary School Principal Suada Dzaferovic.

For those celebrating birthdays: Sue Kincaid, John Horan, Amanda Bagot, Gerard Loquet & Jocelyn Elsey.

For the sick and all in need: Nichole, Joanna, James, Karen, Trisha, Daphne, Thomas, Rod, Stephen, Stella, Louis, Nina, Bissie, Jane, Naomi, Rosie, John, Alina, Maria, Diana & Briody.

For those in aged care and those who are housebound: Angela, Elizabeth, Sue & Nancy.

For those who have died and their families who mourn them: The Rt Revd the Hon Dr Peter Hollingworth AC OBE.

Give thanks for those whose Anniversary of Death is this week: Noelle Heathcote (2019); Nicholas Holt (2025); Janet Field (2021); Michael Burbank (2022); Greg Robb (2022); Ian Reid (2022); Rowan Ashworth (2020); George Footit (2021); William Pettigrew (2016) & Lawrence Woods (2016).

*The flowers by the Book of Memory are in loving memory of the late **Edward Miles Birkett**,
from his sons Simon & Roderic*

SCRIPTURE COMMENTARY

2 Corinthians 13:11-13

This letter, which Paul now concludes, shows a lack of harmony among Corinthian Christians. Paul exhorts them to restore the “order” and “peace” which God expects. The “holy kiss” (v. 12) was a symbol of communal love among Christians; it was shared at the Eucharist. The “saints” are other Christians. Note the order in v. 13: the “grace of ... Christ” leads us to “the love of God”; this love flows into common participation in God and with each other. This verse is known as the Grace.

Matthew 28:16-20

After his resurrection, Jesus has told Mary Magdalene and “the other Mary” (v. 1) to “tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me” (v. 10). Now Jesus appears to “the eleven” (v. 16, less Judas) on “the mountain” where he was transfigured. Some worship (v. 17) him, but others doubt. He has received “all authority” (v. 18) from the Father, so he now sends out his followers to “all nations” (v. 19, not just Israel) to: (1) baptise in the possession and protection (“name”) of the Trinity, and (2) to carry on his teaching ministry. To help in this daunting task, he is, and will be, with them until the Kingdom of God comes fully.

MUSIC COMMENTARY

PRELUDE ‘Soliloquy’

Healey Willan (1880-1968)

Willan was an English and Canadian organist and composer. He composed more than 800 works, including operas, symphonies, chamber music, a concerto, and pieces for band, orchestra, organ, and piano. He is best known for his church music.

POSTLUDE ‘March from Scipio’ HWV 20

George Frideric Handel (1685-1759)

Scipio is an opera series in three acts with music composed by Handel for the Royal Academy of Music in 1726. It is based on the life of the Roman general Scipio Africanus, who is regarded as one of the greatest military commanders and strategists of all time (having been one of the main architects of Rome’s victory against Carthage in the Second Punic War and defeating Hannibal at the Battle of Zama).

ART COMMENTARY

The art on today's pewsheet, *Holy Trinity*, is by Flemish Baroque painter and stained glass designer, *Hendrick van Balen*. Van Balen specialised in small cabinet pictures often painted on a copper support. His favourite themes were mythological and allegorical scenes and, later, religious subjects. The artist played an important role in the renewal of Flemish painting in the early 17th century and was one of the teachers of Anthony van Dyck. *Holy Trinity*, was produced in the early 1620s when Van Balen was one of the most sought-after altarpiece painters in Antwerp.



This Week

SUNDAY, 31 May 2026

Trinity Sunday

8am Said Eucharist

10am Sung Eucharist

WEDNESDAY, 3 June 2026

7pm Eucharist, in the Angel Chapel

FRIDAY, 5 June 2026

2pm Funeral for Michele Fitzgerald



Next Sunday, 7 June

Second Sunday after Pentecost

8am Eucharist

First Reading: *Genesis 12:1-9*, Volunteer

Required

Second Reading: *Romans 4:13-25*, Volunteer

Required

Gospel Reading: *Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26*

Intercessor: Volunteer Required

Preacher: The Revd Victoria Bakerov

10am Eucharist

First Reading: *Genesis 12:1-9*, Keith Beecher

Second Reading: *Romans 4:13-25*, Suzanne

Cooper

Gospel Reading: *Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26*

Intercessor: Keith Beecher

Preacher: The Revd Victoria Bakerov

Morning Tea: Monica & Tim Victorsen



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