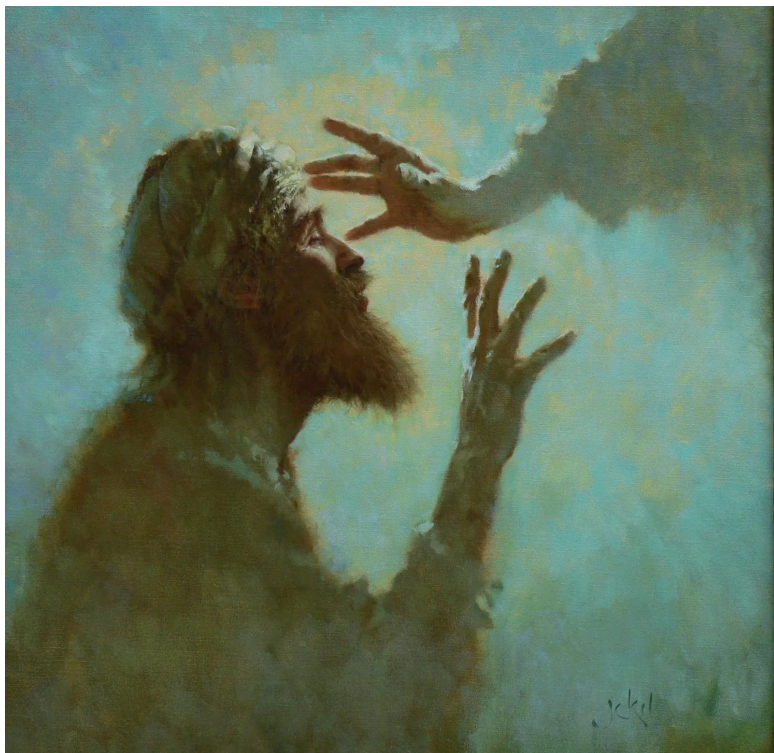




# Anglican Parish of the Parks

St Silas & St Anselm, Albert Park

*15 March 2026 9:30am Holy Communion  
Fourth Sunday in Lent*



## *Wominjeka - Welcome*

A warm welcome to our worship today, especially if you are here for the first time or visiting from elsewhere. Please do stay to share refreshments at the end of the service. This booklet contains the full order of service: you are invited to join in the parts printed in bold type.

Today's service will be livestreamed here: <http://video.parishoftheparks.org.au>

We acknowledge and pay our respects to the Boonwurrung people, the original custodians of this land, and acknowledge the people and elders of the Eastern Kulin nation who have traditional connections with, and responsibility for, the land on which we meet.

# WELCOME

*to our worship today  
at the Parish of the Parks*

This booklet contains the full order of service. You are invited to join in saying together the words printed in bold type, and to stand where indicated as you are able. Sometimes you may simply need to sit and be carried by the prayers of others – that too is part of our life as the church.

Children are always welcome to be fully part of our service. At the back on the left hand side of the church there is a children's activity area, but please also feel most welcome to sit near the front where children can more easily see what is happening. It's fine if they make a bit of noise, or if they want to roam around and explore this new place.

There is a bathroom and change table at the bottom of the stairs near the front door (opposite the lift).

When we come to share Holy Communion, everyone is welcome. Children who have been baptised are welcome to share the communion bread (and wine) at their parents' discretion. If you would prefer to receive a blessing, or if you need a gluten free wafer, please let the priest know when you come forward.

If you have any particular questions, needs, concerns, or prayer requests, you are welcome to speak with Rev'd Chris after the service or to be in touch using the contact details on the back page.

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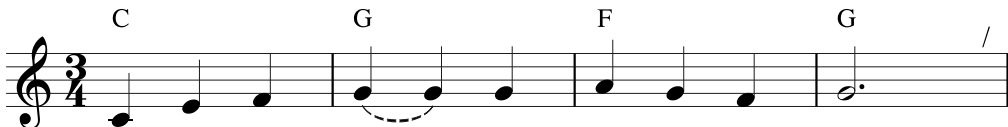
# Gathering in God's name

## Prelude

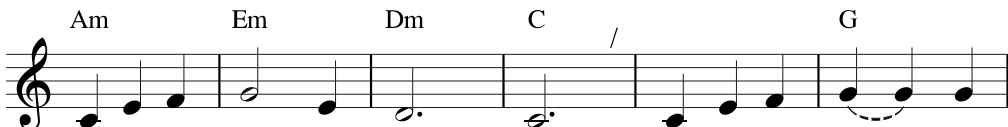
*A bell is rung as a signal for all to stand*

## Hymn

TiS 643



1 I want to walk as a child of the light,  
2 I want to see the bright-ness of God,  
3 I'm look - ing for the com - ing of Christ;



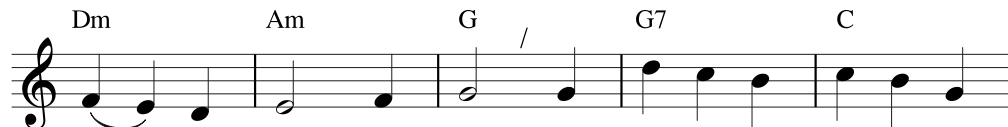
1 I want to fol - low Je - sus. God set the stars to give  
2 I want to look at Je - sus; clear sun of righ-teous-ness,  
3 I want to be with Je sus. When we have run with



1 light to the world: the star of my life is Je - sus.  
2 shine on my path and show me the way to the Fa - ther.  
3 pa-tience the race we shall know the joy of Je - sus.



*In him there is no dark-ness at all; the night and the*



*day are both a - like. The Lamb is the light of the*



*cit - y of God; shine in my heart, Lord Je - sus.*

Kathleen Armstrong Thomerson 1934-

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*Presider* Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins,  
*All* **whose mercy endures for ever.**

*Presider* The Lord be with you.

*All* **And also with you.**

*Sen Server* Let us pray:

*All* **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.**

Holy God,  
**holy and mighty, holy and immortal,  
have mercy on us.**

### *Prayer of the Day*

*Presider* Gracious God,  
in order that we children of earth  
might discern good from evil  
you sent your Son to be the light of the world:  
as the light of Christ shines upon us,  
may we learn what pleases you,  
and live in truth and goodness;  
through the same Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

*Please sit*

# Opening the Scriptures

## First Reading

A reading from the first book of Samuel

<sup>1</sup> The Lord said to Samuel, “How long will you grieve over Saul? I have rejected him from being king over Israel. Fill your horn with oil and set out; I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons.” <sup>2</sup> Samuel said, “How can I go? If Saul hears of it, he will kill me.” And the Lord said, “Take a heifer with you and say, ‘I have come to sacrifice to the Lord.’” <sup>3</sup> Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do, and you shall anoint for me the one whom I name to you.” <sup>4</sup> Samuel did what the Lord commanded and came to Bethlehem. The elders of the city came to meet him trembling and said, “Do you come peaceably?” <sup>5</sup> He said, “Peaceably. I have come to sacrifice to the Lord; sanctify yourselves and come with me to the sacrifice.” And he sanctified Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice.

<sup>6</sup> When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, “Surely his anointed is now before the Lord.” <sup>7</sup> But the Lord said to Samuel, “Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him, for the Lord does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the Lord looks on the heart.” <sup>8</sup> Then Jesse called Abinadab and made him pass before Samuel. He said, “Neither has the Lord chosen this one.” <sup>9</sup> Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, “Neither has the Lord chosen this one.” <sup>10</sup> Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel, and Samuel said to Jesse, “The Lord has not chosen any of these.” <sup>11</sup> Samuel said to Jesse, “Are all your sons here?” And he said, “There remains yet the youngest, but he is keeping the sheep.” And Samuel said to Jesse, “Send and bring him, for we will not sit down until he comes here.” <sup>12</sup> He sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy and had beautiful eyes and was handsome. The Lord said, “Rise and anoint him, for this is the one.” <sup>13</sup> Then Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him in the presence of his brothers, and the spirit of the Lord came mightily upon David from that day forward. Samuel then set out and went to Ramah.’

(16:1-13; NRSV)

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

# Psalm 23



*The response is sung first by the cantor and then by the congregation.  
Thereafter it is sung by the congregation as indicated.*

## Verses

- 1 The Lord is my shepherd:  
I shall not want.
- 2 In green pastures he gives me rest:  
beside still waters he leads me. *Response*
- 3 He restores my soul:  
he guides me in right paths for his name's sake.
- 4 As I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I fear no evil:  
for you are with me, your rod and your staff, they comfort me. *Response*
- 5 You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies:  
you anoint my head with oil and my cup overflows.
- 6 Surely goodness and mercy will follow me all the days of my life:  
and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever. *Response*

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## Second Reading

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Ephesians

<sup>8</sup> for once you were darkness, but now in the Lord you are light. Walk as children of light, <sup>9</sup> for the fruit of the light is found in all that is good and right and true. <sup>10</sup> Try to find out what is pleasing to the Lord. <sup>11</sup> Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness; rather, expose them. <sup>12</sup> For it is shameful even to mention what such people do secretly, <sup>13</sup> but everything exposed by the light becomes visible, <sup>14</sup> for everything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says,  
“Sleeper, awake!  
Rise from the dead,  
and Christ will shine on you.”.

(5:1-11; NRSV)

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

*Please stand*

Chord symbols: G D G D7 Em D G A7 D G  
Am G B7 Em D D7 G

1. The king of love my shepherd is,  
whose goodness faileth never;  
I nothing lack if I am his  
and he is mine for ever.
2. Where streams of living water flow  
my ransomed soul he leadeth,  
and where the verdant pastures grow  
with food celestial feedeth.
3. Perverse and foolish oft I strayed,  
but yet in love he sought me,  
and on his shoulder gently laid,  
and home rejoicing brought me.
4. In death's dark vale I fear no ill  
with thee, dear Lord, beside me;  
thy rod and staff my comfort still,  
thy cross before to guide me.
5. Thou spread'st a table in my sight;  
thy unction grace bestoweth;  
and O what transport of delight  
from thy pure chalice floweth!
6. And so through all the length of days  
thy goodness faileth never:  
good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise  
within thy house for ever.

# The Gospel

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

*Presider* The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.  
*All* **Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

<sup>1</sup> As Jesus walked along, he saw a man blind from birth. <sup>2</sup> His disciples asked him, “Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?” <sup>3</sup> Jesus answered, “Neither this man nor his parents sinned; he was born blind so that God’s works might be revealed in him. <sup>4</sup> We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming, when no one can work. <sup>5</sup> As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world.” <sup>6</sup> When he had said this, he spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva and spread the mud on the man’s eyes, <sup>7</sup> saying to him, “Go, wash in the pool of Siloam” (which means Sent). Then he went and washed and came back able to see. <sup>8</sup> The neighbors and those who had seen him before as a beggar began to ask, “Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?” <sup>9</sup> Some were saying, “It is he.” Others were saying, “No, but it is someone like him.” He kept saying, “I am he.” <sup>10</sup> But they kept asking him, “Then how were your eyes opened?” <sup>11</sup> He answered, “The man called Jesus made mud, spread it on my eyes, and said to me, ‘Go to Siloam and wash.’ Then I went and washed and received my sight.” <sup>12</sup> They said to him, “Where is he?” He said, “I do not know.”

<sup>13</sup> They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. <sup>14</sup> Now it was a Sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. <sup>15</sup> Then the Pharisees also began to ask him how he had received his sight. He said to them, “He put mud on my eyes. Then I washed, and now I see.” <sup>16</sup> Some of the Pharisees said, “This man is not from God, for he does not observe the Sabbath.” Others said, “How can a man who is a sinner perform such signs?” And they were divided. <sup>17</sup> So they said again to the blind man, “What do you say about him? It was your eyes he opened.” He said, “He is a prophet.”

<sup>18</sup> The Jews did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight until they called the parents of the man who had received his sight <sup>19</sup> and asked them, “Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?” <sup>20</sup> His parents answered, “We know that this is our son and that he was born blind, <sup>21</sup> but we do not know how it is that now he sees, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him; he is of age. He will speak for himself.” <sup>22</sup> His parents said this because they were afraid of the Jews, for the Jews had already agreed that anyone who confessed Jesus to be the Messiah would be put out of the synagogue. <sup>23</sup> Therefore his parents said, “He is of age; ask him.”

<sup>24</sup> So for the second time they called the man who had been blind, and they said to him, “Give glory to God! We know that this man is a sinner.” <sup>25</sup> He answered, “I do not know whether he is a sinner. One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see.” <sup>26</sup> They said to him, “What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?” <sup>27</sup> He answered them, “I have told you already, and you would not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you also want to become his disciples?” <sup>28</sup> Then they reviled him,

saying, “You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. <sup>29</sup> We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from.” <sup>30</sup> The man answered, “Here is an astonishing thing! You do not know where he comes from, yet he opened my eyes. <sup>31</sup> We know that God does not listen to sinners, but he does listen to one who worships him and obeys his will. <sup>32</sup> Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a person born blind. <sup>33</sup> If this man were not from God, he could do nothing.” <sup>34</sup> They answered him, “You were born entirely in sins, and are you trying to teach us?” And they drove him out.

<sup>35</sup> Jesus heard that they had driven him out, and when he found him he said, “Do you believe in the Son of Man?” <sup>36</sup> He answered, “And who is he, sir? Tell me, so that I may believe in him.” <sup>37</sup> Jesus said to him, “You have seen him, and the one speaking with you is he.” <sup>38</sup> He said, “Lord, I believe.” And he worshiped him. <sup>39</sup> Jesus said, “I came into this world for judgment, so that those who do not see may see and those who do see may become blind.” <sup>40</sup> Some of the Pharisees who were with him heard this and said to him, “Surely we are not blind, are we?” <sup>41</sup> Jesus said to them, “If you were blind, you would not have sin. But now that you say, ‘We see,’ your sin remains.

(9:1-41; NRSV)

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

*Please be seated*

## *The Sermon*

*Please stand*

## *Affirmation of Faith*

*Sen Server* Let us affirm as ours the faith of the Church  
*All* **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.

## *Prayer and Penitence*

### *The Prayers of the People*

*Please sit or kneel*

*Presider*      Let us pray for all people,  
and for the church throughout the world.

*After each petition:*    **Hear our prayer.**

*The prayers conclude:*

*Presider*      Almighty God, you have promised to hear our prayers.  
*All*            **Grant that what we have asked in faith  
we may by your grace receive  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## *Confession and Absolution*

*Sen Server* The sacrifice of God is a broken spirit;  
a broken and contrite heart God will not despise.

*Cantor* Kyrie eleison.

*All repeat* **Kyrie eleison.** (Lord, have mercy)

*Cantor* Christe eleison.

*All repeat* **Christe eleison.** (Christ, have mercy)

*Cantor* Kyrie eleison.

*All repeat* **Kyrie eleison.** (Lord, have mercy)

*Sen Server* Let us come to the Lord, who is full of compassion,  
and acknowledge our transgressions in penitence and faith.

*All* **Father eternal, giver of light and grace,  
we have sinned against you and against our neighbour,  
in what we have thought,  
in what we have said and done,  
through ignorance, through weakness,  
through our own deliberate fault.  
We have wounded your love,  
and marred your image in us.  
We are sorry and ashamed,  
and repent of all our sins.  
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,  
who died for us,  
forgive us all that is past;  
and lead us out from darkness  
to walk as children of light. Amen.**

*Presider* With our hearts turned to God in repentance, with the knowledge  
of our sins laid bare before the cross of Jesus Christ, in the name  
of the living God, your sins are forgiven. Receive God's mercy,  
take hold of your forgiveness, and, in the power of the Holy Spirit,  
walk in the light of Christ.  
**Amen.**

# Celebrating at the Lord's Table

## The Greeting of Peace

*Presider* Christ has reconciled us to God in one body by the cross.

*All* **We meet in his name and share his peace.**

*Presider* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*All* **And also with you.**

*We share the peace in a way you are comfortable with. This may include giving a sign from afar, shaking hands, or similar acknowledgement.*

## Hymn

TiS 533 (tune 324)

F C Bb F  
Dm C F C Dm C Dm Am  
Bb F Bb C7 F

1. I come with joy to meet my Lord,  
forgiven, loved, and free,  
in awe and wonder to recall  
his life laid down for me.
2. I come with Christians far and near  
to find, as all are fed,  
the new community of love  
in Christ's communion bread.
3. As Christ breaks bread and bids us share  
each proud division ends.  
The love that made us, makes us one,  
and strangers now are friends.
4. And thus with joy we meet our Lord,  
his presence, always near,  
is in such friendship better known:  
we see, and praise him here.
5. Together met, together bound,  
we'll go our different ways,  
and as his people in the world  
we'll live and speak his praise.

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## Prayer over the gifts

*Contributions to the ministry of the parish are received:*

- *in the collection plate at the back of the church*
- *in the basket at the back of the church, for food items to be distributed through the Sunday Suppers program*
- *by online donation (please see page 22 for details)*

*Presider* 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.

*All* **Blessed be God for ever.**

## The Great Thanksgiving

*Presider* The Lord be with you.

*All* **And also with you.**

*Presider* Lift up your hearts.

*All* **We lift them to the Lord.**

*Presider* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*All* **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

*The prayer praises God for God's mighty acts. All respond by singing:*

*mf* Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might.

Heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry, Ho -

- san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est,

B $\flat$  Gm Dm Gm Dm C Am

Blest is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -

Dm Am F Am7 Gm7 C F E $\flat$  F

*Descant* Ho - san - na, ho - san-na in the high-est. \_\_\_\_\_

- san - na in the high-est, ho - san-na in the high-est. \_\_\_\_\_

*The prayer continues by recalling the Last Supper, and concludes:*

A - men, A - men, A - men, A - men.

## *The Lord's Prayer*

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

*All* **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 and Communion*

*Presider* We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.  
We who are many are one body,

*All* **For we all share in the one bread.**

*Cantor* Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,  
have mercy on us.

***All repeat* Have mercy on us.**

*Cantor* Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,  
have mercy on us.

***All repeat* Have mercy on us.**

*Cantor* Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,  
grant us peace.

***All repeat* Grant us peace.**

Let us pray:

**Most merciful Lord,  
your love compels us to come in.  
Our hands were unclean,  
our hearts were unprepared;  
we were not fit  
even to eat the crumbs from under your table.  
But you, Lord, are the God of our salvation,  
and share your bread with sinners.  
So cleanse and feed us  
with the precious body and blood of your Son,  
that he may live in us and we in him;  
and that we, with the whole company of Christ,  
may sit and eat in your kingdom. Amen.**

*Presider* The gifts of God, for the people of God.  
This is the Lord's table. All who seek God's mercy are welcome.

*Everyone is welcome to come forward and share communion.  
The wine is received either by drinking from a common cup  
(on the left side of the altar steps),  
or by the priest dipping the bread into the wine (on the right side).  
Please tell the priest if you require a gluten free wafer,  
or if you would prefer to receive a blessing.*

# Going into the world

## Post-communion prayer

*Presider* 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.

*All* **Most loving God,  
you send us into the world you love.  
Give us grace to go thankfully and with courage  
in the power of your Spirit.**

## Notices

### Hymn

TiS 129

G C G /  
A7 D D7 / G G7  
C G / Em D7 G

1. Amazing grace (how sweet the sound)  
that saved a wretch like me!  
I once was lost, but now am found,  
was blind, but now I see.
2. As grace first taught my heart to fear  
so grace my fears relieved;  
how precious did that grace appear  
the hour I first believed!

3. Through many dangers, toils and snares  
I have already come:  
God's grace has brought me safe thus far,  
and grace will lead me home.
4. The Lord has promised good to me,  
his word my hope secures;  
he will my shield and portion be  
as long as life endures.

John Newton 1725–1807 alt.  
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## *Blessing and Sending Out*

*Presider* Christ our Saviour draw you to himself,  
that you may find in him crucified a sure ground for faith,  
a firm support for hope,  
and the assurance of sin forgiven;  
and the blessing of God almighty,  
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you  
and remain with you always.

*All* **Amen.**

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

## **Postlude**

*Organist: Frank Rowse*

We welcome Alex MacDonald back to the Parish Office  
this week, and trust he has had a refreshing  
and relaxing holiday.

Thanks to Lizee and Catherine for "holding the fort".

# LENT

The season of Lent covers the forty days (not including Sundays) from Ash Wednesday to Easter Eve. It recalls the forty days spent by Jesus in the desert, fasting and praying. For us too it is a time of preparation, prayer and fasting: a wilderness time.

From early in the Church's history, Lent was principally viewed as a period of preparation for those to be baptised at Easter. As candidates for baptism were instructed in the Christian faith, the whole community was invited to join them in the process of study and repentance. So too for us, Lent leads towards the renewal of our baptism at Easter.

Our worship has a different, more subdued character during these weeks: we omit the *Gloria in excelsis* (Glory to God in the highest), and there is a greater emphasis on penitence and renewal, experienced at its starkest in the Ash Wednesday liturgy. The liturgical colour is purple, symbolizing penitence and humility.

As Lent progresses we are drawn inexorably towards the mystery of Jesus' passion, death and resurrection. The dramatic and distinctive liturgies of Holy Week—Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday and Good Friday—lead us to a place of emptiness and desolation, into which the exultant alleluias of Easter burst with new life and hope.

God of all seasons,  
in your pattern of things  
there is a time for keeping  
and a time for losing,  
a time for building up  
and a time for pulling down.  
In this holy season of Lent  
as we journey with our Lord to the Cross,  
help us to discern in our lives  
what we must lay down  
and what we must take up,  
what we must end  
and what we must begin.

*Prayer from the Church of Scotland*

## From your Vicar...

Dear friends,

Today we sing what is probably the best known of the psalms, and one of the best known passages of the whole Bible. In just six verses, Psalm 23 captures the good news of a God who is always with us and who promises to bring us home to a place of love and belonging.

You might have noticed that during Lent we are participating in a trial of a new translation of the psalms, prepared in Australia with particular attention to contemporary language, recent scholarship, and ease of understanding and liturgical reading. (See [www.ansteypsalter.com](http://www.ansteypsalter.com) for more.)

This task of *translation* is really the constant calling of the church: to take what we have seen and known of the goodness of God – in the Bible, in our worship, in creation – and to retell it, recast it in ways which can be readily understood by others. This task is not just for scholars of languages and theology! How would you retell – "translate" – Psalm 23 so that it speaks of your own life and journey of faith? What have been your experiences of green pastures and of the valley of the shadow of death? How would you put into words your sense of God's promised future and homecoming?

Here's a very different example of translating Psalm 23, this time in an Aboriginal style by Uncle Rev Ron Williams:

*My big fella boss up in the sky is like the father Emu.*

*He will always look after me and take me to green grass, and lead me to where the water holes are full and fresh all the time.*

*He leads me away from the thick scrub and helps me keep safe from the hunters, dingoes and eagles.*

*At night time when I am very lonely and sad, I will not be afraid, for my Father covers me with his feathers like a father emu.*

*His spear and shield will always protect me.*

*My big fella boss always give me a good feed in the middle of my enemies.*

*In hot times he makes me sit down in a cool shade and rest.*

*He gives me plenty of love and care all of my life through.*

*Then I will live with my big fella boss like a father emu: that cares for his chicks in good country, full of peace and safety for evermore and evermore.*

May God's presence and promises be close to us, in all that our lives hold.

Chris

Anglican Parish of the Parks  
St Silas & St Anselm, Albert Park

# HOLY WEEK & EASTER SERVICES 2026

*Love so amazing, so divine...*

*Everyone is welcome*

## **Palm Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> March**

**9:30am** Procession of Palms and Sung Eucharist

## **Maundy Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> April**

**7:30pm** Eucharist of the Last Supper

## **Good Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April**

**12 noon** Good Friday liturgy with readings,  
music and hymns

## **Easter Day 5<sup>th</sup> April**

**6am** Lighting of the New Fire and  
First Eucharist of Easter followed by breakfast

**9:30am** Festive Sung Eucharist

For more information visit

[www.parishoftheparks.org.au](http://www.parishoftheparks.org.au)



**The Emerald Wind Quintet** is coming to the Parish of the Parks **today at 2:30pm** - free entry! There will be a retiring collection for the benefit of our wonderful Sunday Suppers program. More details on the opposite page.

## *Holy Week and Easter Services*

Please do note these details as we prepare to share together in the central week of the Church's year.

**Palm Sunday** (29 March)

**9:30am** Procession of Palms and  
Sung Eucharist

**Maundy Thursday** (2 April)

**7:30pm** Eucharist of the Last Supper

**Good Friday** (3 April)

**9:30am** Ecumenical gathering  
(1 St Leonard's Avenue, St Kilda)  
**12noon** Good Friday Liturgy

**Please note: Daylight Saving ends Sunday 5 April (Easter Day)**

**Easter Sunday** (5 April)

**6:00am** Lighting of the New Fire and  
First Eucharist of Easter  
*followed by breakfast*  
**9:30am** Festive Sung Eucharist

## *Book Club*

The next book is "James" by Percival Everett. This reimagines Mark Twain's classic "The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn" from the perspective of Jim, an escaped slave. This was published in 2024 and won the 2025 Pulitzer Prize. Our meeting to discuss this will be **Monday 16 March at 7:30pm**.

## *Upcoming Concerts*

**Today at 2:30pm:** The Emerald Wind Quintet, led by Andrew Close will perform a program titled "Melodies & Dances", which celebrates the melodies and rhythms of the Old and New Worlds. Their program includes the Australian premiere of Valerie Coleman's Afro-Cuban Concerto, and works by Mozart, Ravel, and Nielsen. **This concert is free to enter**, with a retiring collection to benefit the Sunday Suppers Welfare Program.

**Sunday 22 March at 2:30pm.** Our first ANAM Concert for the year; an eight piece brass ensemble, comprising trumpets, trombones, a French horn and a tuba. Tickets are available at <https://www.trybooking.com/DJJWF>

## *Email updates*

Each week the parish sends an email update looking ahead to the next Sunday. If you are not already receiving these emails, you can sign up on our website at [www.parishoftheparks.com.au/subscribe](http://www.parishoftheparks.com.au/subscribe)

*Readings for next Sunday: Fifth Sunday in Lent*

Ezekiel 37:1-14; Psalm 130; Romans 8:6-11; John 11:1-45

# For our prayers

## **The world and nation:**

For all who strive for peace in the midst of war and violence.

## **The Church:**

*World Council of Churches:*

Denmark, Faroe Islands, Finland, Greenland, Iceland, Norway, Sweden.

*Anglican Communion:*

The Anglican Church of Kenya

*Anglican Church in Australia:*

Diocese of Newcastle  
(Bp Peter Stuart)

*Diocese of Melbourne:*

Abp Ric Thorpe, Bp Alison Taylor.

## **Our parish and community:**

For other parishes in our deanery.

## **Those for whom prayers have been asked:**

Chris R, Angie, Joan, Tim R, Andrew.

*Continuing prayers for:* Diane, Jenny

## **The communion of saints:**

*Those who have died recently:*

Ronda Moore, Nancy Honer

*Year's mind:*

Raymond Johnson 10 March 2012

*To add a name to the prayer list, for those needing prayers now (with their consent) or to be remembered on the anniversary of their death, please contact Rev'd Chris.*

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# Giving to the parish

Financial giving, each of us as we are able, is part of our belonging to the church. There are several options for making your offering:

- Placing money in the offertory plate on Sundays
- Electronic Funds Transfer to the parish bank account

Account name: Anglican Parish of the Parks

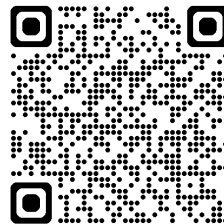
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- Online at <https://www.parihoftheparks.org.au/donationsbequests.html>

Select either General Offertory, Sunday Suppers or the Music Program; online or paper form; and how often you wish to give. You will then be taken to the appropriate page.

Donations to Sunday Suppers and the Music Program are tax deductible, and you will be sent a receipt within about two weeks.



Thank you – all our giving is part of sustaining the life of the parish.

# Next week at Parish of the Parks

<b>Sunday 15 March</b> <i>Fourth Sunday in Lent</i>	9:30am: <b>Sung Eucharist</b> 11:15am: <b>Parish Council meeting</b> 4:30pm-5:30pm: <b>Sunday Suppers</b>
<b>Monday 16 March</b>	9:00am: <b>Morning Prayer</b>
<b>Tuesday 17 March</b>	9:00am: <b>Morning Prayer</b>
<b>Wednesday 18 March</b>	8:30am: <b>Morning Prayer</b> 11:00am: <b>Eucharist</b> 7:00pm: <b>Lenten Study Group</b>
<b>Thursday 19 March</b>	9:00am: <b>Morning Prayer</b>
<b>Saturday 21 March</b>	9:00am: <b>Morning Prayer</b>
<b>Sunday 22 March</b> <i>Fifth Sunday in Lent</i>	9:30am: <b>Sung Eucharist</b> 4:30pm-5:30pm: <b>Sunday Suppers</b>

<i>Rosters</i>	<b>15 March</b>	<b>22 March</b>
<b>Welcomers</b>	Michael	Marcia
<b>Servers</b>	Marcia Emma Geoff	Catherine Caitlin Sharon
<b>Readers</b>	Pearl Anna	Michael Frank
<b>Intercessions</b>	Catherine	Marcia
<b>Offertory</b>	Pearl Russell	Marcia Frank
<b>Chalice</b>	Geoff Marcia	Sharon Michael
<b>Morning tea</b>	Frank & Jo Anna	Marcia Michael
<b>Flowers</b>	<i>No flowers in Lent</i>	<i>No flowers in Lent</i>
<b>Video livestream</b>	Frank	Robert
<b>Side person</b>	Michael	Marcia
<b>Emerald Hill pick-up</b>	Catherine	Michael
<b>Sunday Suppers</b>	Gina, Ann and Ed, Catherine B, Toy	Kate, Amber, Sasha, Lesleyanne, Richard



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