



# Anglican Parish of the Parks

St Silas & St Anselm, Albert Park

*8 March 2026 9:30am Holy Communion  
Third 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:** *Gymnopédie no. 1* Erik Satie arr. T. Kawano

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

*Hymn*

Tis 585

Em C G D / G Am D / G  
C Am G D / G Am Em /  
Bm Em D G / C D / G  
C Am G D / G Am Em

1. I heard the voice of Jesus say,  
‘Come unto me and rest;  
lay down, O weary one, lay down  
your head upon my breast.’  
I came to Jesus as I was,  
weary and worn and sad;  
I found in him a resting-place,  
and he has made me glad.
2. I heard the voice of Jesus say,  
‘Behold, I freely give  
the living water; thirsty one,  
stoop down and drink and live.’  
I came to Jesus, and I drank  
of that life-giving stream;  
my thirst was quenched,  
my soul revived,  
and now I live in him.
3. I heard the voice of Jesus say,  
‘I am this dark world’s light;  
look unto me, your morn shall rise,  
and all your day be bright.’  
I looked to Jesus, and I found  
in him my star, my sun;  
and in that light of life I’ll walk  
till travelling days are done.

*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* O God, the fountain of life,  
to a humanity parched with thirst  
you offer the living water that springs from the Rock,  
our Saviour Jesus Christ:  
stir up within your people the gift of your Spirit,  
that we may profess our faith with freshness  
and announce with joy the wonder of your love.  
We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ,  
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## *Opening the Scriptures*

### *First Reading*

A reading from the book of Exodus

<sup>1</sup> From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the Lord commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. <sup>2</sup> The people quarrelled with Moses, and said, 'Give us water to drink.' Moses said to them, 'Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the Lord?' <sup>3</sup> But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, 'Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?'

<sup>4</sup> So Moses cried out to the Lord, ‘What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me.’ <sup>5</sup> The Lord said to Moses, ‘Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. <sup>6</sup> I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink.’ Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. <sup>7</sup> He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarrelled and tested the Lord, saying, ‘Is the Lord among us or not?’

(17:1-7; NRSV)

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



*The response is sung first by the cantor and then by the congregation.  
 Thereafter it is sung by the congregation after each verse.*

*Verses*

- 1 Come! Let us sing to the LORD:  
 let us praise with joy the rock of our salvation.
- 2 Let us enter his presence with thanksgiving:  
 we shall sing joyfully to him with psalms. ℞
- 3 For the LORD is a great God:  
 a great ruler above all gods.
- 4 In his hands are the depths of the earth:  
 the peaks of the mountains are his.
- 5 The sea is his for he made it:  
 his hands formed the dry land. ℞
- 6 Come! Let us worship and bow down:  
 let us kneel before the LORD our maker.
- 7 For he is our God:  
 we are the people of his pasture,  
 and the sheep held by his hands. ℞

- 8 If today you would hear his voice—  
 ‘Harden not your hearts as at· Meribah:  
 as on that day at Massah in the· wilderness;  
 9 ‘Where your forebears· challenged me:  
 testing me though they had seen my· works.  
 10 ‘For forty years I grieved for that generation and· said:  
 “They are a people whose hearts have strayed,  
 they do not know my· ways”;  
 11 ‘Where I pledged in my· anger:  
 “They shall not enter my· rest.””

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## *Second Reading*

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans

<sup>1</sup> Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>2</sup> through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. <sup>3</sup> And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, <sup>4</sup> and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, <sup>5</sup> and hope does not disappoint us, because God’s love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

<sup>6</sup> For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. <sup>7</sup> Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. <sup>8</sup> But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us. <sup>9</sup> Much more surely then, now that we have been justified by his blood, will we be saved through him from the wrath of God. <sup>10</sup> For if while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son, much more surely, having been reconciled, will we be saved by his life. <sup>11</sup> But more than that, we even boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

(5:1-11; NRSV)

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

*Please stand*

1. As the deer pants for the water,  
so my soul longs after you.  
You alone are my heart's desire  
and I long to worship you.

*You alone are my strength, my shield,  
to you alone may my spirit yield.  
You alone are my heart's desire  
and I long to worship you.*

2. I want you more than gold or silver,  
only you can satisfy.  
You alone are the real joy-giver  
and the apple of my eye.

*You alone...*

3. You're my friend and you're my brother,  
even though you are a king.  
I love you more than any other,  
so much more than anything.

*You alone...*

# 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>5</sup> Jesus came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. <sup>6</sup> Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon.

<sup>7</sup> A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, 'Give me a drink'. <sup>8</sup> (His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.) <sup>9</sup> The Samaritan woman said to him, 'How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?' (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.) <sup>10</sup> Jesus answered her, 'If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, "Give me a drink", you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water.' <sup>11</sup> The woman said to him, 'Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water?' <sup>12</sup> Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well, and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?' <sup>13</sup> Jesus said to her, 'Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, <sup>14</sup> but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life.' <sup>15</sup> The woman said to him, 'Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water.'

<sup>16</sup> Jesus said to her, 'Go, call your husband, and come back.' <sup>17</sup> The woman answered him, 'I have no husband.' Jesus said to her, 'You are right in saying, "I have no husband"; <sup>18</sup> for you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true!' <sup>19</sup> The woman said to him, 'Sir, I see that you are a prophet. <sup>20</sup> Our ancestors worshipped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem.' <sup>21</sup> Jesus said to her, 'Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. <sup>22</sup> You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. <sup>23</sup> But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him. <sup>24</sup> God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.' <sup>25</sup> The woman said to him, 'I know that Messiah is coming' (who is called Christ). 'When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us.' <sup>26</sup> Jesus said to her, 'I am he, the one who is speaking to you.'

<sup>27</sup> Just then his disciples came. They were astonished that he was speaking with a woman, but no one said, 'What do you want?' or, 'Why are you speaking with her?' <sup>28</sup> Then the woman left her water-jar and went back to the city. She said to the people, <sup>29</sup> 'Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done! He cannot be the Messiah, can he?' <sup>30</sup> They left the city and were on their way to him.

<sup>31</sup> Meanwhile the disciples were urging him, 'Rabbi, eat something.' <sup>32</sup> But he said to them, 'I have food to eat that you do not know about.' <sup>33</sup> So the disciples said

to one another, ‘Surely no one has brought him something to eat?’<sup>34</sup> Jesus said to them, ‘My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to complete his work.’<sup>35</sup> Do you not say, “Four months more, then comes the harvest”?’ But I tell you, look around you, and see how the fields are ripe for harvesting.<sup>36</sup> The reaper is already receiving wages and is gathering fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together.<sup>37</sup> For here the saying holds true, “One sows and another reaps.”<sup>38</sup> I sent you to reap that for which you did not labour. Others have laboured, and you have entered into their labour.’

<sup>39</sup> Many Samaritans from that city believed in him because of the woman’s testimony, ‘He told me everything I have ever done.’<sup>40</sup> So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them; and he stayed there for two days.<sup>41</sup> And many more believed because of his word.<sup>42</sup> They said to the woman, ‘It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the Saviour of the world.’

*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*

*(The parish prayer list can be found on page 22).*

*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.**



## 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 power 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,

The musical score is written in 4/4 time with a key signature of one flat (Bb). It consists of three staves of music. The first staff begins with a dynamic marking of *mf*. The lyrics are: "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might." The second staff continues with: "Heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry, Ho -". The third staff concludes with: "- san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est,". Chords are indicated above the notes: F, Bb, Gm, Dm, Bb, C, F, F, Bb, Gm, F, Gm, Dm, C, Am, Dm, Am, F, Gm, C, F.

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.*

**Communion anthem:** *Theme from "Schindler's List" John Williams*

# 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 154

The musical score is written in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 3/4 time signature. The melody consists of six lines of music. Above the notes, chord symbols are provided: D, Em, A7, D, G, D, E7, A, A7, D, D, G, E7, D, A7, D, A, D, B7, Em, A7, D, E7, A, A7, D, G, E7, D, A7, D. The score concludes with a double bar line.

1. Great is your faithfulness, O God my Father,  
in you no shadow of turning we see;  
you never fail and your love is unchanging:  
as you have been you for ever will be.

*Great is your faithfulness,  
great is your faithfulness,  
morning by morning new mercies we see;  
all we have needed your hand has provided:  
great is your faithfulness, Lord God, to me.*

2. Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest,  
sun, moon and stars in their courses above,  
join with all nature in unspoken witness  
to your great faithfulness, mercy and love.
3. Pardon for sin and a peace that's enduring,  
your living presence to cheer and to guide,  
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow —  
these are the blessings your love will provide.

Thomas Obadiah Chisholm 1866–1960 alt. based on Lamentations 3:22, 23

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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:** *No. 1 of Three Intermezzi* C.V. Stanford

*Organist: Shauna Beesley*

*Clarinet soloist: Andrew Close*

# 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,

Thank you to those who were able to join our continuing conversation a fortnight ago to shape priorities and plans for the coming year.

There were six areas which had emerged from the earlier planning day as being close to the meeting point of our particular values, identity and context:

- 1) worship services
- 2) deepening faith and connection
- 3) use of church space for community events
- 4) supporting families
- 5) partnerships with other churches/denominations/faiths
- 6) creating and strengthening social bonds in our congregation

After asking those present to indicate which of these they felt drawn to, the top three that emerged were: deepening faith and connection; partnerships; and social bonds. We formed groups to discuss each of these, with a focus on two questions:

- Where would we love to be in 12 months?
- What next/first step can we take now to move in that direction?

As one example regarding partnerships, it is timely that just in the last week an ecumenical gathering of local clergy and church leaders has been revived after some time in abeyance. In particular, there are plans for a Good Friday ecumenical service outdoors in St Kilda, at the Rev'd Uncle Glenn Loughrey's home and ministry centre. This won't replace our worship here in this parish, but is a great opportunity for us to gather with other Christians from the local area.

There were also various suggestions for social activities both at the church and further afield – watch this space for further updates, and feel free to suggest your own!

Parish Council will continue to focus on these plans in looking at the next 12 months and beyond.

With my grateful prayers for each of you,

Chris

# CONCERTS IN MARCH

here at St Silas' Church

**Wed, 4 March**  
**6:00pm**

**Solos and duets for  
Trumpet&Trombone**

trumpet **Fletcher Cox**  
trombone **Jackson Bankovic**

**Tickets at the door**

**Sun, 15 March**  
**2:30pm**

**Emerald Wind Quintet  
Melodies and Dances**

Retiring collection for the  
Sunday Suppers program

**Free Entry**

**Sun, 22 March**  
**2:30pm**

**ANAM at St Silas**

**ANAM brass musicians**  
**Music by** Böhme, Debussy,  
Likhuta, Dubensky, Defaye  
and Calvert



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& more information  
**Tickets at the door**

## *Listening in Lent*

**Help shape our shared future. An invitation from the Diocese of Melbourne to listen, reflect, and respond together**

During Lent, you are invited to be part of Listening in Lent – an opportunity to pause, reflect, and share what you notice and hope for as part of the Diocese of Melbourne today, and as we look to the future together. Take part by filling in the online questionnaire. It's open to everyone and every response is valued. Simply **use this QR code** to access the questionnaire, or go to <https://www.melbourneanglican.org.au> and follow the link.



## *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  
(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*

**Sunday 15 March 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.parihoftheparks.com.au/subscribe](http://www.parihoftheparks.com.au/subscribe)

*Readings for next Sunday: Fourth Sunday in Lent*

1 Samuel 16:1-13; Psalm 23; Ephesians 5:8-14; John 9:1-41

# For our prayers

## **The world and nation:**

For all who are affected by global conflicts.

## **The Church:**

*World Council of Churches:* For the Church in Ireland, United Kingdom. For Christians who are facing persecution and martyrdom, and for those who pray and grieve for them.

### *Anglican Communion:*

The Episcopal Church in Jerusalem & the Middle East

### *Anglican Church in Australia:*

Diocese of Canberra-Goulburn (Bp Mark Short)

*Diocese of Melbourne:* Abp Ric Thorpe, Bp Genieve Blackwell.

## **Our parish and community:**

For students, staff and parents of our local schools.

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

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

*Continuing prayers for:* Diane, Jenny

## **The communion of saints:**

Those who have been saints and witnesses in our lives.

*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

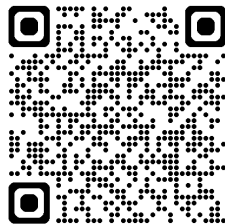
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- Online at <https://www.parihoftheparks.org.au/donationsbequests.html>

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, 8 March</b> <i>Third Sunday in Lent</i>	9:30am: <b>Sung Eucharist</b> 4:30pm-5:30pm: <b>Sunday Suppers</b>
<b>Monday 9 March</b>	[Public holiday: no Morning Prayer]
<b>Tuesday 10 March</b>	9:00am: <b>Morning Prayer</b>
<b>Wednesday, 11 March</b>	8:30am: <b>Morning Prayer</b> 11:00am: <b>Eucharist</b> 7:00pm: <b>Lenten Study Group</b>
<b>Thursday, 12 March</b>	9:00am: <b>Morning Prayer</b>
<b>Saturday, 14 March</b>	9:00am: <b>Morning Prayer</b>
<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>

<i>Rosters</i>	<b>8 March</b>	<b>15 March</b>
<b>Welcomers</b>	Frank	Michael
<b>Servers</b>	Geoff Cristian Marcia	Marcia Emma Geoff
<b>Readers</b>	Catherine Jo D	Pearl Anna
<b>Intercessions</b>	Anna	Catherine
<b>Offertory</b>	Peter Judy	Pearl Russell
<b>Chalice</b>	Geoff Jo D	Geoff Marcia
<b>Morning tea</b>	Marcia Jo D	Frank & Jo Anna
<b>Flowers</b>	<i>No flowers in Lent</i>	<i>No flowers in Lent</i>
<b>Video livestream</b>	Marcia	Frank
<b>Side person</b>	Frank	Michael
<b>Emerald Hill pick-up</b>	Jo D	Catherine
<b>Sunday Suppers</b>	Rohan, Mario, Rick, Jobe, Tegan	Gina, Ann and Ed, Catherine B, Troy Kelly



# Anglican Parish of the Parks

St Silas & St Anselm, Albert Park

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