



## **THE ANGLICAN PAROCHIAL DISTRICT OF BEECHWORTH**

*Christ Church St Peter & St Paul,  
Beechworth with St Jude's Eldorado*

# **SUNDAY OF THE PASSION**

*Palm Sunday, 2nd of April, 2023*

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## **Regular Services in the Parish:**

### **Christ Church Beechworth**

*Sundays 9.30am Sung Eucharist*

*Wednesdays 10am Holy Eucharist*

### **St Jude's Eldorado**

*1st Sunday & 5th*

*Holy Eucharist 11.00am*

*2nd, 3rd & 4th Sundays*

*Morning Prayer 11.00am*

## **Acknowledgement of Country**

*As we gather and journey on lands sacred to the First Nations:  
those peoples who faithfully stewarded Creation in this region  
for thousands of years, we pay our respects to their elders:  
past, present, and emerging, and pray that our shared journey  
forward may lead to greater reconciliation and healing.*

# **9.30am PALM BLESSING & PROCESSION, PROCLAMATION OF THE PASSION, & SUNG EUCHARIST**

<b>Presiding &amp; Preaching:</b>	Fr Gunnar Ripon
<b>Welcomer:</b>	Shelagh Merlin
<b>Serving:</b>	Bob van Oort
<b>Readings:</b>	Maree Lee, Fran Robertson, & Jamie Kronborg
<b>Intercessions:</b>	Shelagh Merlin
<b>Morning Tea:</b>	Jean Henderson
<b>Organist:</b>	Sandra Williams

## ***Welcome and introduction.***

Welcome to Christ Church this morning, especially those visiting or here for the first time.

Today we begin Holy Week, the days during which we journey with Jesus on his way of the cross and anticipate his Resurrection on Easter. Today's liturgy begins with the procession with palms to remind us of Jesus' triumphant entrance into Jerusalem.

The events of Jesus' Passion are proclaimed in their entirety in today's Liturgy of the Word. Those events will be proclaimed again when we celebrate the liturgies of the Triduum— Maundy Thursday's Liturgy of the Lord's Supper, Good Friday's Liturgy of the Lord's Passion, and the Great Easter Vigil. In many communities the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation, Eucharist) are given to the catechumens. These liturgies take on special importance because they invite the catechumens and the community to enter together into the central mysteries of our faith. These days are indeed profound and holy.

The events of Jesus' Passion, death, and Resurrection are called the Paschal Mystery. No amount of study will exhaust or explain the depth of love that Jesus showed in offering this sacrifice for us. After we have examined and studied the stories we have received about these events, we are left with one final task—to meditate on these events and on the forgiveness that Jesus' obedience won for us.

Following the liturgy please stay for light refreshments served at the tea and coffee bar. Before we commence the liturgy, please, take a moment to settle, to be prayerfully aware, to gather the various threads of our lives, to be mindful of the needs of others, and to offer it all to God in this Eucharist.

# GATHERING

## Liturgy of the Palms

### *The Greeting & Introduction*

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Today begins the Great Week of the Christian Year.  
During Lent we have been preparing  
by works of love and self-sacrifice  
for the celebration of the Lord's death and resurrection.  
With Christians throughout the world,  
we come together this week to call to mind,  
and to express in word and action,  
the centre of the Easter mystery:  
our Lord's Passover from death to life.  
Christ entered in triumph into the Holy City  
to complete his work as Messiah:  
to suffer, to die and to rise to new life.  
Today we commit ourselves to walk the way of the cross,  
so that, sharing his sufferings,  
we may be united with him in his risen life.

### *Blessing of the palms*

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

**Hosanna in the highest.**

Sovereign God,  
we thank you for these branches and crosses of palm.  
By your blessing ✠ may they be for us  
signs of the victory of your Son.  
May we who carry them in his name ever hail him as our Messiah,  
and follow him in the way that leads to eternal life;  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, for ever and ever.

**Amen.**

*Palm Gospel: Matthew 21:1-11*

*Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord*

The Lord be with you

**And also with you.**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

✠ **Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

- 1 When they had come near Jerusalem  
and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives,  
Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them,
- 2 "Go into the village ahead of you,  
and immediately you will find a donkey tied,  
and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me.
- 3 If anyone says anything to you, just say this,  
'The Lord needs them.'  
And he will send them immediately.'"
- 4 This took place  
to fulfil what had been spoken through the prophet, saying,
- 5 "Tell the daughter of Zion, look, your king is coming to you,  
humble, and mounted on a donkey,  
and on a colt, the foal of a donkey."
- 6 The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them;
- 7 they brought the donkey and the colt,  
and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them.
- 8 A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road,  
and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road.
- 9 The crowds that went ahead of him and that followed were shouting,  
"Hosanna to the Son of David!  
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!  
Hosanna in the highest heaven!"
- 10 When Jesus entered Jerusalem,  
the whole city was in turmoil, asking, "Who is this?"
- 11 The crowds were saying,  
"This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee."

For the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

### *Procession*

Let us praise Jesus our Messiah, as did the crowds who welcomed him to Jerusalem. Let us proceed in peace.

✠ **In the name of Christ. Amen.**

*The server leads the people in procession to the church entrance.*

### *Prayer at the Church Entrance*

Merciful God, as we enter this holy week  
and gather at your house of prayer,  
turn our hearts again to Jerusalem,  
to the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ,  
that, united with Christ and all the faithful,  
we may one day enter in triumph the city not made with hands,  
the new Jerusalem, eternal in the heavens,  
where, with you and the Holy Spirit,  
Christ lives in glory forever. **Amen.**

### **PROCESSIONAL HYMN**

*All glory, laud, and honour (TiS 333)*

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

**You are the King of Israel  
and David's royal Son,  
now in the Lord's name coming,  
the King and Blessed One.     *R/.***

**The company of angels  
is praising you on high;  
and we with all creation  
in chorus make reply.     *R/.***

**The people of the Hebrews  
with palms before you went;  
our praise and prayer  
and anthems  
before you we present.     *R/.***

**To you before your passion  
they sang their hymns of praise;  
to you, now high exalted,  
our melody we raise.     *R/.***

**As you received their praises,  
accept the prayers we bring,  
for you delight in goodness,  
O good and gracious King!     *R/.***

## *Prayer of the Day*

Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God,  
who in your tender love towards the human race  
sent your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ  
to take upon him our flesh  
and to suffer death upon the cross:  
grant that we may follow the example  
of his patience and humility,  
and also be made partakers of his resurrection;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

**Amen.**

# THE WORD

*First Reading Isaiah 50:4-7*

*I did not hide my face from insult and spitting.*

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

The servant of the Lord said:

- 4 "The Lord God has given me the tongue of a teacher,  
that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word.  
Morning by morning he awakens—  
awakens my ear to listen as those who are taught.
- 5 The Lord God has opened my ear,  
and I was not rebellious,  
I did not turn backward.
- 6 "I gave my back to those who struck me,  
and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard;  
I did not hide my face from insult and spitting.
- 7 "The Lord God helps me;  
therefore I have not been disgraced;  
therefore I have set my face like flint,  
and I know that I shall not be put to shame."

Hear the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Psalm 22.7-8, 16-17, 18-19, 22-23*

*Response:*        **My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?**

- 7     All who see me mock at me;  
      they make mouths at me, they shake their heads;
- 8     "Commit your cause to the Lord; let him deliver;  
      let him rescue the one in whom he delights!" **R.**
- 16   For dogs are all around me;  
      a company of evildoers encircles me.  
      My hands and feet have shrivelled;
- 17   I can count all my bones. **R.**
- 18   They divide my clothes among themselves,  
      and for my clothing they cast lots.
- 19   But you, O Lord, do not be far away!  
      O my help, come quickly to my aid! **R.**
- 22   I will tell of your name to my brothers and sisters;  
      in the midst of the congregation I will praise you:
- 23   You who fear the Lord, praise him!  
      All you offspring of Jacob, glorify him;  
      stand in awe of him, all you offspring of Israel! **R.**

*Epistle*

*Philippians 2:6-11*

*Jesus humbled himself, therefore God highly exalted him.*

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Philippians.

- 5     Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,  
6     who, though he was in the form of God,  
      did not regard equality with God  
      as something to be exploited,  
7     but emptied himself,  
      taking the form of a slave,  
      being born in human likeness.  
      And being found in human form,  
8     he humbled himself  
      and became obedient to the point of death,  
      even death on a cross.
- 9     Therefore God highly exalted him  
      and gave him the name that is above every name,  
10    so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend,

in heaven and on earth and under the earth,  
11 and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord,  
to the glory of God the Father.

Hear the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### **GRADUAL HYMN**

*Ride on, ride on in majesty! (TiS 348)*

**Ride on, ride on in majesty!  
Hear all the tribes hosanna cry;  
O Saviour meek, pursue Your road  
with palms and scattered garments stroked.**

**Ride on, ride on in majesty!  
In lowly pomp ride on to die.  
O Christ, Your triumphs now begin  
o'er captive death and conquered sin.**

**Ride on, ride on in majesty!  
The hosts of angels in the sky  
look down with sad and wond'ring eyes  
to see th'approaching Sacrifice.**

**Ride on, ride on in majesty!  
Your last and fiercest strife is nigh.  
The Father on His sapphire throne  
awaits His own anointed Son.**

**Ride on, ride on in majesty!  
In lowly pomp ride on to die,  
bow Your meek head to mortal pain,  
then take, O Christ, Your pow'r and reign.**

*Author: Henry Hart Milman, 1791-1868*

*Tune: WINCHESTER NEW; Adapter: William Henry Havergal, 1793-1870*



*The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew*  
*Matthew 26.14 - 27.66*  
*The Passion of Jesus Christ, the Lord.*

**Parts**

✠ Priest                      **N** Narrator                      ➤ **Whole Congregation**

**N** The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

14 **N** One of the twelve, who was called Judas Iscariot,  
15 went to the chief priests and said,

➤ **What will you give me if I betray him to you?**

**N** They paid him thirty pieces of silver.

16 And from that moment  
he began to look for an opportunity to betray him.

17 On the first day of Unleavened Bread  
the disciples came to Jesus, saying,

➤ **Where do you want us to make the preparations  
for you to eat the Passover?**

18 ✠ *Go into the city to a certain man, and say to him,  
"The Teacher says, My time is near;  
I will keep the Passover at your house with my disciples."*

19 **N** So the disciples did as Jesus had directed them,  
and they prepared the Passover meal.

20 When it was evening,  
he took his place with the twelve;  
21 and while they were eating, he said,

✠ *Truly I tell you, one of you will betray me.*

22 **N** And they became greatly distressed  
and began to say to him one after another,

➤ **Surely not I, Lord?**

23 ✠ *The one who has dipped his hand  
into the bowl with me will betray me.*

24 *The Son of Man goes as it is written of him,  
but woe to that one by whom the Son of Man is betrayed!  
It would have been better for that one not to have been born.*

25 **N** Judas, who betrayed him, said,

➤ **Surely not I, Rabbi?**

✠ *You have said so.*

26    **N**    While they were eating, Jesus took a loaf of bread,  
and after blessing it he broke it,  
gave it to the disciples, and said,  
⌘    *Take, eat; this is my body.*

27    **N**    Then he took a cup,  
and after giving thanks he gave it to them, saying,  
⌘    *Drink from it, all of you;*  
28    *for this is my blood of the covenant,*  
*which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins.*  
29    *I tell you,*  
*I will never again drink of this fruit of the vine*  
*until that day when I drink it new with you*  
*in my Father's kingdom.*

30    **N**    When they had sung the hymn,  
they went out to the Mount of Olives.

31    Then Jesus said to them,  
⌘    *You will all become deserters because of me this night;*  
*for it is written,*  
*"I will strike the shepherd,*  
*and the sheep of the flock will be scattered."*  
32    *But after I am raised up,*  
*I will go ahead of you to Galilee.*

33    **N**    Peter said to him,  
➤    **Though all become deserters because of you,**  
**I will never desert you.**

34    ⌘    *Truly I tell you, this very night,*  
*before the cock crows,*  
*you will deny me three times.*

35    **N**    Peter said to him,  
➤    **Even though I must die with you, I will not deny you.**

36    **N**    And so said all the disciples.

36    Then Jesus went with them to a place called Gethsemane;  
and he said to his disciples,  
⌘    *Sit here while I go over there and pray.*

37    **N**    He took with him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee,  
and began to be grieved and agitated.

38    Then he said to them,  
⌘    *I am deeply grieved, even to death;*  
*remain here, and stay awake with me.*

39    **N**    And going a little farther,  
         he threw himself on the ground and prayed,  
         ✠ *My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from me;  
         yet not what I want, but what you want.*

40    **N**    Then he came to the disciples and found them sleeping;  
         and he said to Peter,  
         ✠ *So, could you not stay awake with me one hour?*

41           *Stay awake and pray  
         that you may not come into the time of trial;  
         for the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.*

42    **N**    Again he went away for the second time and prayed,  
         ✠ *My Father, if this cannot pass unless I drink it,  
         your will be done.*

43    **N**    Again he came and found them sleeping,  
         for their eyes were heavy.

44           So leaving them again,  
         he went away and prayed for the third time,  
         saying the same words.

45           Then he came to the disciples and said to them,  
         ✠ *Are you still sleeping and taking your rest?  
         See, the hour is at hand,  
         and the Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners.*

46           *Get up, let us be going.  
         See, my betrayer is at hand.*

47    **N**    While he was still speaking,  
         Judas, one of the twelve, arrived;  
         with him was a large crowd with swords and clubs,  
         from the chief priests and the elders of the people.

48           Now the betrayer had given them a sign, saying,  
         ➤ **The one I will kiss is the man; arrest him.**

49    **N**    At once he came up to Jesus and said,  
         ➤ **Greetings, Rabbi!**

**N**    and kissed him.

50           Jesus said to him,  
         ✠ *Friend, do what you are here to do.*

**N**    Then they came and laid hands on Jesus and arrested him.

51           Suddenly, one of those with Jesus put his hand on his sword,  
         drew it, and struck the slave of the high priest,  
         cutting off his ear.

52 Then Jesus said to him,  
✠ *Put your sword back into its place;  
for all who take the sword will perish by the sword.*

53 *Do you think that I cannot appeal to my Father,  
and he will at once  
send me more than twelve legions of angels?*

54 *But how then would the scriptures be fulfilled,  
which say it must happen in this way?*

55 **N** At that hour Jesus said to the crowds,  
✠ *Have you come out with swords and clubs to arrest me  
as though I were a bandit?*  
*Day after day I sat in the temple teaching,  
and you did not arrest me.*

56 *But all this has taken place  
so that the scriptures of the prophets may be fulfilled.*

**N** Then all the disciples deserted him and fled.

57 Those who had arrested Jesus  
took him to Caiaphas the high priest,  
in whose house the scribes and the elders had gathered.

58 But Peter was following him at a distance,  
as far as the courtyard of the high priest;  
and going inside, he sat with the guards  
in order to see how this would end.

59 Now the chief priests and the whole council  
were looking for false testimony against Jesus  
so that they might put him to death,

60 but they found none, though many false witnesses came forward.  
At last two came forward and said,

61 ➤ **This fellow said,  
“I am able to destroy the temple of God  
and to build it in three days.”**

62 **N** The high priest stood up and said,  
➤ **Have you no answer?  
What is it that they testify against you?**

63 **N** But Jesus was silent.  
Then the high priest said to him,  
➤ **I put you under oath before the living God,  
tell us if you are the Messiah, the Son of God.**

64 **N** Jesus said to him,

✠ *You have said so.  
But I tell you,  
from now on you will see the Son of Man  
seated at the right hand of Power  
and coming on the clouds of heaven.*

65 **N** Then the high priest tore his clothes and said,

➤ **He has blasphemed!**

**Why do we still need witnesses?**

**You have now heard his blasphemy.**

66 **What is your verdict?**

**N** They answered,

➤ **He deserves death.**

67 **N** Then they spat in his face and struck him;

68 and some slapped him, saying,

➤ **Prophecy to us, you Messiah!**

**Who is it that struck you?**

69 **N** Now Peter was sitting outside in the courtyard.

A servant girl came to him and said,

➤ **You also were with Jesus the Galilean.**

70 **N** But he denied it before all of them, saying,

➤ **I do not know what you are talking about.**

71 **N** When Peter went out to the porch,

another servant girl saw him,

and she said to the bystanders,

➤ **This man was with Jesus of Nazareth.**

72 **N** Again he denied it with an oath,

➤ **I do not know the man.**

73 **N** After a little while the bystanders came up and said to Peter,

➤ **Certainly you are also one of them,**

**for your accent betrays you.**

74 **N** Then he began to curse, and he swore an oath,

➤ **I do not know the man!**

**N** At that moment the cock crowed.

75 Then Peter remembered what Jesus had said:

"Before the cock crows, you will deny me three times."

And he went out and wept bitterly.

1 When morning came,

all the chief priests and the elders of the people  
conferred together against Jesus

in order to bring about his death.

2 They bound him, led him away,  
and handed him over to Pilate the governor.

3 When Judas, his betrayer, saw that Jesus was condemned,  
he repented and brought back the thirty pieces of silver  
to the chief priests and the elders.

4 ➤ **I have sinned by betraying innocent blood.**  
N But they said,  
➤ **What is that to us? See to it yourself.**

5 N Throwing down the pieces of silver in the temple, he departed;  
and he went and hanged himself.

6 But the chief priests, taking the pieces of silver, said,  
➤ **It is not lawful to put them into the treasury,  
since they are blood money.**

7 N After conferring together,  
they used them to buy the potter's field  
as a place to bury foreigners.

8 For this reason that field has been called  
the Field of Blood to this day.

9 Then was fulfilled  
what had been spoken through the prophet Jeremiah,  
"And they took the thirty pieces of silver,  
the price of the one on whom a price had been set,  
on whom some of the people of Israel had set a price,  
10 and they gave them for the potter's field,  
as the Lord commanded me."

11 Now Jesus stood before the governor;  
and the governor asked him,  
➤ **Are you the King of the Jews?**  
✠ *You say so.*

12 N But when he was accused by the chief priests and elders,  
he did not answer.

13 Then Pilate said to him,  
➤ **Do you not hear how many accusations  
they make against you?**

14 N But Jesus gave him no answer, not even to a single charge,  
so that the governor was greatly amazed.

15 Now at the festival  
the governor was accustomed to release a prisoner for the crowd,

anyone they wanted.

16 At that time they had a notorious prisoner, called Barabbas.

17 So after they had gathered, Pilate said to them,

➤ **Whom do you want me to release for you,  
Barabbas or Jesus who is called the Messiah?**

18 **N** For he realized that it was out of jealousy  
that they had handed him over.

19 While he was sitting on the judgment seat,  
his wife sent word to him,

➤ **Have nothing to do with that innocent man,  
for today I have suffered a great deal  
because of a dream about him.**

20 **N** Now the chief priests and the elders persuaded the crowds  
to ask for Barabbas and to have Jesus killed.

21 The governor again said to them,

➤ **Which of the two do you want me to release for you?**

**N** And they said,

➤ **Barabbas.**

22 **N** Pilate said to them,

➤ **Then what should I do with Jesus who is called the Messiah?**

**N** All of them said,

➤ **Let him be crucified!**

23 **N** Then he asked,

➤ **Why, what evil has he done?**

**N** But they shouted all the more,

➤ **Let him be crucified!**

24 **N** So when Pilate saw that he could do nothing,  
but rather that a riot was beginning,  
he took some water and washed his hands before the crowd,  
saying,

➤ **I am innocent of this man's blood;  
see to it yourselves.**

26 **N** So he released Barabbas for them;  
and after flogging Jesus,  
he handed him over to be crucified.

27 Then the soldiers of the governor  
took Jesus into the governor's headquarters,  
and they gathered the whole cohort around him.

28 They stripped him and put a scarlet robe on him,

29 and after twisting some thorns into a crown,  
they put it on his head.  
They put a reed in his right hand and knelt before him  
and mocked him, saying,  
➤ **Hail, King of the Jews!**

30 **N** They spat on him,  
and took the reed and struck him on the head.  
31 After mocking him, they stripped him of the robe  
and put his own clothes on him.  
Then they led him away to crucify him.  
32 As they went out,  
they came upon a man from Cyrene named Simon;  
they compelled this man to carry his cross.  
33 And when they came to a place called Golgotha  
which means Place of a Skull,  
34 they offered him wine to drink, mixed with gall;  
but when he tasted it, he would not drink it.  
35 And when they had crucified him,  
they divided his clothes among themselves by casting lots;  
36 then they sat down there and kept watch over him.  
37 Over his head they put the charge against him, which read,  
"This is Jesus, the King of the Jews."  
38 Then two bandits were crucified with him,  
one on his right and one on his left.  
39 Those who passed by derided him,  
shaking their heads and saying,  
40 ➤ **You who would destroy the temple and build it in three days,  
save yourself!**  
**If you are the Son of God, come down from the cross.**

41 **N** In the same way the chief priests also,  
along with the scribes and elders,  
were mocking him, saying,  
42 ➤ **He saved others; he cannot save himself.  
He is the King of Israel;  
let him come down from the cross now,  
and we will believe in him.**

43 **He trusts in God;  
let God deliver him now, if he wants to;  
for he said, "I am God's Son."**



44 **N** The bandits who were crucified with him  
also taunted him in the same way.

45 From noon on, darkness came over the whole land  
until three in the afternoon.

46 And about three o'clock Jesus cried with a loud voice,  
✠ *Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?*  
**N** that is,  
"My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?"

47 When some of the bystanders heard it, they said,  
➤ **This man is calling for Elijah.**

48 **N** At once one of them ran and got a sponge,  
filled it with sour wine, put it on a stick,  
and gave it to him to drink.

49 But the others said,  
➤ **Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to save him.**

50 **N** Then Jesus cried again with a loud voice  
and breathed his last.  
*All kneel or bow for a period of silent, then stand to continue.*

51 **N** At that moment the curtain of the temple was torn in two,  
from top to bottom.  
The earth shook, and the rocks were split.

52 The tombs also were opened,  
and many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised.

53 After his resurrection they came out of the tombs  
and entered the holy city and appeared to many.

54 Now when the centurion and those with him,  
who were keeping watch over Jesus,  
saw the earthquake and what took place,  
they were terrified and said,  
➤ **Truly this man was God's Son!**

55 **N** Many women were also there, looking on from a distance;  
they had followed Jesus from Galilee  
and had provided for him.

56 Among them were Mary Magdalene,  
and Mary the mother of James and Joseph,  
and the mother of the sons of Zebedee.

57 When it was evening,  
there came a rich man from Arimathea, named Joseph,  
who was also a disciple of Jesus.

58 He went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus;  
then Pilate ordered it to be given to him.

59 So Joseph took the body  
and wrapped it in a clean linen cloth

60 and laid it in his own new tomb,  
which he had hewn in the rock.

He then rolled a great stone to the door of the tomb  
and went away.

61 Mary Magdalene and the other Mary were there,  
sitting opposite the tomb.

62 The next day, that is, after the day of Preparation,  
the chief priests and the Pharisees  
gathered before Pilate and said,

63 ➤ **Sir, we remember what that impostor said  
while he was still alive,  
“After three days I will rise again.”**

64 **Therefore command the tomb to be made secure  
until the third day;  
otherwise his disciples may go  
and steal him away, and tell the people,  
“He has been raised from the dead,”  
and the last deception would be worse than the first.**

65 **N** Pilate said to them,

➤ **You have a guard of soldiers;  
go, make it as secure as you can.**

66 **N** So they went with the guard  
and made the tomb secure by sealing the stone.

*At this point the readers return to their places in silence.*

*A period of silence follows*

*Homily*

*The Apostle's Creed*

Let us affirm the faith of the church.

**I believe in God,  
the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ,  
his only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the ✠ life everlasting.  
Amen.**

*Prayers of the People*

Let us pray for the world and the church.

Lord, in your mercy,  
**Hear our prayer**

✠ Rest eternal grant unto them, O Lord,  
**and let light perpetual shine upon them.**

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.**

### *Confession and absolution*

Christ himself carried up our sins in his body to the tree, so that, free from sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds we have been healed.

*(1 Peter 2.24)*

Let us confess our sins.

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.**

Almighty God,

who has promised forgiveness

to all who turn to him in faith:

pardon ✠ you and set you free from all your sins,

confirm and strengthen you in all goodness,

and keep you in eternal life,

through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

### *The Greeting of Peace*

Christ has reconciled us to God in his body on the cross.

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

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**And also with you.**

Let us offer one another the sign of peace.

*The assembly exchange the sign of peace.*

# THE SACRAMENT

## OFFERTORY HYMN

*O sacred head sore wounded (TiS 339)*

**O sacred head sore wounded,  
with grief and shame weighed down;  
O kingly head surrounded  
with thorns your only crown;  
death's shadows rise before you,  
the glow of life decays;  
yet hosts of heaven adore you  
and tremble as they gaze.**

**What language shall I borrow  
to praise you, heavenly friend,  
for this your dying sorrow,  
your mercy without end?  
Such agony and dying!  
Such love to sinners free!  
O Christ, all grace supplying,  
turn now your face on me.**

**In this your bitter Passion,  
good Shepherd, think of me,  
look on me with compassion,  
unworthy though I be:  
beneath your cross abiding  
for ever would I rest,  
in your dear love confiding,  
and with your presence blessed.**

**Lord, be my consolation,  
my shield when death is near;  
remind me of your Passion,  
be with me when I fear.  
My eyes shall then behold you,  
upon your cross shall dwell,  
my heart by faith enfold you;  
and who dies thus, dies well.**

*'Salve, caput cruentatum' Author: St Bernard of Clairvaux, 1091-1153; Translator: James Waddell Alexander, 1804-59*

*Tune: PASSION CHORALE; Composer: Hans Leo Hassler, 1564-1612; Arranger: Johann Sebastian Bach, 1685-1750*

*During the hymn the altar is prepared. Gifts of bread, wine, food for the poor and the collection are gathered and brought to the front of the church.  
At the end of the hymn, the presider invites all present to prayer.*

*Prayer over the gifts*

Let us pray.

Jesus, true vine and bread of life,  
ever giving yourself that the world might live,  
let us share your death and passion:  
make us perfect in your love;  
to the glory of God the Father,  
who in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
live and reign, now and forever.

**Amen.**

*Eucharistic Prayer*

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

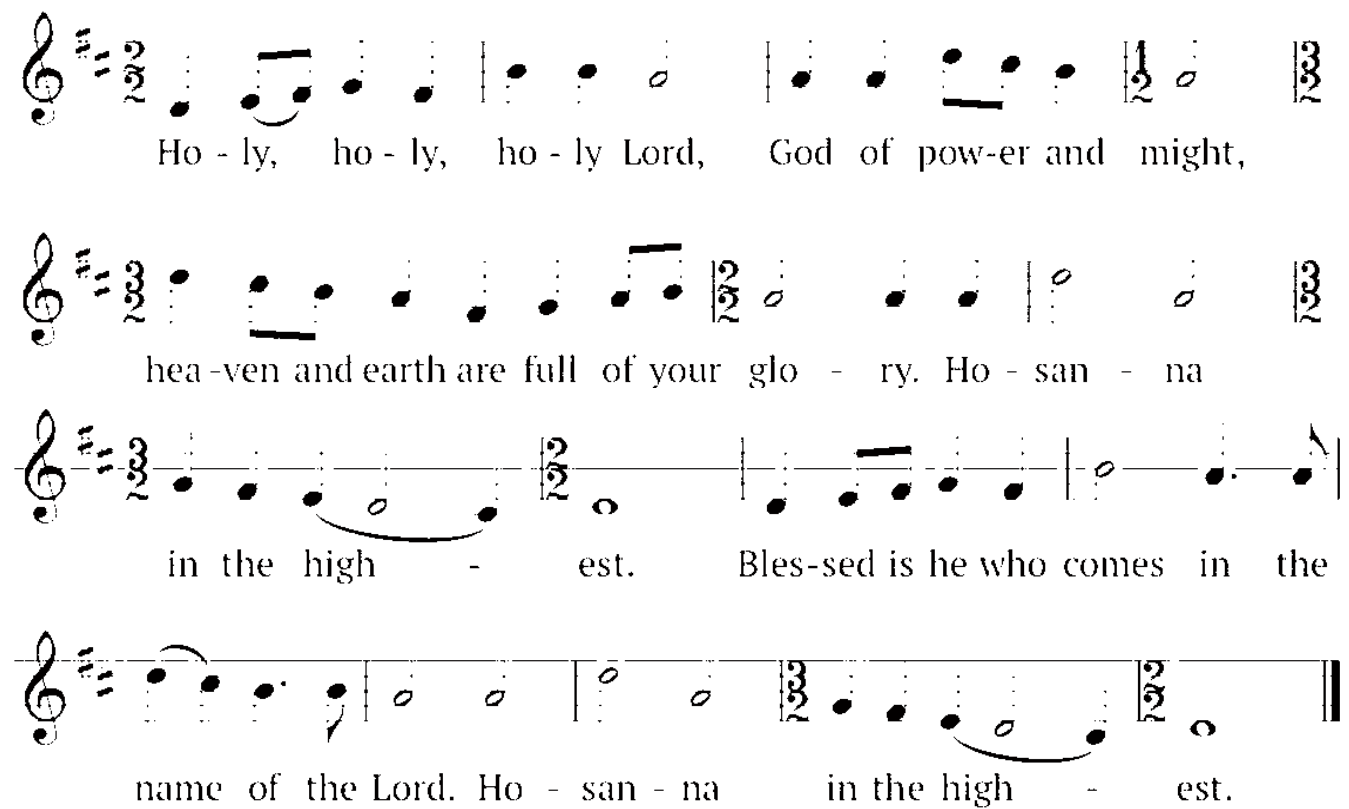
**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is indeed right and just,  
our duty and our salvation,  
always and everywhere to give you thanks,  
holy Father, almighty and eternal God,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

For as the time of his passion and resurrection draws near  
the whole world is called to acknowledge his hidden majesty.

The power of the life-giving cross  
reveals the judgement that has come upon the world  
and the triumph of Christ crucified.

He is the victim who dies no more,  
the Lamb once slain, who lives for ever,  
our advocate in heaven to plead our cause,  
exalting us there to join with angels and archangels,  
for evermore praising you and singing:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,  
 hea-ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na  
 in the high - est. Bles-sed is he who comes in the  
 name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Merciful God, we thank you  
 for these gifts of your creation,  
 this bread and wine,  
 and we pray that by your Word and Holy Spirit,  
 we who eat and drink them  
 may be partakers of Christ's ✠ body and blood.

On the night he was betrayed Jesus took bread;  
 and when he had given you thanks  
 he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying,  
 'TAKE, EAT. THIS IS MY BODY GIVEN FOR YOU.  
 DO THIS IN REMEMBRANCE OF ME.'

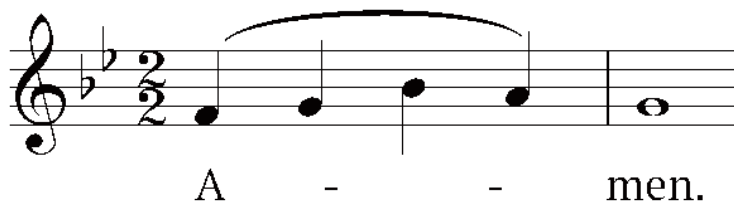
After supper, he took the cup,  
 and again giving thanks  
 he gave it to his disciples, saying,  
 'DRINK FROM THIS, ALL OF YOU.  
 THIS IS MY BLOOD OF THE NEW COVENANT  
 SHED FOR YOU AND FOR MANY  
 FOR THE FORGIVENESS OF SINS.  
 DO THIS, AS OFTEN AS YOU DRINK IT, IN REMEMBRANCE OF ME.'

Therefore we do as our Saviour has commanded:  
proclaiming his offering of himself  
made once for all upon the cross,  
his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension,  
and looking for his coming again,  
we celebrate, with this bread and this cup,  
his one perfect and sufficient sacrifice  
for the sins of the whole world.

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:



Renew us by your Holy Spirit  
unite us in the body of your Son,  
and bring us with all your people  
into the joy of your eternal kingdom;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
with whom, and in whom,  
in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,  
all glory and honour are yours, eternal God,  
for ever and ever.



### *The Lord's Prayer*

Trusting in the promises of Christ, we are confident to pray:

**Our Father in heaven,**  
**hallowed be your name,**  
**your kingdom come,**  
**your will be done, on earth as in heaven.**  
**Give us today our daily bread.**  
**Forgive us our sins,**  
**as we forgive those who sin against us.**  
**Save us from the time of trial,**  
**and deliver us from evil.**

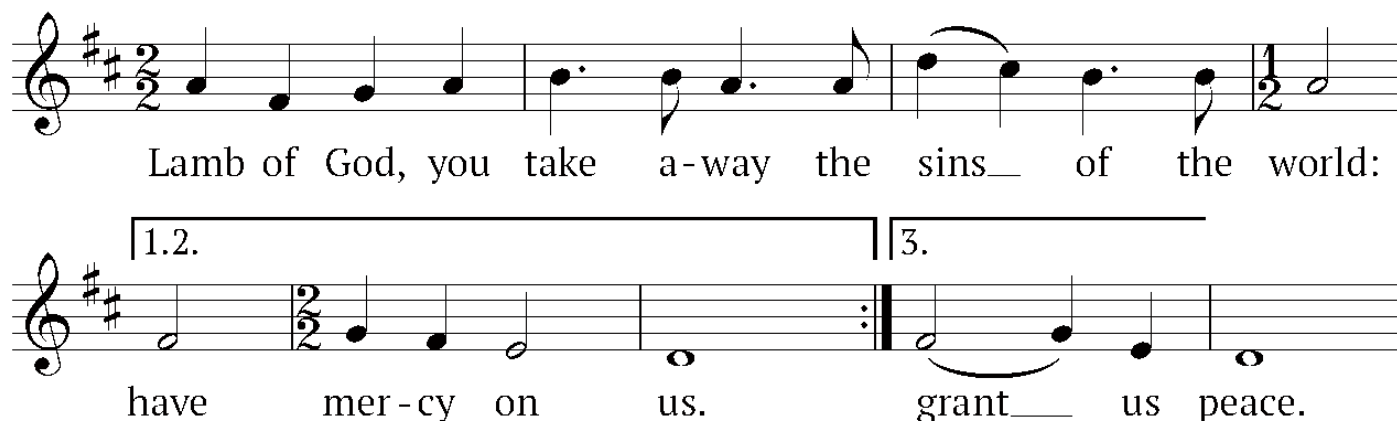


**For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,  
now and forever. Amen.**

*The Fraction*

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

*Fraction Anthem*



*Invitation to Communion*

Draw near with faith. Receive the body of our Lord Jesus Christ which he gave for you, and his blood which he shed for you. Eat and drink in remembrance that he died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

**We do not presume  
to come to your table, merciful Lord,  
trusting in our own righteousness,  
but in your manifold and great mercies.  
We are not worthy so much  
as to gather up the crumbs under your table.  
But you are the same Lord  
whose nature is always to have mercy.  
Grant us therefore, gracious Lord,  
so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ  
and to drink his blood,  
that we may evermore dwell in him,  
and he in us. Amen.**

*All are welcome to come to the Lord's Table to receive the Blessed Sacrament or  
ask for a blessing.*

### *Communion Sentence*

Being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. *Philippians 2:7b-8*

### *Post-communion Prayer*

Let us pray.

Lord Jesus Christ,  
you humbled yourself in taking the form of a servant,  
and in obedience died on the cross for our salvation:  
give us the mind to follow you and to proclaim you as Lord and King,  
to the glory of God the Father,  
who in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
live and reign, now and forever.

**Amen.**

### **THANKSGIVING HYMN**

*Glory be to Jesus (TiS 344)*

**Glory be to Jesus,  
who in bitter pains,  
poured for me the life blood  
from his sacred veins.**

**Grace and life eternal  
in that blood I find;  
blest be his compassion  
infinitely kind.**

**Blessed through endless ages  
be the precious stream,  
which from endless torment  
did the world redeem.**

**Abel's blood for vengeance  
pleaded to the skies;  
but the blood of Jesus  
for our pardon cries.**

**Oft as it is sprinkled  
on our guilty hearts,  
Satan in confusion  
terror-struck departs.**

**Oft as earth exulting  
wafts its praise on high,  
angel hosts rejoicing  
make their glad reply.**

**Let us lift our voices,  
swell the mighty flood;  
louder still and louder  
praise the precious blood.**

Translator: Edward Caswall, 1814-78 (alt.)

Tune: CASWALL; Composer: Friedrich Filitz, 1804-76

# **SENDING OUT**

*Blessing & Dismissal*

The Lord be with you

**And also you.**

May Christ, who accepted the cup of sacrifice  
in obedience to the Father's will,  
✠ keep you steadfast  
as you walk with him the way of his cross.

**Amen.**

Let us bless the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Notices and announcements to be made at Morning Tea*

# **PARISH NOTICES**

## **Scripture readings for Holy Week & Easter**

### **6 April MAUNDY THURSDAY**

FIRST READING Exodus 12.1-8, 11-14  
PSALM 116.12-18  
SECOND READING 1 Corinthians 11.23-26  
GOSPEL John 13.1-15

### **7 April GOOD FRIDAY**

FIRST READING Isaiah 52.13 - 53.12  
PSALM 31  
SECOND READING Hebrews 4.14-16; 5.7-9  
GOSPEL John 18.1 - 19.42

### **8 April EASTER VIGIL**

1st READING Genesis 1.1 - 2.2;  
Psalm 104.1-6, 10-14, 24  
2nd READING Exodus 14.15-31, 15.20;  
CANTICLE Exodus 15:1-7, 17-18  
3rd READING Isaiah 55.1-11  
CANTICLE Isaiah 12.2-6  
4th READING Romans 6.3-11;  
PSALM Psalm 118.1-2, 16-17, 22-23  
GOSPEL Matthew 28.1-10

### **9 April EASTER DAY**

FIRST READING Acts 10.34a, 36-43  
PSALM 118.1-2, 16-17, 22-23  
SECOND READING 1 Corinthians 5.6b-8  
GOSPEL John 20.1-18

## **HOLY WEEK & EASTER SERVICES 2023**

### **Holy Monday & Wednesday**

10.00am Beechworth

### **Maundy Thursday 6 April 2023**

7.00pm Beechworth

### **Good Friday 7 April 2023**

11.00am Eldorado; 3.00pm Beechworth

### **Holy Saturday 8 April 2023**

7.00pm Easter Vigil, Beechworth

### **Easter Day, Sunday 9 April 2023**

9.30am Beechworth; 11.00am Eldorado

**Fresh Fields:** Fr Gunnar & Marg will be formally farewelled with an Evensong Service on Sunday, 16th April 2023, 5.00pm, Christ Church, Beechworth.  
Dinner afterwards at the Empire Hotel. RSVP to Fran (0400 355 769) by Wednesday, April 12th.

Please pray for:

**Fr Scott Jessup, Ruby, Maggie  
& Clare, Sandra, Malcolm &  
Phil, as they mourn their  
beloved Kate.  
May she rest in peace & rise  
in glory!**

### **The World & Australia:**

The producers of food around the world.  
For fair sharing of the world's resources.  
The Premier - Mr Daniel Andrews. The  
Leader of the State Opposition - Mr  
Matthew Guy. The National Council of  
Churches.

### **Anglican Church of Australia:**

The Diocese of Adelaide. Archbishop  
Geoffrey Smith. Assistant Bishops Tim  
Harris, Chris McLeod, Denise Ferguson,  
clergy and people.

### **The Diocese of Wangaratta:**

Chancellor, Clyde Croft. Advocate Rachelle  
Ellyard. Diocesan Trustees, Diocesan Syn-  
od Members.

### **Parishes:**

The Cathedral Parish: Dean Ken Goodger,  
Deacon Lawrence Neal, the Parish Leaders  
and communities of Holy Trinity Cathedral,  
All Saints' Moyhu, Christ Church Greta,  
Holy Trinity Whitfield.

### **Those who have asked for our prayers:**

Bev, Carol, Gayne, Lachlan, Sue,  
Peter, Anna, Fr Robert Whalley, Bishop  
John Parkes. For the residents and  
staff at Beechworth Health, and for the  
prisoners, Chaplain and staff at Bee-  
chworth Correctional Centre.

**Year's Mind:** APRIL: 4<sup>th</sup> - Kenneth  
Williams, Mary Eiseman; 5<sup>th</sup> - John  
Fraser, David North; 6<sup>th</sup> - Andrew Wil-  
liams, Fr Denis Vardon, Ruby Hall; 7<sup>th</sup> -  
Joseph Lee, Norman Jessup