

Good Friday 7th April 2023



Solemn Liturgy and Veneration of the Cross, 10am **Presider and Sermon:** Rev'd Canon Jan Joustra *Welcome to St Mary's North Melbourne.* Thank you for joining us in worship.

Please join in saying the text marked in **bold** and singing the musical responses and hymns.

SILENT PRAYER

The Clergy and Choir process in silence. Kneeling at the chancel step, the Priest says:

Almighty God, look with mercy on this your family for which our Lord Jesus Christ was content to be betrayed and given up into the hands of the wicked and to suffer death upon the cross; who is alive and glorified with you and the Holy Spirit one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD FIRST READING

A reading from the prophet Isaiah:

See, my servant will act wisely; he will be raised and lifted upand highly exalted. Just as there were many who were appalled at him – his appearance was so disfigured beyond that of any man and his form marred beyond human likeness – so will he sprinkle many nations, and kings will shut their mouths because of him. For what they were not told, they willsee, and what they have not heard, they will understand. Who has believed our message and to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed? He grew up before him like a tender shoot, and like a root out of dry ground. He had no beauty or majesty to attract us to him, nothing in his appearance that we should desire him. He was despised and rejected by men, a man of sorrows, and familiar with suffering. Like one from whom men hide their faces he was despised, and we esteemed him not. Surely he took up our infirmities and carried our sorrows, yet we considered him stricken by God, smitten by him, and afflicted. But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that broughtus peace was upon him,

and by his wounds we are healed.

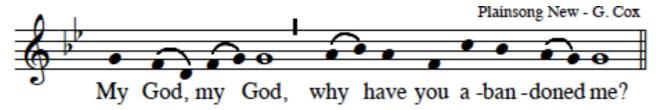
We all, like sheep, have gone astray, each of us has turned to his own way; and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all. He was oppressed and afflicted, yet he did not open his mouth; he was led like a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheepbefore her shearers is silent, so he did not open his mouth. Byoppression and judgment he was taken away. And who can speak of his descendants? For he was cut off from the land of the living; for the transgression of my people he was stricken. He was assigned a grave with the wicked, and with the rich inhis death, though he had done no violence, nor was any deceitin his mouth. Yet it was the Lord's will to crush him and cause him to suffer, and though the Lord makes his life a guilt offering, he will see his offspring and prolong his days, and the will of the Lord will prosper in his hand. After the suffering of his soul, he will see the light of life and be satisfied; by his knowledge my righteous servant will justify many, and he will bear their iniquities. Therefore I will give him a portion among the great, and he will divide the spoils with the strong, because he poured out his life unto death, and was numbered with the transgressors. For he bore the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors.

Isaiah 52:13-53:12

For the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 22



All who see me mock at me; they make mouths at me, they shake their heads; 'Commit your cause to the Lord; let himdeliver— let him rescue the one in whom he delights!'

Response

For dogs are all around me; a company of evildoers encircles me. My hands and feet have shrivelled; I can count all my bones.

Response

they divide my clothes among themselves, and for my clothing they cast lots. But you, O Lord, do not be far away!O my help, come quickly to my aid!

Response

I will tell of your name to my brothers and sisters; in the midstof the congregation I will praise you: You who fear the Lord, praise him! All you offspring of Jacob, glorify him; stand in awe of him, all you offspring of Israel!

Response

SECOND READING

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews:

'This is the covenant that I will make with them after thosedays, says the Lord: I will put my laws in their hearts, and I will write them on their minds', he also adds, 'I will remember their sins and their lawless deeds no more.' Where there is forgiveness of these, there is no longer any offering for sin.

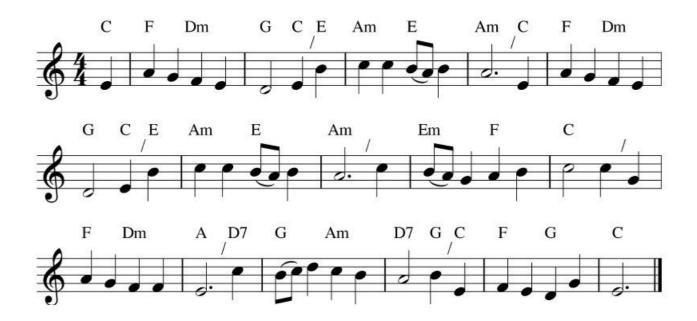
Therefore, my friends, since we have confidence to enter the sanctuary by the blood of Jesus, by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain (that is, through his flesh), and since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us approach with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. Let us hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who has promised is faithful. And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

Hebrews 10:16–25

For the word of the Lord.

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GRADUAL HYMN TIS 339



- 1. 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.
- 2. 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.
- 3. 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.

4. 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.

Paul Gerhardt 1607–76, from Salve caput cruentatum attrib. Bernard of Clairvaux 1091–1153tr. James Waddell Alexander 1804–59 and others

The Passion reading according to St John (John 18-19).

SERMON

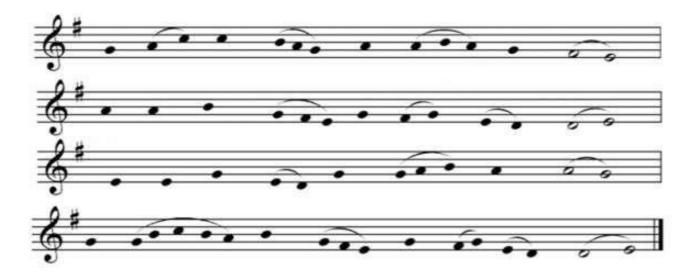
THE INTERCESSIONS

The response to 'Lord, hear us' is: Lord, graciously hear us.

Hear us, Father, through Jesus Christ our Lord who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

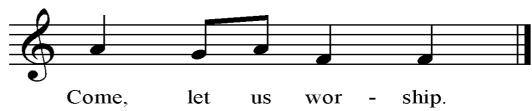
THE PROCLAMATION OF THE CROSS

During the Veneration the following is sung:



- 1. The royal banners forward go, the cross shines forth in mystic glow where he in flesh, our flesh who made,our sentence bore, our ransom paid.
- 2. There while he hung, his sacred sideby soldier's spear was opened wide, to cleanse us in the precious flood of water mingled with his blood.

Cantor: Behold the wood of the Cross on which was hung the Saviour of the world.



3. Fulfilled is now what David toldin true prophetic song of old, how God the nations' king should be: for God is reigning from the tree.

4. O tree of glory, tree most fair, ordained those holy limbs to bear, how bright in royal robe it stood —the purple of a Saviour's blood!

Cantor: Behold the wood of the Cross on which was hung the Saviour of the world.



- 5. Upon its arms, like balance true, he weighed the price for sinners due, the price which none but he could pay, and spoiled the spoiler of his prey.
- 6. To you, eternal Three in One, let homage due by all be done: as by the cross you now restore, so rule and guide us evermore.

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

Members of the congregation come forward to kneel or standbriefly in front of the Cross.

The Reproaches

J Gelineau

1. By the Cross which did to death our only Saviour, this blessed vine from which grapes are gathered in,

R: Jesus Christ, we thank and bless you.



By the Cross which casts down fire upon our planet, this burning bush in which love is plainly shown,

R: Jesus Christ, we glorify you.

By the Cross on Calvary's hill securely planted, this living branch which can heal our every sin,

R: Conquering God, we your people proclaim you!

2. By the blood with which we marked the wooden lintels, forour protection the night when God passed by,

R: Jesus Christ, we thank and bless you.

By the Blood which in our Exodus once saved us, when hell was sealed up by God's engulfing sea,



R: Jesus Christ, we glorify you.

By the Blood which kills the poison in bad fruitage, and gives new life to the dead sap in the tree,



R: Conquering God, we your people proclaim you!

3. By the death on Calvarys hill of him the First born who bears the wood and the flame for his own pyre:

R: Jesus Christ, we thank and bless you.

By the Death amid the thorns, of God's own Shepherd, the Paschal Lamb who was pierced by our despair:

R: Jesus Christ, we glorify you.

By the death of God's Beloved outside his vineyard, that he might change us from murderer to heir:

R: Conquering God, we your people proclaim you!

4. By the Wood which sings a song of nuptial gladness, of God who takes for bride our human race:

R: Jesus Christ, we thank and bless you.

By the Wood which raises up in his full vigour the Son of Man who draws all by His grace:

R: Jesus Christ, we glorify you.

By the Wood where he perfects his royal Priesthood in one High Priest who for sin is sacrifice:

R: Conquering God, we your people proclaim you!

5. Holy Tree which reaches up from earth to heaven that allthe world may exalt in Jacob's God.

R: Jesus Christ, we glorify you.

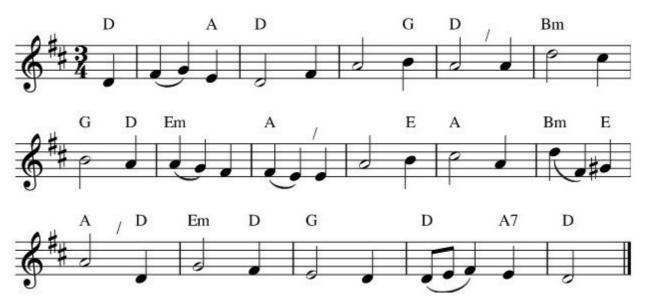
Mighty Ship which snatches us from God's deep anger, save us with Noah from drowning in the flood:

R: Jesus Christ, we glorify you.

Tender Wood which gives to brackish water sweetness, and from the rock shall strike fountains for our good:

R: Conquering God, we your people proclaim you!

HYMN TIS 342



- 1. When I survey the wondrous cross on which the Prince of glory died, my richest gain I count but loss, and pour contempt on all my pride.
- 2. Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast save in the death of Christ my God; all the vain things that charm me most, I sacrifice them to his blood.
- 3. See from his head, his hands, his feet, sorrow and love flow mingled down; did e'er such love and sorrow meet, or thorns compose so rich a crown?
- 4. Were the whole realm of nature mine, that were a present far too small: love so amazing, so divine demands my soul, my life, my all.

THE COMMUNION

All remain kneeling.

God shows great love for us in that while we were still sinners Christ died for us. Let us confess our sins.

O Christ, we are stripped bare by your suffering. You see our dreams, our demons, and the secrets we keep even from ourselves. Forgive all that needs to be forgiven, heal all that needs to be healed, awaken all the good that sleepsin us, banish all the fears that paralyse us. Put the power of your cross into our lives for ever, and clothe us with hope and love.

We have turned our hearts to God in repentance and our sinsare laid bare before the cross of Jesus Christ. In the name of the living God, your sins are forgiven. **Amen.**

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

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and for ever. Amen.

You are welcome to come and share in the reserved sacrament from Maundy Thursday.

All communicant members of a Christian Church are welcome to receive the sacrament. Anyone may come forward for a blessing if they prefer.

ANTHEM

O Languens Jesu" Lajos Bárdos (1899-1986) Text Szegedi (1674)

O dying Jesus, the heart of your mothers sorrow and love of the heart, make us companions of the grieving. O dear Jesus. We see you now weeping, with you I grieving we will see you rejoicing.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Lord Jesus Christ, the story of your suffering is written on our hearts, and the salvation of the world is in your outstretched hands. Keep your victory always before our eyes, your praise on our lips, your peace in our lives. **Amen**.

All remain kneeling while the choir, servers and clergy depart in silence.

All then depart in silence.

You are invited to morning tea with hot cross buns in the Parish Hall.

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Please pray for those in need: including Neil and Tricia, Father Rob, Bishop John (Parkes), Bianca and family, Gerard, Annie and Ben, Colette and John, Karina and Anna.

Also, those whose anniversaries of death fall this week: Myrtle Hodgson.

If there is a name that should be included please advise the Parish Office by email office@stmarys.org.au

	April 7th (Good Friday)	April 8th (Easter Vigil)	April 9th (Easter Sunday)
Readers	Sarah Gador-Whyte Samuel Miller	Geoff Jenkins Susan Gribben Samuel Miller Robert Gribben TBC	Audrey Statham Lewis Gurr-Stephen
Serving Team	Andrew, Peter	Anne, Alice, Peter	Andrew, Peter
Welcome	Rhondda Fahey	Samuel Miller	Michael Golding
Video/AV	Samuel Miller	Adam Wing	Adam Wing
Kids Corner & Sunday School	N/A	N/A	Harriet Jenkins
Hospitality	Hot Cross Buns?	Supper?	
Collection Counting	Parish Council +1	Parish Council +1	Parish Council +1
Flowers	No Flowers	Flowers	Fr Jan

PARISH NEWS

Dates for Easter

Great Paschal Vigil: 9.00pm Saturday 8th April

Easter Day: 10.00am 9th April

Easter Vigil Supper

We will be having our usual celebratory supper after the Vigil on Easter Eve and contributions to the feast are welcome. If you wish to do so there is a sheet in the porch for you to indicate what you will be bringing so that we don't double up.

Treasurer's Assistant Wanted

Parish Council is looking for someone to assist Paul with overseeing the church's finances with a view to taking over the position of Treasurer in November after the AGM. Training will be provided to anyone interested in taking on this varied and crucial role within the Parish. If you have any questions, please speak with Paul Eikelboom or a member of Parish Council.