



3rd Sunday in Lent
Sunday 23 March 2025
8am & 10am
(10am Preacher: Rev'd Dr Robert Gribben)

Lenten Mass Settings

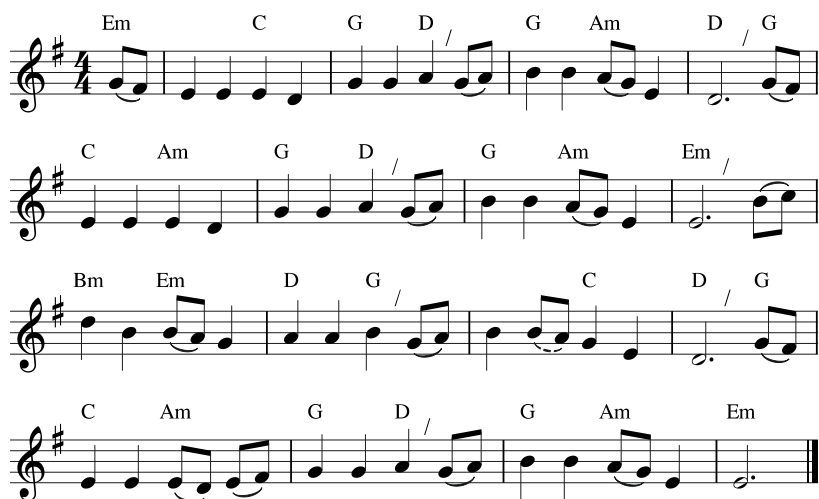
Welcome to St Mary's North Melbourne.
Thank you for joining us in worship.
Please join in saying the text marked in **bold**
and joining in the music.

Prelude

INTRODUCTION

Returning to God is what today's readings are about: a central theme of Lent. The summons to turn back to God, however, comes with warnings about refusing to listen or heed. The message may seem harsh at first, but the scriptures are cautioning that, if we don't follow the path leading to life, we may end up lost and alone, caught in self-destructive patterns of existence. Returning to the Lord is the way to life and goodness: for ourselves, our church and our world. And God is always by our side, helping and supporting us as we go. Let us worship God.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN TIS 585



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.

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GATHERING

Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins,
whose mercy endures for ever.
 The Lord be with you: **And also with you.**

**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.**

KYRIE

Three staves of musical notation for the Kyrie. The first staff is labeled 'Cantor/All' and contains the melody for 'Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son.' The second staff is labeled '2' and contains the melody for 'Chri - ste e - le - i - son.' The third staff is labeled '3' and contains the melody for 'Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son.' Each staff has a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The lyrics are written below the notes, with hyphens indicating long notes.

CONFESSION

Merciful God, our Maker and our Judge, we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, and in what we have failed to do: we have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves; we repent and are sorry for all our sins. Father, forgive us. Strengthen us to love and obey you in newness of life through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

ABSOLUTION

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

COLLECT

Almighty God, you know that we have no power in ourselves to help ourselves: Keep us both outwardly in our bodies and inwardly in our souls, that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING

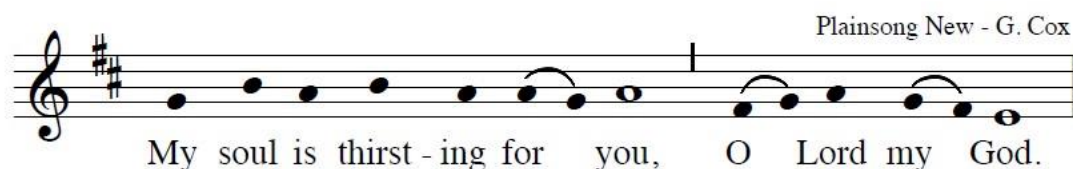
Please sit.

A reading from the Prophet Isaiah:

Come for water, all who are thirsty; though you have no money, come, buy grain and eat; come, buy wine and milk, not for money, not for a price. Why spend your money for what is not food, your earnings on what fails to satisfy? Listen to me and you will fare well, you will enjoy the fat of the land. Come to me and listen to my words, hear me and you will have life: I shall make an everlasting covenant with you to love you faithfully as I loved David. I appointed him a witness to peoples, a prince ruling over them; and you in turn will summon nations you do not know, and nations that do not know you will hasten to you, because the Lord your God, Israel's Holy One, has made you glorious. Seek the Lord while he is present, call to him while he is close at hand. Let the wicked abandon their ways and the evil their thoughts: let them return to the Lord, who will take pity on them, and to our God, for he will freely forgive. For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways. This is the word of the Lord. But as the heavens are high above the earth, so are my ways high above your ways and my thoughts above your thoughts. *(Isaiah 55.1-9, REB)*

For the word of the Lord: **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 63



1. O God, you are my God, I seek you, my soul thirsts for you; my flesh faints for you, as in a dry and weary land where there is now water. *Response*
2. So I have looked up on you in the sanctuary, beholding your pow'r and glory.
Because your steadfast love is better than life, my lips will praise you.
Response
3. So I will bless you as long as I live; I will lift you up my hands and call on your name.
My soul is satisfied as with a rich feast, and my mouth praises you with joyful lips. *Response*

4. For you have been my help, and in the shadow of your wings I sing for joy.

My soul clings to you; your right hand upholds me. *Response*

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SECOND READING

A reading from Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians:

Let me remind you, my friends, that our ancestors were all under the cloud, and all of them passed through the Red Sea; so they all received baptism into the fellowship of Moses in cloud and sea. They all ate the same supernatural food, and all drank the same supernatural drink; for they drank from the supernatural rock that accompanied their travels—and that rock was Christ. Yet most of them were not accepted by God, for the wilderness was strewn with their corpses. These events happened as warnings to us not to set our desires on evil things as they did. Do not be idolaters, like some of them; as scripture says, The people sat down to feast and rose up to revel. Let us not commit fornication; some of them did, and twenty-three thousand died in one day. Let us not put the Lord to the test as some of them did; they were destroyed by the snakes. Do not grumble as some of them did; they were destroyed by the Destroyer. All these things that happened to them were symbolic, and were recorded as a warning for us, upon whom the end of the ages has come. If you think you are standing firm, take care, or you may fall. So far you have faced no trial beyond human endurance; God keeps faith and will not let you be tested beyond your powers, but when the test comes he will at the same time provide a way out and so enable you to endure.

(1 Corinthians 10.1-13, REB)

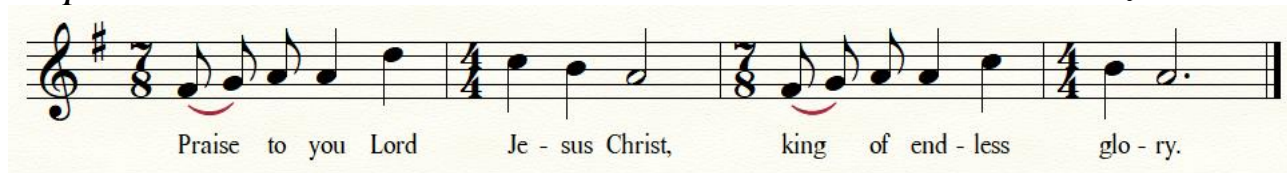
For the word of the Lord: **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Please stand.

Response:

Christopher Willcock S J



Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

Seek the Lord while he is present,

Call to him while he is close at hand

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

The Lord be with you:
And also with you.

A reading from the holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St Luke:
Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

At that time some people came and told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mixed with their sacrifices. He answered them: Do you suppose that, because these Galileans suffered this fate, they must have been greater sinners than anyone else in Galilee? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all of you come to the same end. Or the eighteen people who were killed when the tower fell on them at Siloam—do you imagine they must have been more guilty than all the other people living in Jerusalem? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all come to an end like theirs. Jesus told them this parable: A man had a fig tree growing in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it, but found none. So he said to the vine-dresser, For the last three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree without finding any. Cut it down. Why should it go on taking goodness from the soil? But he replied, Leave it, sir, for this one year, while I dig round it and manure it. And if it bears next season, well and good; if not, you shall have it down. *(Luke 13.1-9, REB)*

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

SERMON

Please be seated.

CREED

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 OF INTERCESSION

Please sit or kneel.

After each section:

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

And at the end:

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.

PEACE

We are the body of Christ: **His Spirit is with us.**

The peace of the Lord be always with you: **And also with you.**

OFFERTORY HYMN TIS 690

Verse

*A*⁹ *A* *A*^{maj7} *A*⁷

1 Beau - ty for bro - ken - ness, hope for des -

D *B*^{m7} *E* *C*^{#m7} *F*^{#m7} *B*⁹ *E*

- pair, Lord, in the suff - er - ing this is our prayer.

C[#] *F*^{#m} *D* *A*

Bread for the chil - dren, jus - tice, joy, peace, sun - rise to

D *B*^{m7} *E*⁷ *A*^{1, 3} *D* *A*

sun - set your king - dom in - crease.

*E*⁷ *A*^{2, 4, 5.} *E*⁷ *A* *C*^{#7}

Refrain

speak. God of the poor friend of the

F^{#m} *D* *B*^{m7} *E* *E*⁷

weak, give us com - pas - sion we pray; melt our cold

A *C*^{#7} *F*^{#m} *D* *B*^{m7}

hearts, let tears fall like rain. Come change our love from a

*E*⁷ *A*

spark to a flame.

D.S. *To end* *F*[#] *E* *A*

2. Shelter for fragile lives,
cures for their ills,
work for the craftsmen,
trade for their skills;
land for the dispossessed,
rights for the weak;
voices to plead the cause
of those who can't speak.
Response

3. Refuge from cruel wars,
havens from fear,
cities for sanctuary,
freedoms to share,
peace to the killing-fields,
scorched earth to green;
Christ for the bitterness,
his cross for the pain.

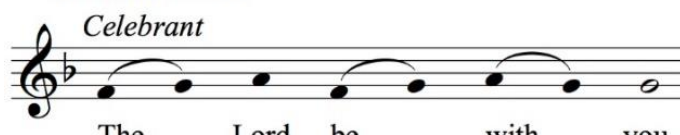



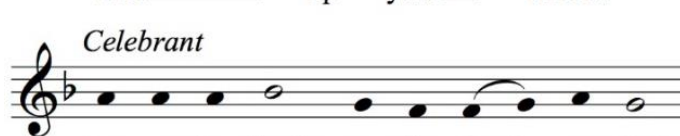
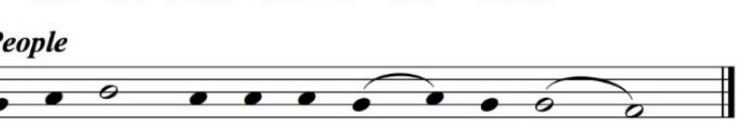
4. Rest for the ravaged earth,
oceans and streams,
plundered and poisoned,
our future, our dreams.
Lord, end our madness,
carelessness, greed;
make us content with
the things that we need.
Response

5. Lighten our darkness,
breathe on this flame
until your justice burns
brightly again;
until the nations
learn of your ways,
seek your salvation
and bring you their praise.
Response

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EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

Sursum Corda

<p><i>Celebrant</i></p>  <p>The Lord be with you.</p>	<p><i>People</i></p>  <p>And also with you.</p>
<p><i>Celebrant</i></p>  <p>Lift up your hearts.</p>	<p><i>People</i></p>  <p>We lift them to the Lord.</p>
<p><i>Celebrant</i></p>  <p>Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.</p>	<p><i>People</i></p>  <p>It is right to give our thanks and praise.</p>

All glory and honour...

... for ever praising you and saying/singing:

Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord -

God of pow'r and God of might.

Heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry.

Ho - sa na in the high est

Bless'd is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Ho - san na in the high est.

Merciful God, we thank you ...
Great is the mystery of faith:

Dy - ing you de - stroyed our death,

ri-sing you re-stored our life, Lord Je-sus come in glo-ry.

Therefore we do as our Saviour has commanded ...
... in songs of never-ending praise:



THE LORD'S PRAYER

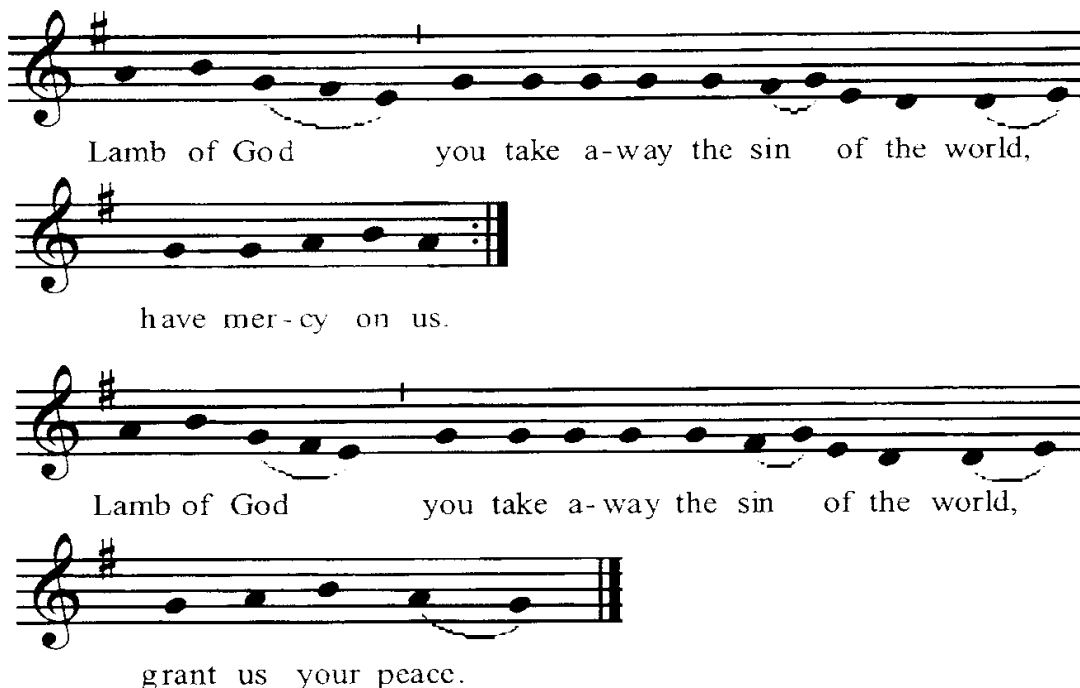
Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours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

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

We who are many are one body:

For we all share in the one bread.

AGNUS DEI



INVITATION

Behold, the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world:
Happy are those who are called to his supper:
**Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,
But only say the word and I shall be healed.**

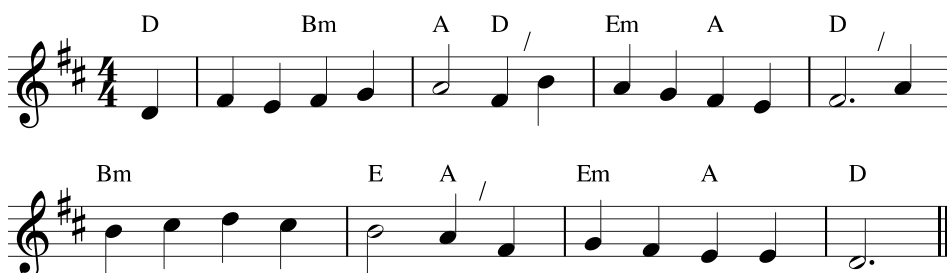
COMMUNION

Anthem: *'Call to remembrance'* by R Farrant.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

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.**

RECESSIONAL HYMN TIS 551



1. O stay with us, Lord Jesus,
among us with your grace,
that Satan may not harm us,
and we may live in peace.
2. Stay with us, our Redeemer,
among us with your word,
that we may know your goodness
and faith in you be stirred.
3. Stay with your heavenly brightness
among us, precious light;
your truth keep us from error;
surround us with your might.
4. Stay with your richest blessings
among us, bounteous Lord;
let us in grace and wisdom
grow daily through your word.

5. Stay here with your protection
among us, Lord our strength,
and let the world and Satan
be overcome at length.

6. O stay, our faithful Saviour,
among us with your love;
grant steadfastness, and help us
to reach our home above.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING

DISMISSAL

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord:

In the name of Christ. Amen.

Postlude

PRAYERS

Please pray for those in need, including Isaiah and Denise & Graeme Archer. Pray also for those whose anniversaries of death fall this week: Raymond Tighe, Joseph Carbone, Peg Housden, Annie May Heath and Evan Laurie Burge. If there is a name to be included, please email office@stmarys.org.au (*Names will be listed for 1 month unless otherwise specified*)

Morning Prayer held on Mon/Wed/Fri, 8.30am. Click the link below <https://bit.ly/49910N4> Meeting ID: 826 4665 0345, Passcode: 464706
Weekday Eucharist on every Thursday at 12pm. We will celebrate the Annunciation on Thurs 27 March (moving it from Tuesday 25 March).

St Mary's Parish Notices

- Two Lenten Bible studies will be held on Sun 30 March & Sun 6 Apr, 11.30am in the church following the 10am service. They will be led by Rev'd Prof Dorothy Lee and focus on women of the Passion and Resurrection
- 2025 AVE Easter Edition: submissions by Sun 30 March to either David or office@stmarys.org.au To be published on the 2nd week of April (week before Palm Sunday). Easter theme welcome, for other ideas visit previous publications on <https://www.stmarys.org.au/> (bottom LH corner of homepage).

- Harvest Festival Celebration: Sun 4 May after 10am service (stalls, fun, games and morning tea). Contact Marion if you'd like to join the working bees and help with making preserves, chutneys, jams and other gifts. Jar/bottle labels available from the Church porch.
- Events at St Mary's (printed posters/flyers available around the Church):
 - Polyphonic Voices presents Polychoral Splendour: Sun 23 March (today!), 2.30pm. Tickets \$40/\$30/\$20/free under 15. Please book via www.polyphonicvoices.com/2025
 - Handel's Messiah Part II: The Lamb of God by VOX Choir Ballarat: Sun 6 April, 3pm. Tickets \$40/\$35/\$15/free for primary age children, bookings via www.trybooking.com/CYZYE
 - Duo Violin & Viola Recital by Paul Tulloch & Tamila Kharambura: Fri 11 April, 7pm. Tickets \$30/\$25/children free, for bookings www.trybooking.com/DACSH
- Thank you for your food donations to Anglicare Victoria/St Mark's Community Care. For tax deductible donations please visit <https://www.melbourneanglican.org.au/maf-donation-page/> - 'Melbourne Anglican Benevolent Society' - 'St Mary's North Melbourne—Relief Program'.
- Your support for the Parish is appreciated. To authorise direct debit, contact Parish Treasurer via treasurer@stmarys.org.au For occasional/regular giving, direct funds to Parish Giving account with Anglican Development Fund: BSB: 703-122 / Acc: 05004687 / Acc Name: St Mary's Anglican Church North Melbourne. *If you are currently depositing to Westpac BSB 033132, please consider using the ADF account as it simplifies the monthly bookkeeping effort and supports the Diocese.*
- Note on Receiving Holy Communion: All baptised Christians, including children, are welcome to receive Holy Communion. If you or your child wants to receive it for the first time, please let the Vicar know ahead of time so that preparation might be organised. Those not able to receive Holy Communion may come forward for a blessing, with arms crossed over. If you are interested in Baptism or Confirmation, please contact the Vicar.

If you would like to be contacted by the Parish, please fill in your details, tear this section & drop it in the office mailbox on Queensberry Street:

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St Mary's Roster

	Sun 23 March 2025 Lent 3	Sun 30 March 2025 Lent 4
8:00am Reader	Andrew McKinley	Rhondda Fahey
10:00am Readers	Susan Gribben Geoff Jenkins	Ivana Csar +1
Serving Team	Alice Christofi (C) Anne Sunderland (C)	Anne Sunderland (C) Sam Miller (C)
Welcome	Marion Poynter	Michael Golding
Introduction & Intercession	Suzanne Walters	Geoff Jenkins
Video/AV	Sam Miller	Adam Wing
Kids Corner & Sunday School	N/A	Harriet Jenkins/ Rosie Moloney
Morning Tea	Marion Poynter Lewis Gurr Stephen	Helen McCallum David Keuneman

Lent & Easter 2025

Ash Wednesday	Wednesday 5 March 2025	7pm
Lent 1	Sunday 9 March 2025	8am & 10am
Lent 2	Sunday 16 March 2025	8am & 10am
Lent 3	Sunday 23 March 2025	8am & 10am
Lent 4	Sunday 30 March 2025	8am & 10am (plus Lenten Studies)
Lent 5	Sunday 6 April 2025	8am & 10am (plus Lenten Studies)
Palm Sunday	Sunday 13 April 2025	8am & 10am Stand Together for Justice and Kindness Palm Sunday Action for Refugees: arrive 1.45pm for 2pm music & speeches at Tom's Block, St Kilda Rd (opposite Victorian College of the Arts)
Monday & Tuesday of Holy Week	Monday 14 & Tuesday 15 April 2025	6pm Said Eucharist
Wednesday of Holy Week	Wednesday 16 April 2025	7.30pm Tenebrae at Trinity College, Parkville
Maundy Thursday of Holy Week	Thursday 17 April 2025	8pm Sung Eucharist
Good Friday	Friday 18 April 2025	10am Liturgy of the Passion
Holy Saturday	Saturday 19 April 2025	8pm Easter Vigil
Easter Sunday	Sunday 20 April 2025	10am Sung Eucharist (no 8am service)

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