



**Good Friday 18 April 2025**  
**Solemn Liturgy and Veneration of Cross, 10am**

*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.*



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## SILENT PRAYER

*Please sit or kneel as the choir and clergy enter in silence.*

## LITURGY OF THE WORD

### FIRST READING

*Please sit.*

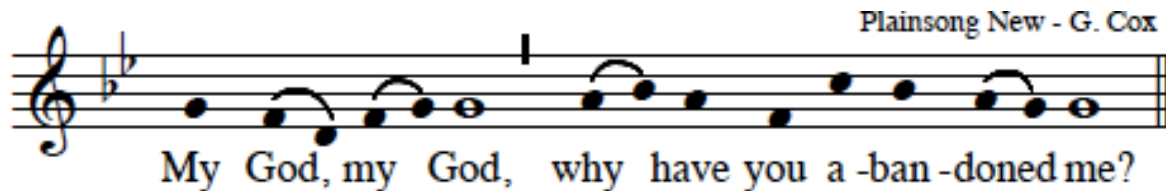
#### **A reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah:**

See, my servant shall prosper; he shall be exalted and lifted up and shall be very high. Just as there were many who were astonished at him—so marred was his appearance, beyond human semblance, and his form beyond that of mortals—so he shall startle many nations; kings shall shut their mouths because of him, for that which had not been told them they shall see, and that which they had not heard they shall contemplate. Who has believed what we have heard? And to whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed? For he grew up before him like a young plant and like a root out of dry ground; he had no form or majesty that we should look at him, nothing in his appearance that we should desire him. He was despised and rejected by others; a man of suffering and acquainted with infirmity, and as one from whom others hide their faces he was despised, and we held him of no account. Surely he has borne our infirmities and carried our diseases, yet we accounted him stricken, struck down by God, and afflicted. But he was wounded for our transgressions, crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the punishment that made us whole, and by his bruises we are healed. All we like sheep have gone astray; we have all turned to our own way, and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all. He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he did not open his mouth; like a lamb that is led to the slaughter and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent, so he did not open his mouth.

*(Isaiah 52.13-53.7)*

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

## PSALM 22



1. All who see me mock at me; they make mouths at me,  
they shake their heads; Commit your cause to the Lord;  
let him deliver – let him rescue the one in whom he delights! *Response*
2. 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*
3. 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*
4. I will tell of your name to my brothers and sisters; in the midst of 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*

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## SECOND READING

### **A reading from Letter to the Hebrews:**

This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, 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: **Thanks be to God.**

## GRADUAL HYMN



1. A time to watch, a time to pray,  
a day of wonders is today:  
the saddest, yet the gladdest too,  
that earth or heaven ever knew.
2. The saddest, for our Saviour bore  
his death, that we might die no more:  
the agony, the scourge, the fear,  
the crown of thorns, the cross, the spear.
3. And yet the gladdest, for today  
our load of sin was borne away:  
and hopes of joy that never dies  
hang on our Saviour's sacrifice.
4. Saviour, how we bless your name!  
Yours is the glory, ours the shame;  
by all the pain your love endured  
Let all our many sins be cured.

*Melody of 'O Jesu Christ, meins Lebens Licht' adapted by F Mendelssohn-Bartholdy (1809-1847) for "St Paul". Australian Hymn Book with Catholic Supplement, Melody Lime Edition, Collins © 1977.  
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## THE PASSION ACCORDING TO ST JOHN

*Please sit*

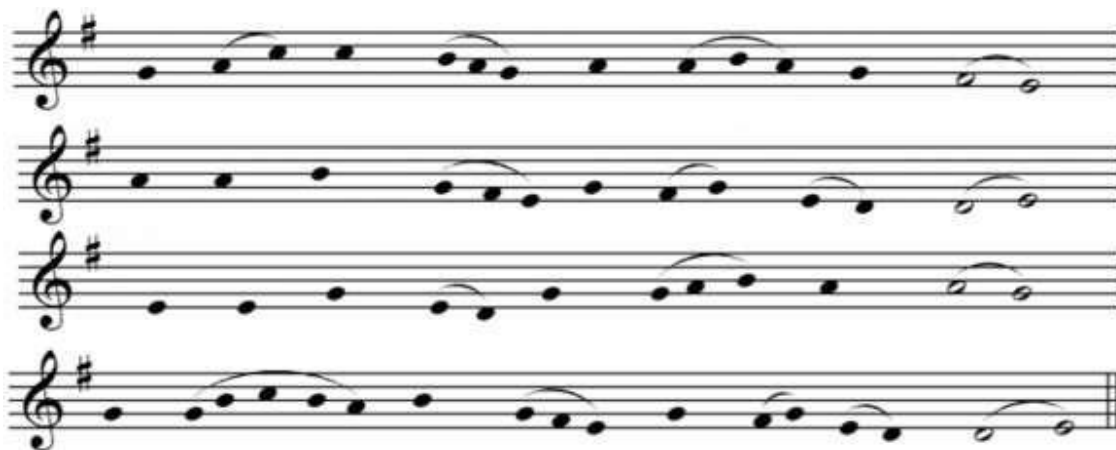
## SERMON

Organ Reflection: 'Da Jesus an dem Kreuze stund' by J S Bach BWV deest.

## SOLEMN PRAYERS OF INTERCESSIONS

## 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 side  
by 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.



Come, let us wor - ship.

3. Fulfilled is now what David told  
in 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.



Come, let us wor - ship.

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. Music by permission Oxford University Press*

*Members of the congregation may come forward to kneel or stand in front of the Cross.*

## Reproaches

by 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.*



Je - sus Christ, we thank and bless you.

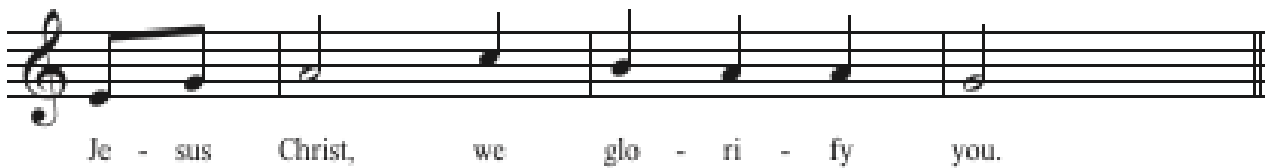
By the Cross which casts down fire upon our planet, this burning bush  
in which love is plainly shown,  
*R: Jesus Christ, we glorify you.*

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, for our  
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 Calvary's 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 all the 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!*

## COMMUNION

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 sleeps in 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 sins are laid bare before the cross of Jesus Christ. In the name of the living God, your sins are forgiven. **Amen.**

**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.**

*All communicant members of a Christian Church are welcome to receive the sacrament from the Altar of Repose, offered in one kind. Anyone may come forward for a blessing if they prefer.*

**Anthem:** 'Crucifixus' by A Gabrielli (1510-1586).

*He was crucified for us under Pontius Pilate, he died and was buried.*

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

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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## *St Mary's Roster*

|                             | Fri 18 April 2025<br>Good Friday   | Sat 19 April 2025<br>Great Paschal Vigil                                 | Sun 20 April 2025<br>Easter Sunday                             |
|-----------------------------|------------------------------------|--|--|
| 8:00am Reader               | N/A                                | N/A  | Andrew McKinley  |
| 10:00am Readers             | Michael Golding<br>Anne Sunderland | Aurey Statham<br>Katie Holmes<br>Geoff Jenkins<br>Sam Miller             | Libby Brookes<br>Steph C                                       |
| Serving Team                | Peter O'Donoghue                   | Sam Miller<br>Anne Sunderland (C)<br>Peter O'Donoghue<br>Alice Christofi | Anne Sunderland (C)<br>Peter O'Donoghue<br>Alice Christofi (C) |
| Welcome                     | Adam Wing                          | Helen McCallum   | Michael Golding  |
| Introduction & Intercession | Clergy                             | Clergy   | Geoff Jenkins (no intercessions required)                      |
| Video/AV                    | Sam Miller                         | Geoff Jenkins  | Geoff Jenkins  |
| Kids Corner & Sunday School | N/A                                | N/A  | N/A  |
| Morning Tea                 | N/A                                | Bring & share supper   | Libby Brookes<br>Susan Gribben                                 |

## *Easter 2025*

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| Holy Saturday | Saturday 19 April 2025 | 8pm Great Paschal Vigil              |
| Easter Sunday | Sunday 20 April 2025   | 10am Sung Eucharist (no 8am service) |

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