

Anglican Parish of Avon

**Sunday 5 April, 6th Sunday in Lent,
Palm Sunday**

Priest in Charge, The Reverend Dave Perryman.



*Welcome – Wunan Njinda to: -
A Service of Holy Communion
10am Holy Trinity Church, Stratford,
via Zoom ‘on line’, phone-in, or on Facebook*

All are welcome!!

You are invited to light a 'Prayer Candle' and enjoy morning tea after the Services. Toilets are located at the rear of the Hall. Holy Trinity is fitted with a hearing loop. Please note that the Holy Trinity Chancel floor slopes up from the front pews to the Lectern; please use the handrail as needed and take care, thank you.

We acknowledge the Gunai Kurnai people as the original inhabitants of this land. We acknowledge their elders past and present and their children who are their hope for the future.

LITURGY OF THE PALMS:

This morning 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.

All may hold up their palms for this blessing, said by the minister:

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.**

Holy Creator, we are not people of power. We do not have our hands on the policies of the land. We do not have the resources to make a great difference in anyone's life today. But we are a people of resistance and hope, and today we raise our palms high in celebration of our Sovereign – the one who came in compassion and humility, and lived among us in radical welcome, and rode into town on a colt to remind us of these great strengths. Be with us as we worship.

Ride into our hearts again and help us to remember your abiding presence, and that your love for us is our great and indomitable power. Through the sake of our triumphant King, your Son, Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

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

In the name of Christ. Amen.

Opening Hymn: MP 242: ‘Hosanna, Hosanna . . .’

1 Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest;
hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest:
Lord, we lift up Your name,
with hearts full of praise.
Be exalted, O Lord my God –
hosanna in the highest.

2 Glory, glory, glory to the King of kings;
glory, glory, glory to the King of kings:
Lord, we lift up Your name
with hearts full of praise.
Be exalted, O Lord my God –
glory to the King of kings.

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Welcome

Greeting

Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins,
whose mercy endures for ever.

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

And also with you.

The Sentence

At the name of Jesus, every knee shall bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. *Philippians 2.10–11*

The Prayer of Preparation

Let us pray,

**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.**

The Confession

Compassion and forgiveness belong to the Lord our God, though we have rebelled and wandered far off.

Silence for self-reflection

Let us then ask for mercy, confessing our sins in penitence and faith.

**Heavenly Father,
you have loved us with an everlasting love,
but we have broken your holy laws
and have left undone what we ought to have done.
We are sorry for our sins
and turn away from them.
For the sake of your Son who died for us,
forgive us, cleanse us and change us.
By your Holy Spirit,
enable us to live for you;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The Absolution

Almighty God,
who in Jesus Christ has given us
a kingdom that cannot be destroyed,
forgive us our sins,
open our eyes to God's truth,
strengthen us to do God's will
and give us the joy of his kingdom,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Trisagion – *Together*

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

The Prayer of the Day

Almighty and everlasting God,
of your tender love towards us
you sent your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ,
to take upon him our flesh,
and to suffer death upon the cross,
that all should follow the example of his great humility:
mercifully grant
that we may both follow the example of his patience,
and also be made partakers of his resurrection;
through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

The Old Testament Reading

A Reading from the Book of 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 also 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.

Philippians 2:5–11

Psalm 118: 1-2, 19-29 – *we will read the Psalm together.*

- 1 O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good:
his mercy endures for ever.**
- 2 Let Israel now proclaim:
that his mercy endures for ever.**
- 19 Open me the gates of righteousness:
and I will enter and give thanks to the Lord.**
- 20 This is the gate of the Lord:
the righteous shall enter it.**
- 21 I will praise you, for you answered me:
and have become my salvation.**
- 22 The stone that the builders rejected:
has become the head of the corner.**
- 23 This is the Lord's doing:
and it is marvellous in our eyes.**
- 24 This is the day that the Lord has made:
let us rejoice and be glad in it.**
- 25 O Lord, save us, we pray:
O Lord, send us prosperity.**
- 26 Blessed is he who comes, in the name of the Lord:
from the house of the Lord we bless you.**

- 27 The Lord is God, and he has given us light:
guide the festal throng up to the horns of the altar.**
- 28 You are my God and I will praise you:
you are my God, I will exalt you.**
- 29 O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good:
and his mercy endures for ever.**

Early Talk

The Gospel

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew
Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ

When they had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, ² saying to them, “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.^[a]” ⁴ This took place to fulfill 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^[b] 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 he 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.”

Matthew 21:1-11

For the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Sermon

Affirmation of Faith

Let us stand and together affirm the faith of the Church:

**We believe in one God,
who made and loves all that is.
We believe in Jesus Christ,
God's only Son, our Lord,
who was born, lived, died and rose again,
and is coming to call all to account.
We believe in the Holy Spirit,
who calls, equips and sends out God's people,
and brings all things to their true end.
This is our faith, the faith of the Church:
We believe in one God,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.**

The Prayers of the People.

Please sit or kneel for prayer as you are able.

Response:

Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayers.

Almighty God, as we approach Holy Week hearing again, in its entirety, the story of Christ's passion, may it help us to truly understand the sacrifice he made for us as we reflect on some aspects of his passion.

Despite being unable to gather in our churches we give thanks for all those who are putting together and posting digital worship, enabling us to be together in spirit as we relive the Easter story, a story which fills us with hope and confidence that there will be an end to the chaos of the Covid-19 Pandemic.

We pray for:-

*The people of the world living through challenging times. For those living in ongoing under-performing economies where the poorest people suffer most. For the working poor who have lost their meagre incomes.

*For those grieving the loss of loved ones. Healing for those who have Covid 19, reassurance for those living with fear and uncertainty. For those who are isolated and living alone and lonely.

*Wisdom and sound knowledge and guidance for those who lead us through this time of crisis, Governments and Chief Medical Advisors in every country.

*For avoidance of an economic depression and the suffering that it brings.

*For our Bishop, Richard, as he leads the spiritual ministry and pastoral care of the diocese. For Leanne and their children.

For our Registrar, Richard Connelly, giving thanks for his managerial steering of the diocese and the parishes as they anxiously negotiate the challenges facing them.

*Our Minister Dave, giving thanks for his ministry and leadership in these chaotic times. May the Holy Spirit guide us. Help us to adjust to different ways of being church and to give great support to him and each other.

*For Emma in her 3rd trimester of pregnancy and their boys. Bless them and keep them safe.

For the Cooperating Parish of Neerim South: John Batt, Penny. The Diocese of Northern Territory: Bishop Greg Anderson.

*For all who are impacted by the closure of our op shop. for the volunteers that work there, for the coordinators and most of all, for the community that the op shop has served in countless ways (some known and many unknown), since 1998. A community that has served us so very well.

*We pray that we can be aware and of service to what may be an increasing number of needy people. That we will keep contact with those living alone and isolated during this time.

For our mainly music children and families during this time of mainly music recess.

For the families of people who are ‘in care’ or hospital and unable to visit loved ones due to the ‘shut downs’. We ask for care and comfort of hurting patients and relatives.

*We pray for the sick, the lonely, sad and suffering, and all who care for them. We pray especially at this time *for Marj, Brenda, Keith, Marion, Phillip, Peter, Ruth, Aileen, Peter T, Mark, Alice, Scarlet, Boyd, Brian, Jacob, Emma, Crystal, Pete, Bruce, Geoff, Daryl, Jan, Craig, Richard, Gail, Karen, Julie and Mick.*

We pray for Your peace and comfort Lord for the family and friends of the late Stanley Kerr. A service of thanksgiving for Stanley's amazing life was celebrated in Holy Trinity on Friday last.

We give you thanks Lord for the life of much respected Munro resident and parishioner of St Mary's Church, Craig Morally. Grant to his parents, Norman and Una, siblings Suellen, Janine, Lloyd, Cathrine (dec), Gillian and Rosalind, your loving comfort and peace.

At the conclusion of the prayers:

Accept our prayers through Jesus Christ our Lord, who taught us 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.

The Greeting of 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 Prayer

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.
Blessed be God for ever.

The Great Thanksgiving

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.

All glory and honour be yours always and everywhere,
mighty Creator, everliving God.
We give you thanks and praise for your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ,
who became obedient unto death, even death on a cross.

He offered the one true sacrifice for sin,
and obtained an eternal deliverance for his people.
The tree of defeat became the tree of victory;
where life was lost, there life has been restored.

Therefore with angels and archangels,
and with all the company of heaven,
we proclaim your great and glorious name, for ever praising you and
saying:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

And now, gracious God, we thank you
for these gifts of bread and wine,
and pray that we who receive them,
in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,
according to our Saviour's word,
in remembrance of his suffering and death,
may share his body and blood.

On the night before he died, Jesus took bread,
and when he had given you thanks
he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying,
'Take and eat. This is my body which is given for you.
Do this in remembrance of me.'

After supper, he took the cup,
and again giving you thanks
he gave it to his disciples, saying,
'Drink from this, all of you.
This is my blood of the new covenant
which is shed for you and for many
for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.'

We eat this bread and drink this cup
to proclaim the death of the Lord.

We do this until he returns.
Come, Lord Jesus!

**Father, as we recall his saving death and glorious resurrection,
may we who share these gifts
be renewed by your Holy Spirit
and united in the body of your Son.**

**Bring us with all your people
into the joy of your eternal kingdom,
there to feast at your table and
join in your eternal praise:
Worthy is the Lamb, who was slain,
to receive praise and honour
and glory and power
for ever and 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.

Draw near with faith, to feed on Christ in your hearts with thanksgiving.

For those unable to receive Holy Communion this Sunday, you may like to practice the tradition of 'spiritual communion' as you watch and listen, the following prayer may be helpful:

O Lord Jesus Christ, through your tender mercy grant that as the hem of your garment, touched in faith, healed the woman who could not touch your body, so the soul of this your servant may be healed by like faith in you, whom I cannot now sacramentally receive. In union with the faithful at every altar-table in your Church I desire to be united with you and pray that you will come spiritually into my heart. Let nothing ever separate me from your love, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

The Sending Out of God's People

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.

Father,
**we offer ourselves to you
as a living sacrifice
though Jesus Christ our Lord.
Send us out in the power of your Spirit
to live and work to your praise and glory.**

Announcements

Final Hymn: MP1046 'We are a moment . . .'

1 - We are a moment, You are for ever
Lord of the ages, God before time.
We are a vapour, You are eternal,
love everlasting, reigning on high.
*Holy, holy, Lord God almighty.
Worthy is the Lamb that was slain.
Highest praises, honour and glory*

be unto Your name, be unto Your name.

2 - We are the broken, You are the healer
Jesus, Redeemer, Mighty to save
You are the love song we'll sing forever
Bowing before You, blessing Your name
//Holy, holy, Lord...//

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The Blessing

God who has called you is faithful.
Go into the world with joy,
forgive generously,
love extravagantly,
live abundantly.

And the blessing of God, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be upon
you now and forever. **Amen.**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord;
In the name of Christ, Amen.

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Greetings everyone!

Many parishioners were able to connect in to worship as it was streamed from Holy Trinity last Sunday.

This Sunday, we pray parishioners will be able to participate in the Eucharist in their own homes as they follow the service on their computer, iPad, or phones.

Our thanks to Dave and his assistants for enabling a Bulletin, Palm Cross and an in-tincted blessed wafer to be delivered to each and as many parishioners as possible.

Other services e.g. Maundy Thursday and Good Friday will be streamed in a similar way – a full order of service will be circulated via email or hard copies distributed.

Please keep in mind, Dave's words . . . 'if we see or hear of people in need or struggling' . . . share the information with Dave. There are ways we can be of assistance but please call Dave first and foremost.

Keeping in Contact

Where ever and whenever possible, Dave will be maintaining contact with parishioners by phone. He is always available to parishioners at any time:-
0401 035 379. Email:davidjrperryman@gmail.com

Finances

Again, we cannot afford to lose parishioner's offertory, in fact never has there been a greater need for giving to the parish. We do not have income from the op shop which is the financial lifeblood of the parish. We can continue for a while but not indefinitely.

Offertory can be given by:-

1. Direct payment into the parish CBA account –
BSB 063526 Acct No 10493155. Please register it as "offertory". The name of the account is '**Anglican Parish of Avon**'.
2. Leave your weekly giving envelope in Paul Wagers mailbox from where it will be taken to the Vestry Safe and then banked on Mondays.
3. Where there is an account (cost to the parish), some may wish to cover that expense which is another way of giving.

The Holy Trinity Roster now consists of the Liturgical Assistants only.

The link and ID for Sunday and Easter Services

The services will be filmed / videoed live to zoom and on Facebook.

Parishioners are encouraged to join in to the services either via zoom onto their iPad or computer, or to dial in by phone.

The site and ID for zoom or phone number and ID are the same for services and parish council meetings.

Join Zoom Meeting OR Church Service

<https://zoom.us/j/9748706191>

Meeting ID: 974 870 6191

Join by Phone:

(03) 7018 2005

Meeting ID: 974 870 6191

Bible Studies will continue to be zoomed. All are welcome to join in either 'on line' (zoom) or by phone.

PARISH DIARY & HOLY TRINITY ROSTER

APRIL

mainly music is in temporary recess until further notice.

Fridays 9am Morning Prayers probably zoomed when organised

Wednesdays 7.30pm, Bible Studies probably zoomed when organised

School holidays: Sat. 28 March to Mon. 13 April, or as advised by Government.

Retiring Offertory: BCA – on hold.

Thurs 9 7.30pm Maundy Thursday Service at Holy Trinity.

To be advised.

Fri 10 9am. Good Friday Service, Holy Trinity: via zoom & phone

Sat 11 Holy Saturday. Easter Vigil. On line from the Cathedral site.

Sun 12 Easter Day. Resurrection of the Lord.

Combined service via zoom & phone link.

Tues 14 Parish Council Reports Due. Please email to Denise or leave in mail box.

Sat 18 Men's Breakfast Group. Postponed

Sun 19 Second Sunday of Easter

1pm Stratford Cemetery Event to Honour the service of World War 2 men and women. Postponed till 1pm, 11 October.

Thurs 23 St Mary's Anniversary. Licensed 23/4/1922

The Bards 454th Birthday (1564)

Fri 24 Family Movie Night. Postponed.

Sat 25 ANZAC Day. Dawn and 9am services in the Stratford Memorial Park. Not open to the public.

Sun 26 Third Sunday of Easter.

4.30pm Traditional Service of Evensong. Bishop Richard Treloar, The Reverend Nikolai Blascow, The Reverend Dave Perryman.

Shakespeare celebrations have been cancelled

Tues 28 Parish Council Meeting. To be zoomed.

Holy Trinity Roster, 12 April. Easter Day

Acts 10.34-43 Ps.118.1-2,14-24. Col. 3.1-4 Matthew 28.1-10

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