

# Second Sunday in Lent 13 March, 2022

We welcome you to St. Oswald's Church and to this service, especially if you are new or a visitor among us. Please make yourself known to the welcomers, so that they may introduce you to other members of the congregation.

Please join us in the hall for refreshments after the service.

We acknowledge the sovereign country of the Wurrundjeri people of the Kulin nation on which we gather.

Outline of Today's Service from A Prayer Book for Australia [Eucharist Setting Together in Song 756 and Hymns 10 am Service only]

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Once again we welcome **Rev. Dr. Stephen Ames** as our Locum for today



O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those sent to her! How often I wanted to gather your children together, just as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you would not have it

## **Today's Ministries**

8 am Reader

**10 am** Reader **J. Warfe** 

Cantor W. Andrews

Intercessor **N. Hill** 

Welcome / E. Comeadow

Offertory *L. Lath*Morning Tea *J. Williams* 

P. Williams

# Reflection From the Locum re the Gospel for the Sunday before Lent

Luke 6:39-49. If a blind person guides a blind person, will they not both fall into a pit? Have we all fallen into a war-sized pit? Are we all blind? Even the leaders on all sides? Is there something we have not seen? The next verse of the Gospel gives an answer. Why do you see the speck in your neighbour's eye and cannot see the log in your own eye? If we apply this word to ourselves, is there is something about us that we cannot see? Yes, what Jesus calls the log in our own eye. Do we have a blind spot we cannot see?

Going on the public statements of our leaders' condemnation of Putin's invasion I hear no acknowledgement of us as invaders. We joined the invasion of Iraq without a UN resolution. Are we willing to describe ourselves in the same terms that we describe Putin? Not everyone in Australia believed the claims about Weapons of Mass Destruction, and they have never been found. Did we just make a 'mistake'? Are we willing to describe Putin as having made a 'mistake'? No, the West speaks as if from the high ground as if it were not an aggressive invader. Is this not the log that is in our own eye?

Invasion is a great evil and Putin is rightly condemned for invading Ukraine. So too the US, the UK and Australia stands condemned by their own words for invading Iraq without any UN resolution and at such terrible cost to the Iraqi people, the land, and the combatants? There is a log in our eye, that distorts how we see ourselves as a nation and how we present ourselves to the world and how we see the world. Lord help us.

# **Stephen Ames**

Diary for the Week

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Wednesday 16 March, 2022
No Wednesday Service until 30 March.
Thursday 17 February
7.30 pm Choir Practice
Sunday 20 March — Live streamed
Third Sunday in Lent
8 am Holy Communion
10 am Family Eucharist
Readings 20 March
Isaiah 55: 1—9

Psalm 63: 1-9

1 Corinthians 10: 1—13

Luke 13: 1-9

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#### Intercessions

#### For the church:

The Anglican Church of Melanesia; Religious Orders serving within the Anglican Church of Australia; St Michael's Grammar School; St Margaret's Eltham; Church of the Ascension Burwood East; Parish of Queenscliff/Pt Lonsdale; Parish of Noble Park.

# For those who face challenges in daily living:

Lesley Whitehead, Gaye Loughrey.

## Departed

Beth Wilson, Norman Headlam, Winifred Mordue.

Today's gospel reading sees some Pharisees come to warn Jesus that Herod Antipas is out to kill him and they warn him away from Jerusalem. Jesus is not at all deterred by their caution, and tells the Pharisees to tell 'that fox' Herod about how he is casting out demons and healing the sick for the next three days. Despite knowing that being in Jerusalem will result in his death, Jesus remains utterly committed to playing his part in God's mission.

- Lord, like you may I play my part in working for God's kingdom, never shying away from it even when difficulties and worries abound.
- Give thanks for the work and witness of the Anglican Church of Papua New Guinea.

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# **Covid-19 Regulations**

- Do not attend Church is you are experiencing flu like symptoms or if you are
  waiting for the results of a Covid-19 test. Please maintain social distancing at
  all times (keep 1.5 meters from other parishioners). Windows will be open
  and you are encouraged to use the hand sanitizer at the entrance.
- All are welcome at Church services (regardless of vaccination status). There is
  no limit on the number of people attending church services.
- Check in is not mandatory for people attending church services. However you
  must check into St Oswald's using the QR Code poster if you are eating or
  drinking (this includes breakfast or morning tea after services).
- Mask wearing is not mandatory in a church setting except for people serving food and drinks. However you may prefer to wear a mask. Covid-19 is not over, and you will have heard Government announcements that mask wearing is still required in public transport, hospitals and aged care facilities.
- Refreshments before or after services are for fully vaccinated people. There is
  no density limit for food and drink. People serving refreshments after services
  or at catered functions must wear masks. Self-service food is discouraged.

# Hearth Galleries invites you to the opening of Murnong Gallery on Saturday 19 March at 2pm

Our beautiful new art space is next to the Wominjeka Garden and part of the historic hall at St Oswald's Anglican Church
100 High Street, Glen Iris

**Murnong Gallery** is a place for community, conversation, collaboration and engagement

**Murnong Gallery** honours the people of the Woi-wurrung language group as custodians of Wurundjeri Biik (country).

We thank Aunty Kim Wandin for her generosity in gifting our new Gallery its beautiful name and Logo

Please RSVP to chrisjoy303@gmail.com

## Opening Hymn TiS 234

How good, Lord, to be here! your glory fills the night; your face and garments, like the sun, shine with unborrowed light.

How good, Lord, to be here, your beauty to behold, where Moses and Elijah stand, your messengers of old.

Fulfiller of the past, promise of things to be: we hail your body glorified, and our redemption see.

Before we taste of death, we see your Kingdom come; we still would hold the vision bright, and make this hill our home.

How good, Lord to be here! yet we may not remain; but since you bid us leave the mount come with us to the plain.

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Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever.

Greeting The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

# **Opening Sentence**

Our citizenship is in heaven, and it is from there that we are expecting a Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ.

\*\*Philippians 3.20\*\*

# Prayer of Preparation

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.

Lord, have mercy on us. Christ, have mercy on us. Lord, have mercy on us.

#### Collect

Brooding Spirit,
beneath your wings there is creation and life:
accompany us on the difficult path
with the disappeared and the broken,
the fearful and the vengeful,
until we find the way to the city of our peace
where we are accepted as we are;
through the cross of Jesus Christ, our only Lord. Amen

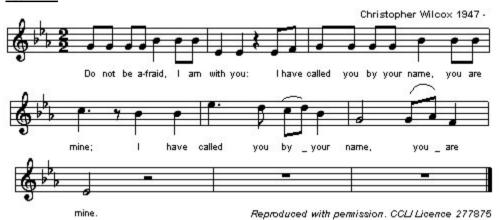
# A Reading from the Book of Genesis [Genesis 15: 1—12, 17—18]

<sup>1</sup> After these things the word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision, 'Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great.' <sup>2</sup> But Abram said, 'O Lord God , what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?' <sup>3</sup> And Abram said, 'You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir.' <sup>4</sup> But the word of the Lord came to him, 'This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir.' <sup>5</sup> He brought him outside and said, 'Look towards heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them.' Then he said to him, 'So shall your descendants be.' <sup>6</sup> And he believed the Lord; and the Lord reckoned it to him as righteousness. <sup>7</sup> Then he said to him, 'I am the Lord who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans, to give you this land to possess.' <sup>8</sup> But he said, 'O Lord God , how am I to know that I shall possess it?' <sup>9</sup> He said to him, 'Bring me a heifer three years old, a female goat three years old, a ram three years old, a turtle-dove, and a young pigeon.' <sup>10</sup> He brought him all these and cut them in two, laying each half over against the other; but he did not cut the birds in two. <sup>11</sup> And when birds

of prey came down on the carcasses, Abram drove them away. <sup>12</sup> As the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram, and a deep and terrifying darkness descended upon him. <sup>17</sup> When the sun had gone down and it was dark, a smoking fire-pot and a flaming torch passed between these pieces. <sup>18</sup> On that day the Lord made a covenant with Abram, saying, 'To your descendants I give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the river Euphrates,

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church
Thanks be to God.

# Psalm 27



#### Cantor:

The Lord is my light and my help; whom shall I fear?
The Lord is the stronghold of my life; before whom shall I shrink?

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There is one thing I ask of the Lord, for this I long: to live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.

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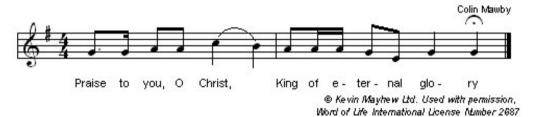
I am sure I shall see the Lord's goodness in the land of the living. Hope in him, hold firm and take heart, hope in the Lord.

R

# A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Philippians [Philippians 3: 17—4:1]

**3** <sup>17</sup> Brothers and sisters, join in imitating me, and observe those who live according to the example you have in us. <sup>18</sup> For many live as enemies of the cross of Christ; I have often told you of them, and now I tell you even with tears. <sup>19</sup> Their end is destruction; their god is the belly; and their glory is in their shame; their minds are set on earthly things. <sup>20</sup> But our citizenship is in heaven, and it is from there that we are expecting a Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>21</sup> He will transform the body of our humiliation so that it may be conformed to the body of his glory, by the power that also enables him to make all things subject to himself. **4** <sup>1</sup> Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

#### Please stand



**Gospel Acclamation** 

From the shining cloud the Father's voice is heard: this is my beloved Son, hear him.

The Gospel [Luke 13: 31—35]

# Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

<sup>31</sup> At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to him, 'Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you.' <sup>32</sup> He said to them, 'Go and tell that fox for me, "Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work. <sup>33</sup> Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed away from Jerusalem." <sup>34</sup> Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! <sup>35</sup> See, your house is left to you. And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when you say, "Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord." '

For the Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ

#### Please sit

#### Sermon

Please stand

#### The Creed

Let us together affirm the faith of the Church.

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.

## Prayers of the People

Please sit or kneel

Let us pray for the world and for the Church.

## **Prayer Responses**

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

#### Silence

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.

#### Please stand

# **Invitation to Confession**

God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy, welcoming sinners and inviting them to the Lord's table.

Let us confess our sins in penitence and faith, confident in God's forgiveness.

# 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**

Almighty God, who has promised forgiveness to all who turn to him in faith: pardon you and set you free from all your sins, strengthen you in all goodness and keep you in eternal life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### **Trisagion**

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

# 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 Hymn TiS 582

Lead, kindly light, amid the encircling gloom; lead thou me on.
The night is dark, and I am far from home; lead thou me on.
Keep thou my feet; I do not ask to see the distant scene – one step enough for me.

I was not ever thus, nor prayed that thou shouldst lead me on.
I loved to choose and see my path; but now lead thou me on.
I loved the garish day, and spite of fears pride rules my will: remember not past years.

So long thy power hath blest me, sure it still will lead me on, o'er moor and fen, o'er crag and torrent, till the night is gone: and with the morn those angel faces smile, which I have loved long since, and lost awhile.

John Henry Newman 1801 – 90

# Offertory Prayer

Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation.
Through your goodness
we have these gifts of bread and wine 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 2

[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 right to praise you, faithful God,
Always and everywhere,
for with your only begotten Son
and life-giving Spirit,
you are the one true God from everlasting to everlasting

At the dawn of time you wrought from nothing a universe of beauty and splendour, bringing light from darkness and order from chaos.

You formed us in your image, and endowed us with creative power.

We turned away from you but you did not abandon us. You call us by name and searched us out, making a covenant of mercy, giving the law, and teaching justice by the prophets.

And so we praise you, joining with your faithful people of every time and place, singing the eternal song:

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.]

When the fullness of time was come,
you sent your Son to be born of Mary.
Bright image of your glory,
he learnt obedience to you in all things,
even to death on a cross,
breaking the power of evil,
freeing us from sin, and putting death to flight.

You raised him from death, exalting him to glory, and the new day dawned.

On the night he was betrayed your son Jesus Christ shared food with his friends, his companions on the way.

While at table he took bread, blessed, and broke it, and giving it to them said: 'Take, eat; this is my body.'

He took a cup of wine, and, giving thanks, he gave it to them, and said, 'This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many. Do this in remembrance of me.'

Let us proclaim the Mystery of Faith

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Therefore, living God, as we obey his command, we remember his life of obedience to you, his suffering and death,

his resurrection and exaltation, and his promise to be with us for ever. With this bread and this cup we celebrate his saving death until he comes.

Accept, we pray, our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. and send your Holy Spirit upon us and our celebration that all who eat and drink at this table may be strengthened by Christ's body and blood to serve you in the world.

As one body and one holy people,
may we proclaim the everlasting gospel
of Jesus Christ our Lord.
through whom, with whom, and in whom,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all glory is yours, eternal God, now and for ever.

Amen.

Blessing and honour and glory and power are yours for ever and ever. 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.

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.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us; Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us; Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, grant us your peace. [The gifts of God for the people of God.]

Come let us take this holy sacrament of the body and blood of Christ in remembrance that he died for us, and feed on him in our hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

The people come forward to receive Holy Communion

The sacrament is given with the following words, after which the communicant responds **Amen.** 

The body of Christ the bread of heaven keep you in eternal life. Amen.
The blood of Christ the cup of salvation keep you in eternal life. Amen.

After Communion

#### THE SENDING OUT OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Living God, in this holy meal you fill us with new hope. May the power of your love, which we have known in word and sacrament, continue your saving work among us, give us courage for our pilgrimage, and bring us to the joys you promise.

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.

# Final Hymn TiS 315

Mine eyes have seen the glory of the coming of the Lord; he is trampling out the vintage where the grapes of wrath are stored; he has loosed the fateful lightning of his terrible swift sword: his truth is marching on.

Glory, glory, hallelujah, glory, glory, hallelujah, glory, glory hallelujah, his truth is marching on.

He has sounded forth the trumpet that shall never call retreat; he is sifting out the hearts of men before his judgment seat:

O be swift, my soul, to answer him; be jubilant, my feet!

Our God is marching on.

## Refrain

In the beauty of the lilies Christ was born across the sea, with a glory in his bosom which transfigures you and me: as he died to make all holy, let us live to make all free, while God is marching on.

### Refrain

He is coming like the glory of the morning on the wave; he is wisdom to the mighty; he is succour to the brave: so the world shall be his foot-stool, and the soul of time his slave: our God is marching on.

## Refrain

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#### Dismissal

The peace of God which passes all understanding keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

And the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you always. **Amen**.

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord:

In the name of Christ. Amen.