



Fourth Sunday in Lent

27 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]

We welcome
Bishop Paul Barker
who will preside and preach today.

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Today's Ministries

8 am	Reader	B. Loh
10 am	Reader	J. Warfe
10 am	Cantor	J. Barrat
	Intercessor	C. Adams
	Welcome / Offertory	W. Johnson
	Morning Tea	R. Adams C. Adams



Diary for the Week

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Tuesday 29 March

7.30 pm **Parish Council**

Wednesday 30 March, 2022

10 am **Holy Communion**

11.30 am **Holy Communion at
Samarinda Lodge**

Thursday 31 March

7.30 pm **Choir Practice**

Sunday 3 April —Live streamed

Fifth Sunday in Lent

8 am **Holy Communion**

10 am **Family Eucharist**

Readings 3 April

Isaiah 43: 16—21

Psalm 126

Philippians 3: 3—14

John 12: 1—8

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Intercessions

For the church:

The Church of the Province of Myanmar; Ministry with the Aboriginal people of Australia; Trinity Grammar School; St Stephen's Gardenvale; Parish of Ocean Grove & Barwon Heads; St Oswald's Glen Iris; St Stephen's Greythorn; St Paul's Cathedral – Lady Day Service.

For those who face challenges in daily living:

Lesley Whitehead, Gaye Loughrey.

Departed

George Rance, Mervyn Fernando, Robin Hodder

Men of Glenburton

The next MOG meeting will be on **Wednesday 30 March** commencing at **7:30pm**.

The speaker will be our ward Councillor Garry Thompson. During his recent term as Mayor, Garry played a major role in getting strategies on climate change and reconciliation in place. The meeting will be held in the church at

St Oswald's. Any parishioners or friends would be most welcome. Please advise Dick Adams at rcadams@westnet.com.au or on 0408798128 if you would like to join us

Covid-19 Regulations

- Do not attend Church if 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.



Today we read St Luke's well-known parable of the prodigal son, although the writer Barbara Brown Taylor has described it as the 'parable of the dysfunctional family – a story about a weak patriarch with an absentee wife and two rebellious sons he seems unable to control, who is willing to sacrifice his honour to keep his community together'. A younger son does the unthinkable and asks his father for his inheritance well before his death. Once the son possessed his newly gained wherewithal, the money was soon frittered away in the fleshpots of the Gentile world. The son then had to earn some money in order to live. He gained a job as an assistant to some swineherds – the lowest of the low, and hardly a good job for any self-respecting Jew. On coming home, he addressed his father formally and with respect. His father rejoiced, clothed the son in fine clothing and ordered that a feast be held. Meanwhile, on returning from the field, the elder son heard the hubbub and asked a slave what was going on. The answer enraged him and he took his father to task, addressing him without respect or even acknowledging that the prodigal is his brother. The father's answer to the elder son is likely to be regarded as problematic by anyone with a parent who plays favourites. Nonetheless, the story does make us wonder, as the Canadian theologian Chris Haslam notes, 'at the end of the era, will godly people be ready to be joyous in sharing the Kingdom with reformed sinners and a God who loves them?'

- Lord, may I always come back to you in repentance if I wander away. May I always demonstrate love and fairness to others, not assuming that either are evident. May I put all bitterness aside so that joy can fill my life.
- Give thanks for the work and witness of the Church of South India, remembering especially today their ministry in a predominantly non-Christian context

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Please stand

Opening Hymn TiS 233

I will sing the wondrous story
of the Christ who died for me,
how he left the realms of glory
for the cross on Calvary.

*Refrain Yes, I'll sing the wondrous story
of the Christ who died for me,
sing it with his saints in glory,
gathered by the crystal sea.*

I was lost: but Jesus found me,
found the sheep that went astray,
raised me up and gently led me
back into the narrow way.

Refrain

Faint was I, and fears possessed me,
bruised was I from many a fall,
hope was gone, and shame distressed me:
but his love has pardoned all.

Refrain

Days of darkness still may meet me,
sorrow's paths I oft may tread;
but his presence still is with me,
by his guiding hand I'm led.

Refrain

He will keep me till the river
rolls its waters at my feet:
then he'll bear me safely over,
where the loved ones I shall meet.

Refrain

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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

While he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him. *Luke 15: 21*

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.**

Collect

**Undignified God,
Spirit of dangerous feasts,
inviting the unclean to your table:
find us in the far country
of hopelessness and greed;
free us from the prison
of resentment and envy
and bring us back to life;
through Jesus Christ, the friend of sinners. Amen.**

A Reading from the Book of Joshua

[Joshua 5: 2—12]

² At that time the Lord said to Joshua, 'Make flint knives and circumcise the Israelites a second time.'³ So Joshua made flint knives, and circumcised the Israelites at Gibeath-haaraloth. ⁴ This is the reason why Joshua circumcised them: all the males of the people who came out of Egypt, all the warriors, had died during the journey through the wilderness after they had come out of Egypt. ⁵ Although all the people who came out had been circumcised, yet all the people born on the journey through the wilderness after they had come out of Egypt had not been circumcised. ⁶ For the Israelites travelled for forty years in the wilderness, until all the nation, the warriors who came out of Egypt, perished, not having listened to the voice of the Lord. To them the Lord swore that he would not let them see the land that he had sworn to their ancestors to give us, a land flowing with milk and honey. ⁷ So it was their children, whom he raised up in their place, that Joshua circumcised; for they were uncircumcised, because they had not been circumcised on the way. ⁸ When the circumcising of all the nation was done, they

remained in their places in the camp until they were healed. ⁹ The Lord said to Joshua, 'Today I have rolled away from you the disgrace of Egypt.' And so that place is called Gilgal to this day. ¹⁰ While the Israelites were encamped in Gilgal they kept the passover in the evening on the fourteenth day of the month in the plains of Jericho. ¹¹ On the day after the passover, on that very day, they ate the produce of the land, unleavened cakes and parched grain. ¹² The manna ceased on the day they ate the produce of the land, and the Israelites no longer had manna; they ate the crops of the land of Canaan that year.

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

Psalm 32

Gerry Fitzpatrick

For - give me, O Lord, the guilt of my sin.

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Cantor:

Happy the one whose transgression is forgiven,
 and whose sin is covered.

Happy the one to whom the Lord imputes no guilt,
 and in whose spirit there is no guile. **R**

For I held my tongue;
 my bones wasted away through my groaning all the day long.
 Your hand was heavy upon me day and night;
 my moisture was dried up like the drought in summer. **R**

Then I acknowledged my sin to you
 and my iniquity I did not hide.

I said, 'I will confess my transgressions to the Lord,'
 and you forgave the guilt of my sin. **R**

Therefore let all the faithful make their prayers to you in time of trouble,
 in the great water flood, it shall not reach them.

You are a place for me to hide in; you preserve me from trouble;
 you surround me with songs of deliverance. **R**

'I will instruct you and teach you in the way that you should go;

I will guide you with my eye.

‘Be not like horse and mule which have no understanding;
whose mouths must be held with bit and bridle,
or else they will not stay near you.’

R

Great tribulations remain for the wicked,
but mercy embraces those who trust in the Lord.

Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice in the Lord;
shout for joy, all who are true of heart.

R

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A Reading from Paul’s Second Letter to the Corinthians [2 Corinthians 5: 16—21]

¹⁶ From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. ¹⁷ So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! ¹⁸ All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; ¹⁹ that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. ²⁰ So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. ²¹ For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

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

Please stand

Colin Mawby



Praise to you, O Christ, King of e - ter - nal glo - ry

The image shows a single line of musical notation on a five-line staff. It begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp (F#), and a 4/4 time signature. The melody consists of quarter and eighth notes, with a long note on 'Christ' and 'ry' that spans across two measures. The lyrics are printed below the staff.

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Gospel Acclamation

I am the good shepherd, says the Lord;
I know my sheep and mine know me.

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

¹¹ Then Jesus said, ‘There was a man who had two sons. ¹² The younger of them said to his father, “Father, give me the share of the property that will belong to me.” So he divided his property between them. ¹³ A few days later the younger son gathered all he had and travelled to a distant country, and there he squandered his property in dissolute living. ¹⁴ When he had spent everything, a severe famine took place throughout that country, and he began to be in need. ¹⁵ So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed the pigs. ¹⁶ He would gladly have filled himself with the pods that the pigs were eating; and no one gave him anything. ¹⁷ But when he came to himself he said, “How many of my father’s hired hands have bread enough and to spare, but here I am dying of hunger! ¹⁸ I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; ¹⁹ I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands.’ ” ²⁰ So he set off and went to his father. But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him. ²¹ Then the son said to him, “Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.” ²² But the father said to his slaves, “Quickly, bring out a robe—the best one—and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. ²³ And get the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate; ²⁴ for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!” And they began to celebrate. ²⁵ ‘Now his elder son was in the field; and when he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing. ²⁶ He called one of the slaves and asked what was going on. ²⁷ He replied, “Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has got him back safe and sound.” ²⁸ Then he became angry and refused to go in. His father came out and began to plead with him. ²⁹ But he answered his father, “Listen! For all these years I have been working like a slave for you, and I have never disobeyed your command; yet you have never given me even a young goat so that I might celebrate with my friends. ³⁰ But when this son of yours came back, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fatted calf for him!” ³¹ Then the father said to him, “Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. ³² But we had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and has come to life; he was lost and has been found.” ’

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.**

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

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.**

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 648

**Help us accept each other
as Christ accepted us;
teach us as sister, brother,
each person to embrace.
Be present, Lord, among us
and bring us to believe
we are *ourselves* accepted
and meant to love and live.**

**Teach us, O Lord, your lessons,
as in our daily life
we struggle to be human
and search for hope and faith..
Teach us to care for people,
for all – not just for some,
to love them as we find them
or as they may become.**

**Let your acceptance change us,
so that we may be moved**

**in living situations
to do the truth in love;
to practice your acceptance,
until we know by heart
the table of forgiveness
and laughter's healing art.**

**Lord, for today's encounters
with all who are in need,
who hunger for acceptance,
for righteousness and bread,
we need new eyes for seeing,
new hands for holding on:
renew us with your Spirit;
Lord, free us, make us one!**

Frederik Herman Kaan

1929 –

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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

God of mercy,
may we who have shared in this holy meal
know your forgiveness in our lives,
bring your reconciliation to others,
and be a sign of your wholeness in this broken world.

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 684

Love will be our Lenten calling, love to shake and shatter sin,
waking every closed, cold spirit,
stirring new life deep within,
till the quickened heart remembers
what our Easter birth can mean.

Peace will be our Lenten living
as we turn for home again,
longing for the words of pardon,
stripping off old grief and pain,
till we stand, restores and joyful,
with the Church on Easter day.

Truth will be our Lenten learning:
hear the Crucified One call!
Shadowed by the Saviour's passion,
images and idols fall,
and, in Easter's holy splendour,
God alone is all in all.

Elizabeth J. Smith
1956 –

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Dismissal

Christ our Saviour draw you to himself,
that you may find in him crucified
a sure ground for faith,
a firm support for hope,
and the assurance of sin forgiven.

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.