

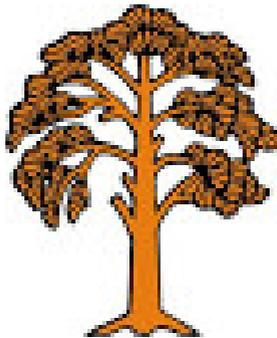
ANGLICAN CHURCH OF AUSTRALIA
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ST PAUL'S - BAKERY HILL



"If God is for us, who is against us?" (Rom 8:31)

Second Sunday in Lent – 17th March 2019
Living our Faith and Witnessing to Christ's Love

Welcome to St Paul's Church! We acknowledge the Wathaurung people, the traditional custodians of this land. Visitors are asked to make themselves known to the Welcomers. You are invited to wear a St Paul's name tag. Communicant members of all Christian traditions are invited to receive communion; anyone is welcome to receive a blessing. Please join us for refreshments after the Parish Eucharist.



8am Holy Eucharist 10am Parish Eucharist

Welcome to our Eucharist.

INTROIT HYMN: Jesus, where'er your people meet: **TIS: 445**

William Cowper 1731-1800

In the name of God: Father, + Son and Holy Spirit. **Amen.**
The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

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

The Penitential Rite

The Kyrie is sung:

Lord have mercy; Christ have mercy; Lord have mercy.

The celebrant introduces the Prayer of General 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.

The celebrant says the Prayer of Absolution:

COLLECT OF THE DAY: (*pause for silent prayer*) God of our ancestors, whose chosen servant Abraham was given faith to obey your call and go out into the unknown: endow your Church with such faith that we may follow you with courage; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen**

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

OLD TESTAMENT READING Genesis 15.1–12, 17–18

A reading from the book of Genesis.

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.' 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?' And Abram said, 'You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir.' 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.' 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.' And he believed the LORD; and the LORD reckoned it to him as righteousness. Then he said to him, 'I am the LORD who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans, to give you this land to possess.' But he said, 'O Lord GOD, how am I to know that I shall possess it?' 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.' 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. And when birds of prey came down on the carcasses, Abram drove them away. As the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram, and a deep and terrifying darkness descended upon him. When the sun had gone down and it was dark, a smoking fire-pot and a flaming torch passed between these pieces. 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.'

This is the Word of the Lord, **thanks be to God**

PSALM 27 (*We respond with the bold verses*).

The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom then shall I fear? the Lord is the strength of my life; of whom then shall I be afraid?

When evildoers came upon me to eat up my flesh, it was they, my foes and my adversaries, who stumbled and fell.

Though an army should encamp against me, yet my heart shall not be afraid;

And though war should rise up against me, yet will I put my trust in him.

One thing have I asked of the Lord; one thing I seek; that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life;

To behold the fair beauty of the Lord and to seek him in his temple.

For in the day of trouble he shall keep me safe in his shelter; he shall hide me in the secrecy of his dwelling and set me high upon a rock.

Even now he lifts up my head above my enemies round about me;

Therefore I will offer in his dwelling an oblation with sounds of great gladness; I will sing and make music to the Lord.

Hearken to my voice, O Lord, when I call; have mercy on me and answer me.

You speak in my heart and say, 'Seek my face.' Your face, Lord, will I seek.

Hide not your face from me, nor turn away your servant in displeasure.

You have been my helper; cast me not away; do not forsake me, O God of my salvation.

Though my father and my mother forsake me, the Lord will sustain me.

Show me your way, O Lord; lead me on a level path, because of my enemies.

Deliver me not into the hand of my adversaries, for false witnesses have risen up against me, and also those who speak malice.

What if I had not believed that I should see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living!

O tarry and await the Lord's pleasure; be strong and he shall comfort your heart; wait patiently for the Lord.

NEW TESTAMENT READING Philippians 3.17 – 4.1

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Philippians.

Brothers and sisters, join in imitating me, and observe those who live according to the example you have in us. 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. Their end is destruction; their god is the belly; and their glory is in their shame; their minds are set on earthly things. But our citizenship is in heaven, and it is from there that we are expecting a Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ. He will transform the body of our humiliation 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. 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.

This is the Word of the Lord, **thanks be to God**

GRADUAL HYMN: May this Lenten discipline: **TIS 463**

James Phillip McAuley 1917-76

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

From the shining cloud the Father's voice is heard: this is my beloved Son, hear him. **Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!**

GOSPEL Luke 13.1-9

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

+ Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ

At that very time there were some present who told him about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. He asked them, "Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did. Or those

eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them—do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others living in Jerusalem? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish just as they did.” Then he told this parable: “A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. So he said to the gardener, ‘See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?’ He replied, ‘Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig around it and put manure on it. If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.’”

This is the Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ

THE SERMON: Fr Graham

Let us together affirm the faith of the Church:

[stand]

**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 INTERCESSION

Let us pray for the world and the Church...

After the prayers:

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.

The following Prayer of Humble Access may follow here:

We do not presume to come to your table, merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in your manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under your table. But you are the same Lord whose nature is always to have mercy. Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

THE GREETING OF PEACE *All stand.*

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: What shall we offer our good Lord: **TIS 439**

John Wesley 1703-91

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

The celebrant begins the Eucharistic Prayer (remain standing throughout)

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.

The preface continues...forever praising you and singing:

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.

The Eucharistic prayer continues...

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

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

The prayer concludes with ...in songs of never ending praise:

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 forever. Amen

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD AND THE COMMUNION

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

We who are many are one body in Christ,

for we all share in the one bread.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,

have mercy upon us

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,

have mercy upon us;

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, grant us your peace.

This is the Lamb of God, who takes away the sins 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.

The gifts of God for the people of God.

COMMUNION HYMN: An upper room did our Lord prepare: **TIS 536**
Frederick Pratt Green 1903-2000

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

Parish Notices...

THE BLESSING

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 among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Go in the peace of Christ, **Thanks be to God!**

RECESSIONAL HYMN: Sent forth by God's blessing: **TIS 531**
Omer Westendorf 1916-

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Worship & Diary this week **(18th –23rd March)**

Tues – 10.00 am Christian Meditation

Wed- 11.15 am Eureka HC

7.30 pm Parish Council

Thurs – 10.30 am Holy Eucharist and Morning Tea

Readings for next Sunday Isaiah 55.1-9, Psalm 63.1-9, 1 Corinthians 10.1-13, Luke 13.31-35



For the Church in every time and place and especially for:

- The Church of England, The Most Revd and Rt Hon Justin Welby - Archbishop of Canterbury
- Sydney: Glenn Davies, Peter Hayward, Ivan Lee, Chris Edwards, Michael Stead & Peter Lin.
- The Registrar: Peter Jarvis
- The staff of the Diocesan Centre: Glen Wesley, Mary Greene, Cheryl Pierce, Lisa Hofler and John Russell.
- Kwima
- Those suffering incurable and isolating illness.

For those with Special Needs: among the sick Carmel, Tony W, Bennita, Hazel, Heather, Stephanie, Tamara, Andrew, Aaron, Emily, Ruth, Julie, Sue, Vera, Jenny, Jan, Fr Peter, Seth, Corey, Michele, Gillian, Pauline, Margaret. We pray for patients suffering from serious diseases and those who care for them.

For the departed: Peter Shepheard, Jane O' Neil, Catherine Lewis (17) Hilda Collier, Susanah Gessell (18) Hector Gay, Maria Hodgson, John Hughes, Linda Stevenson (19) Hazel Turner, Sybil Trigg, Queenie Trescowthick, Rhonda Cox, Frederick Wright (20) Gregory Bryant, George Parker, Florence Furness (21) Mary Bowker, Clifford Sampson, Malcolm Wilkins, Jessie Bamford, Eva Clark (22) Muriel Brownlow, Patricia Diggle (23)



Come and join the fun

Wednesdays during school term

10.30am- 12.30 pm

The Cathedral Function Room

49 Lydiard Street South.



International Relations

Peace will be our Lenten living as we turn to home again, Longing for the word of pardon, Stripping off old grief and pain, Till we stand, restored and joyful, With the Church on Easter Day.

Here is my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights;

I have put my spirit upon him; he will bring forth justice to the nations. Isaiah 42:1

With international relations reflecting many of the hatred and bitterness that is seen in local communities, between neighbours and within families, our thankful prayers go to MU in Peru where members are supporting families separated by circumstance or ill-feeling. After receiving loving support a husband and wife were reunited and live happily together again., standing 'restored and joyful'. We thank you, loving God, for the peace you bring us in your son, Jesus and for the witness of members in Peru

LADY DAY – MOTHERS UNION

Lady Day will be celebrated on Monday 25th March at the cathedral. Bishop Garry will preside and preach at the service commencing at 11.00am. This will be followed by a luncheon. Members are requested to bring a plate of lunch to share.



MARCH

Mon 25th – 11.00am Mothers Union Lady Day at the cathedral

Sat 23rd – BBQ at Coles Sebastopol

APRIL

Thurs 4th- 10.00am-4.00pm Day with the Bishop at the Abbey

Thurs 18th- Maundy Thursday 7.00pm Eucharist with washing of feet, watch until 10.00pm

Fri 19th – Good Friday 3.00pm Liturgy of the Day

Sun 21st – Easter Day 8.00am and 10.00am Eucharist and renewal of baptismal vows

MAY

Sat 4th – plant sale

Sat 4th- 11.00am Ordination at the Cathedral

LENTEN STUDIES

Fr Graham will be leading a Lenten study after the 10.30am service on Thursday mornings during Lent. These will be based on a book entitled "Compassion" which is available at a cost of \$10.00.

There is also a free booklet available from Anglican Overseas Aid for anyone who wishes to use it. This can be found at the back of the church.



AUTUMN PLANT SALE –7 WEEKS AWAY

Gardening Tips for Plant Sale

Time to take tip cuttings of plumbago (white/blue), climbing roses - 15cm lengths, black currant bushes, and hardwood cuttings from roses. Use sandwich bag method (on notice board) Sow seeds of seaside daisy, parsley, winter lettuce, pansies etc. Keep moist.

Recycling Plastic Bags? We need heaps for bagging sheep manure and for the Autumn Plant Sale. These can be left in the box under the black notice board.

BOOKSTALL - having a sort out ? - books can be left in box under black notice board.

BBQ

Our next Fund Raiser is a BBQ at Coles Sebastopol on Saturday 23rd March. Come and support our fund raising effort -call in for a chat, bring your friends, enjoy a lunch or snack.

TESSELAAR BULBS FUNDRAISER

We will again be selling premium quality bulbs through Tesselaar, that are guaranteed to grow and flower, at an excellent price. The 2019 Catalogue and order forms are available for collection at the rear of the Church. Orders and money to be returned to Heather Clinton by Sunday **7 April**.

EASTER RAFFLE

50cents a ticket, drawn Palm Sunday, April 14th.

3 prizes to be won. Basket of Eggs, and 2 mystery Easter prizes.

Make sure you have a chance to enjoy one of them!

Tickets available at the back of the Church.

PANCAKE TEA

The Pancake Tea was enjoyed by all with a meal of delicious pancakes and a wide range of fillings. We raised \$240 and the Easter Raffle was also well supported. Thanks to everyone for their support to make the evening so successful.

ROSTER

Tony is very happy to continue to provide a paper copy of the readings each week, and the roster as it is published.

However a number of people have indicated that they would prefer to have these provided to them via email. If you would like to have the roster and the readings emailed to you please send an email to Tony at tony.rowlands@bigpond.com

If there is anyone interested in helping out on the roster please also contact Tony, either at Church or via email.

AUSTRALIAN BOARD OF MISSIONS

Bishop Garry has requested that each parish select two projects to support this year. Our parish has chosen the Integrated Water, Sanitation and Hygiene project in Myanmar and the Positive Parenting Program in the Solomon Islands. Details of these projects can be found on the noticeboard. If you would like to donate to either of these projects, please place your donation in an envelope in the offertory plate, marked with the name of the project you wish to support. Donations are tax deductible.

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