

"Seeking God, Serving with love, Sharing hope"

Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, and was buried, and was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures, and appeared to many. 1 Corinthians 15.3-4.

Welcome to Church

We are delighted that you are worshipping with us today. Please take Communion, whatever your denomination. If you are visiting, please make yourself known to Fr Anthony or to one of our welcomers following the service and do stay for a cuppa and chat!



For those who have children with them, there is a children's corner in the church for the little ones. During school term, children who are pre-school age and above can attend 'Godzone' - Special Children's Activities - shortly after we begin the 9.30am service.

ORDER OF SERVICE

Before each service we enter a time of silence as we prepare ourselves for worship.

Entrance Hymn: TiS 658 "I, the Lord of sea and sky"

I, the Lord of sea and sky,
I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in dark and sin
my hand will save.
I who made the stars of night,
I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them?
Whom shall I send?
Here I am Lord, Is it I, Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night;
I will go Lord, if you lead me.
I will hold Your people in my heart.

I, the Lord of snow and rain,
I have borne my people's pain.
I have wept for love of them.
They turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone,
give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak my word to them.
Whom shall I send?
Here I am Lord, Is it I, Lord?

I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame. I will set a feast for them, my hand will save. Finest bread I will provide till their hearts be satisfied. I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?

Here I am Lord, Is it I, Lord?

Daniel L. Schutte 1947- suggested by Isaiah 6.

Acclamation

Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Blessed be God for ever.

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Welcome

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 Two Great Commandments:

Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God, the Lord is one; you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength.' Jesus said: 'This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it: you shall love your neighbour as yourself.'

Kyries: Lord have mercy,

Christ have mercy, Lord have mercy.

The Gloria:

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's people on earth. Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father; receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High Jesus Christ. with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

The Prayer of the Day:

Most holy God, in whose presence angels serve in awe, and whose glory fills all heaven and earth: cleanse our unclean lips and transform us by your grace so that your word spoken through us may bring many to your salvation;

through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God for ever and ever. **Amen.**

We pray together for hope:

God of Hope

You call on us to be your witness in this uncertain world;
By your Spirit awaken in us
a true vision of your kingdom,
a greater certainty of our salvation, and
a deeper dedication to your service;
that through our words and actions the same Spirit may
bring many who are lost to be found,
and for them to celebrate the hope
that we can only have in Jesus Christ,
in whose name we pray. Amen.

Godzone blessing

The ministry of the Word:

The first reading: Isaiah 6.1-8

In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty; and the hem of his robe filled the temple.

Seraphs were in attendance above him; each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew.

And one called to another and said:

'Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts;

the whole earth is full of his glory.'

The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke.

And I said: 'Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts!'

Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs.

The seraph touched my mouth with it and said: 'Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out.'

Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, 'Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?' And I said, 'Here am I; send me!'

For the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 138

I will give you thanks, O Lord, with my whole heart:

even before the gods will I sing your praises.

I will bow down toward your holy temple

and give thanks to your name:

because of your faithfulness and your loving-kindness, for you have made your name and your word supreme over all things.

At a time when I called to you, you gave me answer:

and put new strength within my soul.

All the kings of the earth shall praise you, O Lord:

for they have heard the words of your mouth;

And they shall sing of the ways of the Lord:

that the glory of the Lord is great.

For though the Lord is exalted, he looks upon the lowly:

and he comprehends the proud from afar.

Though I walk in the midst of danger,

yet will you preserve my life:

you will stretch out your hand against the fury of my enemies, and your right hand shall save me.

The Lord will complete his purpose for me:

your loving-kindness, O Lord, endures for ever; do not forsake the work of your own hands.

The second reading: 1 Corinthians 15.1-11

Now I should remind you, brothers and sisters, of the good news that I proclaimed to you, which you in turn received, in which also you stand, through which also you are being saved, if you hold firmly to the message that I proclaimed to you—unless you have come to believe in vain. For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. Last of all, as to someone untimely born, he appeared also to me. For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace towards me has not been in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them—though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. Whether then it was I or they, so we proclaim and so you have come to believe.

For the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gradual hymn: TiS 693 "Come as you are, that's how I want you"

Come as you are, that's how I want you, come as you are, feel quite at home. Close to my heart, loved and forgiven; come as you are, why stand alone?

No need to fear, love sets no limits; no need to fear, love never ends; don't run away shamed and disheartened, rest in my love, trust me again.

The Gospel reading:

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

The gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Luke, chapter 5, beginning at verse 1

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Once while Jesus was standing beside the lake of Gennesaret, and the crowd was pressing in on him to hear the word of God, he saw two boats there at the shore of the lake; the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. He got into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, and asked him to put out a little way from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat. When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, 'Put out into the deep water and let down your nets for a catch.' Simon answered, 'Master, we have worked all night long but have caught nothing. Yet if you say so, I will let down the nets.' When they had done this, they caught so many fish that their nets were beginning to break. So they signalled to their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both boats, so that they began to sink. But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, 'Go away from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man!' For he and all who were with him were amazed at the catch of fish that they had taken; and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. Then Jesus said to Simon, 'Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching people.' When they had brought their boats to shore, they left everything and followed him.

For the gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

I came to call sinners, not just the righteous; I came to bring peace, not to condemn. Each time you fail to live by my promise, why do you think I'd love you the less?

Come as you are, that's how I love you; come as you are, trust me again.
Nothing can change the love that I bear you. all will be well, just come as you are.

Dierdre Browne 1936-

Sermon – followed by a time of silent reflection

The Creed:

Let us stand together and 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.

The prayers of the people:

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Response: God of Hope, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

At the conclusion

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.

Preparation

God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. John 3.16.

Prayer of Approach:

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.

Invitation to Confession:

Christ the grace of God has dawned upon the world with healing for all.

Let us bring our weaknesses and infirmities to him, confessing our sins in penitence and faith.

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**.

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 596 "Fill my whole life, O Lord my God"

Fill my whole life, O Lord my God, in every part with praise, that my whole being may proclaim your being and your ways.

Praise in the common things of life, its goings out and in; praise in each duty and each deed, however small and mean.

Fill every part of me with praise: let all my being speak of you and of your love, O Lord, poor though I be and weak.

So shall you, Lord, receive from me the praise and glory due; and so shall I begin on earth the song for ever new.

So shall no part of day and night from sacredness be free; but with you, Lord, in every step my fellowship will be.

Horatius Bonar 1808-89 alt.

Prayer over the gifts:

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 by the power of your Spirit was born of Mary And lived as one of us.

You anointed him as Messiah, the light of the nations, and revealed him as the hope of all who thirst for righteousness and peace. By his death on the cross and rising to new life, he offered a one true sacrifice for sin and obtained an eternal deliverance for his people.

Therefore with angels and archangels,
And all the company of heaven,
We proclaim your great and glorious name,
For ever praising you and singing:

Holy, holy, Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.

Blesséd is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Merciful God, we thank you for these gifts of your creation, this bread and wine, and we pray that by your Word and Holy Spirit, we who eat and drink them may be partakers of Christ's body and blood.

On the night he was betrayed Jesus took bread; and when he had given you thanks he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, 'Take, eat. This is my body 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
shed for you and for many
for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.'

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith.

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

Therefore we do as our Saviour has commanded: proclaiming his offering of himself made once for all upon the cross, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension, and looking for his coming again, we celebrate, with this bread and this cup, his one perfect and sufficient sacrifice for the sins of the whole world.

Renew us by your Holy Spirit,
unite us in the body of your Son
and bring us with all your people
into the joy of your eternal kingdom;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
with whom, and in whom,
in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,
we worship you, Father,
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 for ever. Amen.

The breaking of the bread:

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.

Agnus Dei:

Jesus, Lamb of God, have mercy on us. Jesus, bearer of our sins, have mercy on us Jesus, redeemer of the world, grant us your peace.

Invitation to communion:

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 Communion

Post communion hymn: TiS 746 "The heavens shall declare"

The heavens shall declare the glory of His name All creation bows at the coming of the King Every eye shall see, every heart will know Every knee shall bow, every tongue confess Holy, holy, holy is the Lord See the coming of the King, holy is the Lord

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Geoffrey William Bullock 1955-

Prayer after Communion:

God of the nations, we thank you for nourishing us with this holy sacrament. Guide us by your presence, that we may bring your light to those who dwell in darkness, and establish your justice in the earth.

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.

Notices

The Blessing:

May Christ the Son of God be manifest to you, that your lives may be a light to the world; and the + blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Final Hymn: TiS 687 "God gives us a future"

God gives us a future, daring us to go into dreams and dangers on a path unknown. We will face tomorrow in the Spirit's power, we will let God change us, for new life starts now. We must leave behind us sins of yesterday, for God's new beginning is a better way. Fear and doubt and habit must not hold us back: God gives hope, and insight, and the strength we lack.

Holy Spirit, teach us how to read the signs, how to meet the challenge of our troubled times. Love us into action, stir us into prayer, till we choose God's life, and find our future there.

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Dismissal:

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

In the name of Christ, Amen.

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NOTICES

Shrove Tuesday – Pancake Spectacular 4th March! Once again we will enjoy pancakes and fellowship but this time at Heath McKenzie's house, 28 Morack Road Vermont. Put the date in your diary now, and add your name(s) to the sign-up sheet in the Narthex to ensure we will have pancakes for all!

Not home alone is back for 2025! Our next lunch is Friday 28th February, 12 noon for a 12:30pm lunch at the Mountain View Hotel Glen Waverley. Looking forward to seeing you all, Judithe 9729 8185.

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SAINTS AND HOLY WOMEN AND MEN FOR THIS WEEK

Friday Cyril (d. 869) and Methodius, bishop (d. 885) missionaries to the Slavs

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Wednesday: Next Sunday: SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

1 Corintnians 15.12-20

Luke 6.17-26

WE THANK GOD FOR HIS MANY BLESSINGS, LET US PRAY EACH DAY FOR: THE CHURCH

Sun 9 Holy Trinity Coburg (Farag Hanna); The Diocese of Grafton (Bp Murray Harvey, Clergy & People); Geelong Grammar School (Rebecca Cody, Principal; Gordon Lingard, Chaplain); The Anglican Church of Australia (Abp Geoffrey Smith); St Paul's Cathedral – Valedictory service (Abp Philip Freier); Anglican Parish of Mount Dandenong – Pastoral service (Bp Paul Barker);

Mon 10 St Andrew's Corio - Norlane (David Milford); Ministry with the Aboriginal people of Australia (Bp Chris McLeod, National Aboriginal Bishop, Aboriginal Clergy & People); Benetas (Sandra Hills, CEO);

Tue 11 Redemption Church Craigieburn (Incumbency vacant); Ministry with the Torres Strait Islander people of Australia (Torres Strait Islander Clergy & People); Brotherhood of St Laurence (Conny Lenneberg, CEO, Michelle Trebilcock, Debra Saffrey-Collins, chaplains); Peninsular Grammar – Commissioning of new principal Leandra Turner (Bp Paul Barker);

Wed 12 The Parish of St John's, Cranbourne w. Christ Church, Tooradin (Samuel Bleby, James Young); The Diocese of Melbourne (Bp Administrator Genieve Blackwell, Asst Bps Paul Barker, Bradly Billings, Kate Prowd, Clergy & People);

Converge International (Jenny George, CEO, and Chaplains);

Thu 13 St John the Divine Croydon (Sathi Anthony); The Diocese of Newcastle (Bp Peter Stuart, Asst Bps Charlie Murry, Sonia Roulston, Clergy & People); Hume Anglican Grammar School (Bill Sweeney, Principal; Satvasheela Pandhare, Chaplain); Ridley College – Commissioning of Principal Rhys Bezzant (Bp Paul Barker);

Fri 14 The Anglican Parish of Croydon Hills & Wonga Park (Leroy Coote); The Diocese of North Queensland (Bp Keith Joseph, Clergy & People); Bush Church Aid Society (Adrian Lane, Regional Officer);

Sat 15 Church of the New Guinea Martyrs Croydon South (Bruce Bickerdike); The Diocese of North West Australia (Bp Darrell Parker, Clergy & People); Archdeaconry of Stonnington (Colleen O'Reilly).

AUSTRALIA & NEW ZEALAND

Reconciliation and justice for our First Nations People. Those impacted by the state of the economy and recent natural disasters.

THE WORLD

A compassionate outcome for all Asylum Seekers. Productive and harmonious relationships among Pacific neighbours. Peace in the Holy Lands, Middle East, Eastern Europe and Africa. All affected by climate change - wisdom and leadership to prevent further environmental damage.

THE ASCENSION COMMUNITY

Please hold in your daily prayers any individual parish members who may be on your heart, and for an awareness of God's presence in the events of the week.

Those in special need of prayer: Estelle Carman, Don Lambourne, Douglas Mortimer, Jean & Alan Close, Glenys Howell, Kaye & Carole Smith, Pauline & Edith Le Riche, Lyle & Jan Mansfield, Stanley & Rose Joseph, Pam & Tony, Marie Cleaver (Judithe's friend), Shirley & Alan Wagner, Joy (Jan Wheeler's sister), Fanny (Aggie's sister) & Clifford, Gerald (Pat Eadon's brother), Beverley Frost, Heather & Ron, Aggie Canterbury, Andrew Harding, Kathryn, Tim Youings and others known to us who are in special need of prayer.

Those at the Peter James Centre and Burwood Lodge Those working in Health and Aged Care settings Our local Schools, Colleges, and Universities

> Ourselves - as we are strengthened through the power of the Holy Spirit in love and prayer for one another

ROSTERS:

8:00am 9:30am

Welcomers Sue Tregear Daniel Waite & Heather McKenzie

ReaderSue TregearDaniel WaitheServerSue TregearChristine YouingsLiturgical AssistantRon McKenzieIntercessionsFr AnthonyJoy Ritchie

Music Heath McKenzie & Josh Waite Godzone Joanne & Elizabeth Waite

Morning Tea Cheryl & Keith Hall

SacristanSue TregearPrintingBarrie HardingFlowersAggie Canterbury



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We acknowledge the traditional custodians of this land, the Wurundjeri people of the Kulin nation. We pay our respects to their elders, past, present, and emerging.

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Pew sheet: Please send all items for inclusion in next week's pewsheet to Ron McKenzie by

5:00p.m. Thursday evening (r.mckenzie@novatechsolutions.com.au.)

Baptism, Marriage & funerals by arrangement

Sunday 8:00am Eucharist

9:30am Eucharist

'Godzone' children's program during 9.30 am service (during school term)

Wednesday 10:00am Eucharist

Friday 10:00am – Noon. Drop-in for cuppa and chat.

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We have a zero-tolerance approach to Child abuse or abuse of vulnerable people.

This includes a culture of child-safety and of inclusivity for people of cultural and/or linguistically diverse backgrounds, people of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander background, people with disability or any other specific group.

Read the full Commitment to Child Safety document on our website: www.ascensionchurch.org.au