

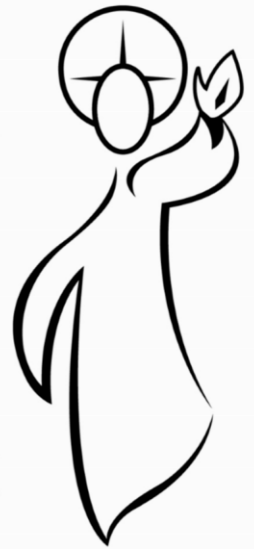
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# ANGLICAN CHURCH *of the* ASCENSION

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31<sup>st</sup> March 2019  
Fourth Sunday in Lent

EAST BURWOOD



*“Seeking God, Serving with love, Sharing hope”*

## Welcome to Church

### Sentence for Today

God has reconciled us to himself through Christ,  
and given us the ministry of reconciliation. 2

Corinthians 5.18



For those who have children with them, there is a children's corner in the church for the little ones. Children from pre-school age may leave for 'Godzone' - Special Children's Activities - shortly after we begin the 9.30am service.

## **ORDER OF SERVICE**

**Entrance Hymn: TiS 217** “Love divine, all loves excelling”

### **Acclamation and Greeting:**

Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins,  
**Whose mercy endures 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.**

### **Kyries:**

Lord have mercy,  
**Christ have mercy,**  
Lord have mercy.

### **The Trisagion:**

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

### **The Prayer of the Day:**

God of compassion,  
you are slow to anger, and full of mercy,  
welcoming sinners who return to you with penitent hearts:  
receive in your loving embrace all who come home to you,  
and seat them at your bountiful table,  
that, with all your children,  
they may feast with delight on all that satisfies  
the hungry heart.  
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Saviour,  
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

### **Prayer at the time of choosing an Incumbent:**

**God our Father,**  
**you have welcomed each one of us in Jesus**  
**and called us to be his body in this place.**  
**Send us your Holy Spirit at this time of uncertainty and change**  
**to fill us with vision, energy and faithfulness in prayer**  
**that we may be true to our calling to bring new life to our community;**  
**and guide with your heavenly wisdom**

**those who are to choose a new priest for this parish,  
so that the one whom we receive  
may be a wise and gentle shepherd of your people:  
ready to serve us with joy,  
to build us up in faith  
and to lead us by example  
in loving obedience to your son, our saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen.**

***Godzone talk and blessing***

***The ministry of the Word:***

***The first reading: Joshua 5.2-12***

At that time the Lord said to Joshua, 'Make flint knives and circumcise the Israelites a second time.' So Joshua made flint knives, and circumcised the Israelites at Gibeath-haaraloth. 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. 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. 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. 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. When the circumcising of all the nation was done, they remained in their places in the camp until they were healed. 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. 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. On the day after the passover, on that very day, they ate the produce of the land, unleavened cakes and parched grain. 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.

For the word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

***Psalms 32***

**Blessed are those whose sin is forgiven:  
whose iniquity is put away.  
Blessed are those to whom the Lord imputes no blame:  
and in whose spirit there is no guile.  
For whilst I held my tongue:  
my bones wasted away with my daily complaining.  
Your hand was heavy upon me day and night:  
and my moisture was dried up like a drought in summer.**

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 so you forgave the wickedness of my sin.  
For this cause shall everyone that is faithful  
make their prayer to you in the day of trouble:  
and in the time of the great water-flood,  
it shall not come near them.  
You are a place to hide me in,  
you will preserve me from trouble:  
you will surround me with deliverance on every side.  
'I will instruct you, and direct you in the way that you should go:  
I will fasten my eye upon you, and give you counsel.  
'Be not like horse or mule, that have no understanding:  
whose forward course must be curbed with bit and bridle.'  
Great tribulations remain for the ungodly:  
but whoever puts their trust in the Lord,  
mercy embraces them on every side.  
Rejoice in the Lord, you righteous, and be glad:  
and shout for joy, all you that are true of heart.

***The second reading: 2 Corinthians 5.16-21***

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. So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; 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. 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. For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

For the word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

***Gradual hymn: TiS 168 "For the fruits of all creation"***

***The Gospel reading:***

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

The gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
according to Luke, chapter 15, beginning at verse 11.

**Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Then Jesus said, ‘There was a man who had two sons. 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. 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. When he had spent everything, a severe famine took place throughout that country, and he began to be in need. 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. He would gladly have filled himself with the pods that the pigs were eating; and no one gave him anything. 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! I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands.’ ” 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. 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.” 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. And get the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate; for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!” And they began to celebrate. ‘Now his elder son was in the field; and when he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing. He called one of the slaves and asked what was going on. He replied, “Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has got him back safe and sound.” Then he became angry and refused to go in. His father came out and began to plead with him. 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. But when this son of yours came back, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fatted calf for him!” Then the father said to him, “Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. 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.**

### ***The Sermon***

### ***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:* Lord 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.

*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:***

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

Let us then ask for mercy, 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***

#### ***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 693 “Come as you are, that’s how I want you”***

#### ***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.**

**. . . 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.**

**. . . Let us proclaim the mystery of faith.**

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

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

### ***The Lord's Prayer:***

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:***

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 684 "Love will be our Lenten calling"***

### ***Prayer after Communion:***

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

### ***Notices***

### ***Blessing***

***Final Hymn: TiS 179 "Praise with joy the world's Creator"***

### ***Dismissal:***

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

**WELCOME TO CHURCH.** . . We are delighted that you are worshipping with us today: come and worship with us again. If you are visiting, please make yourself known to Fr. Walter or to one of our welcomers, following the service.

## **NOTICES**

### **MOTHERING SUNDAY LUNCH**

**Today is the day!** The lunch will start at Noon in the hall. All are welcome, whether on the list or not!! Remember to BYO drinks and a donation would be appreciated.

### **LENT IN JUMBUNNA**

**Starting this week** - A Better Covenant, Priest and Sacrifice (Hebrews 8-10) Bishop Paul Barker's Lenten Talks 2019 Wednesdays at 8pm April 3, 10, 17 at St Mark's Forest Hill, all welcome.

### **STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

The Stations of the Cross around the walls of the church are intended to be a devotion that is prayed and walked by one or more persons during Lent. The stations memorialize the journey of Jesus from his trial to the cross and to the grave.

During Lent please take time out to walk the stations using one of the printed copies of the Stations of the Cross, found on the small table to the left of the door, inside the church, to use as you walk.

### **FOOTY TIPPING**

A tumultuous round with plenty of upsets favouring the lesser favoured sides. This meant that the best that anyone could do was 5 tips (Aggie Canterbury, Neil Ludwick and Heath McKenzie).

Please remember that, as for the next 5 weeks, the tips will need to be in before the Thursday night matches.

### **EARLY NOTICE**

I am once again asking for donations to include in the Mother's Day raffle baskets. Please look around for anything that a lady will like to receive. I would appreciate anything, big or small. Thanks again, Chellam.

### **TMA ONLINE**

Use the link <http://tma.melbourneanglican.org.au/newsstand>.

#### **In this week's edition:**

- Victoria opens the way for secular or atheist school chaplains
- How should Christians respond to the Christchurch mosque massacre?
- You can't copy love: why other politicians fall short of Jacinda Ardern
- Independent entity for complaints, screening, training and redress management goes online
- Theologians compile resource to help ordinands and seminarians learn about gender justice
- After the storm: Claire Rogers visits Beira, Mozambique
- UK bishop concerned over asylum official's 'profound misunderstanding' of the Bible

## **SAINTS AND HOLY MEN AND WOMEN FOR THIS WEEK**

Wednesday Richard of Chichester, bishop (d. 1256)

Saturday Frederic Barker, bishop and pioneer of Moore Theological College and the General Synod (d. 1882)

## **SCRIPTURE READINGS**

### **Wednesday:**

Isaiah 49. 8-15

Psalms 145. 8-13

John 5. 17-30

### **Next Sunday: Fifth Sunday in Lent**

Isaiah 43. 16-21

Psalms 126

Philippians 3. 3-14

John 12. 1-8

## **PRAYERS FOR THE WEEK**

**AS WE THANK GOD FOR HIS MANY BLESSINGS, LET US PRAY EACH DAY FOR -**

### **THE CHURCH**

Church of the Province of the Indian Ocean.

Diocese of Bendigo - Bp Matt Brain, clergy and people.

Consecration and Installation of the Bp of North Queensland.

### **AUSTRALIA**

Those recovering following the cyclones in Northern Queensland, Northern Territory and Western Australia.

### **THE WORLD**

Those mourning following the shooting at the Mosques in Christchurch

Those suffering following the cyclone & floods in Mozambique

Cessation of hostilities in Myanmar, Syria, Turkey and Yemen.

Those seeking a safe home after strife in their own country.

A humanitarian solution to the Nauru & Manus refugee problem

### **THE ASCENSION COMMUNITY**

Each other (*refer to prayer list for each day*).

God's presence in the events of the week (*see pewslip*)

Those who have special needs and those at the Peter James Centre, Burwood Lodge and the Arthur Preston Centre.

**Ourselves as we accept the power of God's Spirit in our lives**



## THE ROSTERS

<b>31<sup>st</sup> March, Lent 4</b>		Liturgical colour – Violet
	<b>8:00am</b>	<b>9:30 a.m.</b>
<b>Welcomers:</b>	Don Lambourne	Colin Darvell & Elizabeth Waite
<b>Liturgical assistant:</b>		Aaron King
<b>Scripture reader:</b>	Ron McKenzie	Jo Condie
<b>Godzone:</b>		Michael Jellis & Anne Wharton
<b>Intercessions:</b>	Fr. Walter	Cath Ortlieb
<b>Servers:</b>	Ron McKenzie	Cath Ortlieb, Ron McKenzie Joy Ritchie
<b>Eucharistic assistant:</b>	Sue Tregear	Aaron King & Lyle Mansfield
<b>Morning Tea:</b>	Don Lambourne	Joan Zhang & Andreas Luo
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	<b>Sacristan:</b>	Judithe Atkinson
	<b>Music:</b>	Ruth Rajasingam
	<b>Printer:</b>	David Wood
	<b>Counting:</b>	Natalie Ortlieb & Sue Tregear
	<b>Resurrection Garden:</b>	Sue Tregear
	<b>Church cleaning:</b>	Peter Wharton

<b>7<sup>th</sup> April, Lent 5</b>		Liturgical colour – Violet
	<b>8:00am</b>	<b>9:30 a.m.</b>
<b>Welcomers:</b>	Jan Wheeler	Alma & Brian Brand
<b>Liturgical assistant:</b>		Joanne Waite
<b>Scripture reader:</b>	Sue Tregear	Cath Ortlieb
<b>Godzone:</b>		Joanne Waite
<b>Intercessions:</b>	Fr. Walter	Russell Mills
<b>Eucharistic assistant:</b>	Sue Tregear	Lyle Mansfield & Aaron King
<b>Morning Tea:</b>	Don Lambourne	Jenny & Russell Mills
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	<b>Sacristan:</b>	Sue Tregear
	<b>Music:</b>	Heath McKenzie
	<b>Printer:</b>	Lyle Mansfield
	<b>Counting:</b>	Joanne Waite & Joan Zhang

*Next Pewsheets: Please send all items for inclusion in next week's pew-sheet by 5p.m. Thursday evening to Ron McKenzie: - (r.mckenzie@novatechsolutions.com.au) - especially any Roster changes. Thank you.*



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*We acknowledge the traditional owners of this land,  
the Wurundjeri people of the Kulin nation*

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*Baptism, Marriage & funerals by arrangement*

**Weekly services & activities**

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| <b>Sunday</b>                   | 8:00am Eucharist<br>9:30am Eucharist with hymns.<br>'Godzone' children's program during 9:30am service                      |
| <b>Wednesday</b>                | 10:00am Eucharist followed by morning tea and discussion                                                                    |
| <b>3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday</b> | Every month at 12 Noon. Scrabble at Pat Eadon's house, all welcome!                                                         |
| <b>Friday</b>                   | 9:30 – 11:30am. Playgroup in hall (During school terms)<br>10:00am – Noon. Drop-in for coffee and chat, front meeting room. |
| <b>3<sup>rd</sup> Friday</b>    | Every month at 12 noon. "Not home alone" meets for lunch at the Mountain View Hotel, all welcome!                           |

**WHO WE ARE AT ASCENSION**

At the Church of the Ascension, we follow Christ in being a caring church, welcoming of all, extending his love and invitation of new life to all comers. Here we worship God in Eucharistic-centred worship, with all the rich liturgy and symbolism that the tradition of the Anglican Church offers. (See our website for more information)