



CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL GRAFTON

open doors ... open hearts ... open minds

7 April 2019

Fifth Sunday of Lent

We are a generous faith community—centred on Jesus, seeking wisdom for life and acting with compassion—in the heart of Grafton since 1842.

The Cathedral is open every day. You are always welcome to use the Cathedral and its grounds for prayer and reflection, and we encourage you to make this a place of pilgrimage and prayer for our City.

<i>Setting</i>	Parish Eucharist – Michael Dudman
<i>Introit</i>	Exultet Caelum Laudibus – text from Ps 5 - Plainsong
<i>Entrance Hymn</i>	This is a day of new beginnings [653 TIS]
<i>Prayer of the day</i>	Christ, whose feet were caressed with perfume and a woman's hair, you humbly took a basin and towel and washed the feet of your friends: wash us also in your tenderness, that, embracing your service freely, we may accept no other bondage in your name. Amen.
<i>Offertory Hymn</i>	Lord Jesus Christ [526 TIS]
<i>Communion Anthems</i>	Drop, drop slow tears – Orlando Gibbons Lord, make me an instrument of your peace – Peter Aston arr. Robert Eather
<i>Mission Hymn</i>	Praise with joy the world's Creator [179 TIS]
<i>Organ Postlude</i>	Adagio – Samuel Barber

BIBLE READINGS

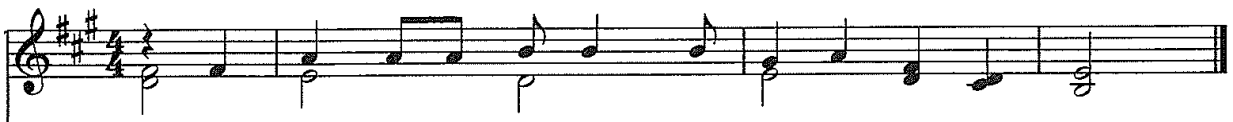
First Reading

[Isaiah 43.16-21]

Thus says the Lord, who makes a way in the sea,
a path in the mighty waters, who brings out chariot and horse,
army and warrior; they lie down, they cannot rise,
they are extinguished, quenched like a wick:
Do not remember the former things or consider the things of old.
I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?
I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert.
The wild animals will honour me, the jackals and the ostriches;
for I give water in the wilderness, rivers in the desert,
to give drink to my chosen people, the people whom I formed for myself
so that they might declare my praise.

Psalm 126 Responsorial

cf. v. 4 The Lord has done great things for us and we re-joiced.



1. When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion,
then were we like those who dream.
Then was our mouth filled with laughter
and our tongue with songs of joy. *(R/.)*
2. Then said they among the heathen:
'The Lord has done great things for them.'
The Lord has done great things for us:
and therefore we rejoiced.
Restore again our fortunes, O Lord,
as the riverbeds of the desert. *(R/.)*
3. Those who sow in tears
shall reap with songs of joy.
Those that go out weeping, bearing the seed,
will come back with shouts of joy,
bearing their sheaves with them. *(R/.)*

Second Reading

[Philippians 3.3-14]

For it is we who are the circumcision, who worship in the Spirit of God and boast in Christ Jesus and have no confidence in the flesh— even though I, too, have reason for confidence in the flesh. If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless. Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead. Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on towards the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

Gospel Reading

[John 12.1-8]

Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at the table with him. Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus' feet, and wiped them with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), said, 'Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor?' (He said this not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief; he kept the common purse and used to steal what was put into it.) Jesus said, 'Leave her alone. She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial. You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me.'

PALM CROSSES

If anyone is able to make palm crosses during the next week or so please contact Rev. Camellia, the Parish Office or the Bookshop for a plan of how to make them and where to obtain palm leaves.



HOLY WEEK WORSHIP SCHEDULE

PALM SUNDAY

9.00am

Blessing of the Palms and Procession, Reading of the Passion

This service marks the official start to Holy Week, as we commemorate Jesus riding into Jerusalem on a donkey to the acclaim of the crowds. We bless the palm crosses and wave palm branches as we make our own procession to the Cathedral and in through the Great West Doors. We read the story of Jesus' arrest and trial, and gather at the Table of Jesus seeking strength for our daily lives in the week ahead.

Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday in Holy Week

On each of these three days there will be a **morning Eucharist** in the Cathedral: 8.30am on Monday & Tuesday, 10.00am on Wednesday.

At **Evening Prayer** on each of these days, Bishop Murray will be offering a short sermon on the significance of the Cross. These services commence at 5.15pm and will include a hymn as well as the Bishop's address. The evening services will be live streamed so other people around the diocese can participate even if not able to be at the Cathedral.

Join us for one of these quiet services, or pop in any time during the day to light a candle and say a prayer for someone you love.

MAUNDY THURSDAY

7.00pm

In this special night-time liturgy we commemorate Jesus' last supper with his disciples, and re-enact the washing of the disciples' feet. This is a joyful celebration in the midst of dark clouds gathering around Jesus. As the service ends, we recall the betrayal in the Garden of Gethsemane, and the Cathedral is stripped bare to remind us of Jesus left alone when his friends all fled. The service ends in darkness as the choir chants Psalm 22: 'My God, my God, why have you forsaken me ...'

GOOD FRIDAY

9.00am

On this most solemn day of Holy Week we remember that Jesus died a victim of the political and religious elites who wanted to run the world for themselves, and not for the benefit of everyone. In his courage we find hope, in his death we find a path to life. On this morning we will have a simple celebration of the Eucharist, as we reflect quietly on the meaning of Jesus' death for us and for the world.

EASTER FIRE

7.00pm

We begin our Easter celebrations with this Vigil Eucharist as we light the Holy Fire and chant the Easter Proclamation. This ancient liturgy sets the miracle of Easter in the context of thousands of years of spiritual practice, as the flames of the Holy Fire remind us how the faith has been passed from generation to generation like the fire that passes from candle to candle.

EASTER DAY

9.00am & 11.00am

This is the most important day of the Christian year, and a time when every member of our Cathedral community seeks to gather to celebrate the amazing truth at the heart of our faith: the Lord lives, Christ has risen! The Cathedral will be especially decorated for Easter and the music will be superb, as we seek to offer God the very best worship that we can arrange on this holiest of all days.

Please note there will be an 11.00am service at Lawrence on Palm Sunday and at both Copmanhurst and Lawrence Easter Day

For more information about our Cathedral community, visit our web page:

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During Lent we focus our mission offerings on the work of ABM.

Our Lenten gifts are the major opportunity for the Cathedral community to contribute towards the work of ABM. At various times of the year we focus on different mission agencies, but during Lent we direct our efforts to support ABM. Please take this opportunity to support the important work done by ABM within Australia and with partner churches around the world, especially in the Pacific.

On Good Friday we are asked to make a special gift to support the mission and ministry of the Diocese of Jerusalem and the Middle East. This is an appeal that has roots going right back to the very first Christian communities in the years after Easter. Paul himself was involved in a project to collect gifts from the new converts in the Middle East and in Greece to support the original community of disciples in Jerusalem.

Anglicans around Australia and across the world have chosen Good Friday as the day to make a special gift in support the ministry of the Diocese of Jerusalem.

Having served as Dean of St George's College in Jerusalem before coming here, I have a special love for the Diocese of Jerusalem and a deep understanding of the amazing work they do. They have around the same number of parishes as our own Diocese of Grafton, but those ministry units are spread over 5 countries: Israel, Jordan, Lebanon, Palestine and Syria. A challenging neighbourhood!

The Diocese of Jerusalem supports health clinics, hospitals and schools in some of the most needy places on earth, including the Anglican hospital in Gaza and work with refugees from the civil war in Syria. They need our help, our prayers and our loving support.

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Prayers for those in need

Joy Baldwin
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Kathryn Douglas
Roy Ford
Gail Gilmore

Gladys Gray
Brian Holley
Fay Kelly
Ruth Kingsley
Doris Lee
Joan Marr
John McAnally

Jan Pitt
Eileen Rogan
Muriel Shepherd
Tammy Uren
Jessie Usher
Keith Zietsch

Remembering those who have died

Recently departed: Pat King

Year's Mind: Susan Vesey, Tom Cooley, Zena Denton, Gregory Riding

Cathedral Prayer

Living and eternal Christ bless the ministry of this Cathedral as a place of pilgrimage and prayer. May our doors always be open to pilgrims, may our hearts always be open to one another, and may our minds always be open to new truth. Draw us deeply into the mystery of your life, your death and your resurrection, now and always. Amen.

Around the Parish this Week

Today	Fifth Sunday of Lent 9.00am – Sung Eucharist (Christ Church Cathedral) 11.00am – Dean’s Forum: <i>Your Guide to Holy Week</i>
Monday	8.30am – Morning Prayer (Chapel of the Epiphany)
Tuesday	8.30am – Eucharist (Chapel of the Epiphany) 5.15pm – Evening Prayer (Chapel of the Epiphany)
Wednesday	8.30am – Morning Prayer (Chapel of the Epiphany) 10.00am – Chrism Mass (Cathedral) 4.00pm – Holy Communion (Dougherty Villa) 5.15pm – Evening Prayer (Chapel of the Epiphany) 7.00pm – Parish Council (Edwards Hall)
Thursday	7.00am – Produce Markets (Op Shop Car Park) 8.30am – Morning Prayer (Chapel of the Epiphany) 10.30am – Holy Communion (Whiddon Group) 5.15pm – Evening Prayer (Chapel of the Epiphany) 7.00pm – Living the Questions (Edwards Hall) 7.00pm – Choir Practice (Cathedral)
Friday	8.30am – Morning Prayer (Chapel of the Epiphany) 9.30am – CVAS Easter Service (Cathedral) 5.15pm – Evening Prayer (Chapel of the Epiphany)
Saturday	8.30am – Morning Prayer (Chapel of the Epiphany)
Next Sunday	Palm Sunday and Blessing of the Palms 9.00am – Sung Eucharist (Christ Church Cathedral) 11.00am – Holy Eucharist (All Saints, Lawrence)

Next Sunday’s roster: Cathy Eggins & Jenny Vaughan (sidespeople), Betty Ford (Reader 1), Kathryn Lentfer (Reader 2 & Prayers), Kaye Ware & Betty Ford (Morning Tea)



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