



The Anglican Parish of Glenelg

A vibrant, welcoming and inclusive community
growing in faith and love

Weekly News and Pew Sheet

PALM SUNDAY - SIXTH SUNDAY IN LENT

5TH APRIL 2020

WORSHIP THEME: ENTERING HOLY WEEK WITH JESUS

PARISH PRIEST'S MESSAGE

Dear Friends,

This week we enter the most holiest of weeks in the Christian calendar. The journey across the eight days from Palm Sunday to Easter Day is tumultuous one to recall every year. For our parish Holy week is usually punctuated by important gatherings. Sadly none of those can take place this year this year. However that doesn't diminish the depth of meaning this week can hold for us in 2020. In many ways, it may be all the richer for us this year, because our world is living under the shadow of the cross at this time.

This Sunday is Palm Sunday and an important tradition every year is that we all receive a palm cross and for the 10am congregation we process around the church. Perhaps some will be relieved not to have to make that journey during the hymn "Ride on in majesty" when we wonder how out of time with the organ our singing will be when we re-enter the church! I still want everyone to receive a palm cross and so this provides an opportunity to send an Easter letter to the parish. You should receive that this week with your palm cross (both of which will be prepared with carefully washed and sanitised hands). For the remainder of the year (or as long as restrictions are in place) communication will be by email and via Facebook and website for those online, and via phone and post for those who are not online.

Please continue to pray for one another and the clergy of the parish as we continue to minister under difficult restrictions. We are only a phone call or email away. Please pray for our local community, health care professionals and our political leaders. Please pray for our school, SPW, as this week they have moved to dual operation of online and in person. The staff are working very hard to meet that challenge. Please pray for residents in our aged care facilities, and family members who may be unable to visit at this time. With all this in mind, I found this week's prayer from Seasons of the Spirit very helpful.

***Holy God, you hear our words, you hear our hearts.
Keep us in the grace of knowing we are known and heard,
so deeply, so graciously, so constantly.
Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.***

WORSHIP RESOURCES FOR PALM SUNDAY

Palm Sunday Liturgy and Blessing of the Palms

The crowds praised God for the great things they had witnessed in Jesus.

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of God.

“Peace and glory in the highest heaven,” they cried.

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of God.

If our voices are silent, the very stones will shout for joy.

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Merciful God,

as we enter this holy week and join in prayer,

turn our hearts again to Jerusalem,

Draw us close to you, Lord, on this Palm Sunday,

This day of confusion, of shouts of joy, and cries of shame.

Remind us that you are with us always,

In all moods and seasons, in darkness and light and in between.

Lead us through this day and this week,

to the cross, to the empty tomb, and beyond. Amen.

God of Glory, you are known to us through the loving action of Jesus. On this day we remember how he entered the Holy City of Jerusalem in triumph, and was proclaimed as King of Kings by those who spread their garments and branches of palm along his way. Bless these branches and palm crosses to be for us signs of Jesus’ love, service and fullness of life. May we who bear them in Christ’s name, walk in the way of your Kingdom, now and always. Amen.

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord

Hosanna in the highest

Hymn - 353 The Glory of our King

Scripture Sentence for the Day - *Philippians 2:10-11*

At the name of Jesus, every knee shall bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Opening Prayer

Hosanna Saviour, we wave our palms and sing our praise

as we remember your triumphal entry into Jerusalem.

May your Spirit enter the heart of our worship this day

giving us the strength to endure the journey which is ahead. Amen.

Prayer of the Day

Everlasting God,
in your tender love for the human race
you sent your Son to take our nature,
and to suffer death upon the cross:
in your mercy
enable us to share in his obedience to your will
and in the glorious victory of his resurrection;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

A prayer for Lent

Almighty and ever living God, you invite us deeper into your world, your people, your Lent. May this time be one of outward focus; seeking you in those we often ignore. Help us live a Lent focused on freedom, generosity, and encounter. Give us hearts hungry to serve you and those who need what we have to give. Amen.

A Prayer for health carers

Gracious God, give skill, sympathy and resilience to all who are caring for the sick, and your wisdom to those searching for a cure. Strengthen them with your Spirit, that through their work many will be restored to health; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

First Reading

Isaiah 50:4-9a

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah

The Lord God has given me the tongue of a teacher,
that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word.

Morning by morning he wakens—

wakens my ear to listen as those who are taught.

The Lord God has opened my ear,

and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backwards.

I gave my back to those who struck me,

and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard;

I did not hide my face

from insult and spitting.

The Lord God helps me;

therefore I have not been disgraced;

therefore I have set my face like flint,

and I know that I shall not be put to shame;

he who vindicates me is near.

Who will contend with me?

Let us stand up together.

Who are my adversaries?

Let them confront me.

It is the Lord God who helps me;

who will declare me guilty?

Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

- 1 O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good:
his mercy endures for ever.
- 2 Let Israel now proclaim:
that his mercy endures for ever.
- 19 Open me the gates of righteousness:
and I will enter and give thanks to the Lord.
- 20 This is the gate of the Lord:
the righteous shall enter it.
- 21 I will praise you, for you answered me:
and have become my salvation.
- 22 The stone that the builders rejected:
has become the head of the corner.
- 23 This is the Lord's doing:
and it is marvellous in our eyes.
- 24 This is the day that the Lord has made:
let us rejoice and be glad in it.
- 25 O Lord, save us, we pray:
O Lord, send us prosperity.
- 26 Blessed is he who comes, in the name of the Lord:
from the house of the Lord we bless you.
- 27 The Lord is God, and he has given us light:
guide the festal throng up to the horns of the altar.
- 28 You are my God and I will praise you:
you are my God, I will exalt you.
- 29 O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good:
and his mercy endures for ever.

Second Reading

Philippians 2:5-11

A reading from the letter to the Philippians

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,
who, though he was in the form of God,
did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited,
but emptied himself,
taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness.
And being found in human form,
he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—
even death on a cross.
Therefore God also highly exalted him
and gave him the name that is above every name,

so that at the name of Jesus

every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
and every tongue should confess

that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading

Matthew 21:1-11

A reading from the Gospel of Matthew

When Jesus and the disciples had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them, 'Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me. If anyone says anything to you, just say this, "The Lord needs them." And he will send them immediately.' This took place to fulfil what had been spoken through the prophet, saying,

'Tell the daughter of Zion,
Look, your king is coming to you,
humble, and mounted on a donkey,
and on a colt, the foal of a donkey.'

The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; they brought the donkey and the colt, and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. The crowds that went ahead of him and that followed were shouting,

'Hosanna to the Son of David!
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!
Hosanna in the highest heaven!'

When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, 'Who is this?' The crowds were saying, 'This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee.'

For the Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ

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Next Week: 12th April 2020 – EASTER DAY

Theme: Christ IS Risen

Acts 10:34-43 Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24 Colossians 3:1-4 Matthew 28:1-10

Diary Dates

This week: Holy Week Services on Facebook (from 8am on the day)

Sunday 5th April

Palm Sunday Service

Kid's talk – The Easter Story part 1.



Good Friday 9th April

A service of Lament around the cross

Children's stations of the Cross service.

Easter day 12th April

A service for the Lighting of the Paschal Candle and Easter celebration

Kid's talk – The Easter Story part 2

PARISH NOTICES

ACCESSING PARISH FACEBOOK IF YOU'RE NOT ON FACEBOOK

Please note that you can get to the parish Facebook page from parish Website

www.glenelganglican.org.au The page that comes up when you enter the website address on your computer is the home page, simply scroll right down that opening page and on the left is a portal into the Facebook page. Some people have found difficulty accessing the Facebook page on the website so let us know if you have problems. As far as we can see it seems to be working well. Please then be aware that you can then scroll through all the Facebook posts in order with the most recent at the top so you may need to scroll down to find the one you are looking for. We are still working on a regular pattern of communication, but be assured that every Sunday a service and a kid's talk will be separately posted on Facebook. Throughout the week there will be other posts of prayers and reflections etc..

THE PARISH OFFICE – EASTER CLOSURES

The parish office continues to operate between 9:30am-2:30pm. Please stay in the foyer if visiting and observe social distancing as appropriate, we are trying to limit people in the actual office to two at any one time. Please note that we will not be open on Good Friday (10th April) or Easter Tuesday (14th April).

SMALL GROUPS IN THE PARISH

Small groups in the parish are very important to the life of the parish. Please stay in touch with each other. ZOOM offers a way to do this for those who have a phone, iPad or computer to use. It is easy to sign up and it is free for meetings under 40 minutes long. The advantage is it is a nice way to talk to whole group at once. After Easter we aim to set up some group gatherings for coffee and chat via ZOOM. But any groups in the parish can choose to meet this way.

THANK YOU TO THE LENTEN STUDY GROUP

A thank you to from Michele to all those who have been participating in the Lenten Study this year, particularly those who gave the online gathering a go this week. It's good to try things outside our comfort zone. The last Lenten Study session will be this coming week.

USED CHRISTMAS CARDS

A parishioner has asked whether there is anyone in the parish who collects used greeting cards. They have some and wanted to know whether to pass them on or recycle. Please contact the office if you would like them for a craft project.

CVS VISITORS

Please note that CVS visitors have been asked to no longer visit in person, but you are encouraged to make contact through phone, email, postcards and sms. All of these can be counted as "visits". The coordinating auspice can make stamps available to assist with postage if needed. Speak to Hewina in the office for details.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Prayer requests can still be rung through to the parish office or emailed and we can add the person to the prayer list. Also if there is anyone on our prayer list who can come off it for the time being, please let us know.


PLANNED GIVING FOR THIS YEAR

Quite a number of parishioners have asked about how they can continue their giving at this time. Thank you. With the removal of Open plate, baptism and wedding donations and fundraising as lines of income, it will be a very tough year financially. Finance Committee and Parish Council, who will meet via online link, will review this regularly, and I assume we will need some austerity measures as the year goes on, but I believe we can get there. Our shared planned giving will help us survive. I am fully aware that some may be experiencing job loss and income downturn. We can each do only what we are able and pray that it will be enough. For envelope users, please continue to put them aside every week as you can. These can be collected occasionally if needed (please ring the office). For those who can do online banking this may be the time to swap to direct debit. Regular planned giving can be directed to Parish of Glenelg (AFSA) BSB 705-777 Account Number 00041211 (please use your surname and initial SMITHJ PGP). One off/occasional donations that are not part of regular PGP can be made to Anglican Parish of Glenelg BSB 705-077 Account No.00000033.

CALL TO PRAYER

Archbishop Geoff has called on church communities to pause for prayer at **8am every Friday from now until at least Pentecost**. This pause can be for just a few minutes to pray for:

- an end to the pandemic
- healing for people suffering from the illness
- those researching a vaccine
- our political and community leaders as they try to provide
- wise leadership
- our health workers as they are at the front line

	Can we help? Contact Prayer People through:
	Vi: 8295 5726 / vekeam@bigpond.com
	Ros: 8298 5308 / neville.cordes@bigpond.com
	Sandy: 8298 5175 / sandyandy@esc.net.au

A suitable prayer could be...

*Almighty and All-loving God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
We pray to you through Christ the Healer
for those who suffer from the Coronavirus COVID-19
in Australia and across the world.*

*We pray too for all who reach out to those who mourn the loss
of each and every person who has died as a result of contracting the disease.*

*Give wisdom to policymakers,
skill to healthcare professionals and researchers,
comfort to everyone in distress
and a sense of calm to us all in these days of uncertainty and distress.*

*This we ask in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord
who showed compassion to the outcast, acceptance to the rejected
and love to those to whom no love was shown. Amen.*

by Archbishop Michael Jackson, Dublin & Glendalough



Kingsley Oakley, Kel Pittman, Rosalie & Phil Brown, Tim Went, Nicole Cain, Pat Donnelly, Melanie Lyons, Daniel Roach, Clare, Jeremy Johnson, Nicky Heal, Dawn, Sheryl Anne Cox, Tony Tamblyn, Helen Williams.

RIP: Dot Hemer

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