



The Anglican Parish of Glenelg

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

Weekly News and Pew Sheet

GOOD FRIDAY AND EASTER DAY

SUNDAY 12TH APRIL 2020

WORSHIP THEME: GOD'S GIFT OF NEW LIFE

Easter Greeting

Dear Friends,

The most current news for you about our parish is contained in the Easter Newsletter which has been posted or delivered to every household this week. If you have not received it yet it should come shortly after Easter. Therefore the purpose of this pew sheet today is mainly to accompany our online worship for Good Friday and Easter Day.

During the week I had cause to remember Mother Julian of Norwich, who lived from 1342-1416. Julian was six years old when the Bubonic Plague struck her town. Shockingly, three quarters of the people died! She survived to grow up to become a Christian anchorite, and the first woman to write a book in English. Her book, "Revelations of Divine Love" was a reflection upon some visions she experienced following a near death experience. She is best known for her often repeated quote.

"All Shall be well, and all shall be well and every manner of thing shall be well."

But one of my favourite quotes from her writings is about prayer in our time of need.

***"The best prayer is to rest in the goodness of God,
knowing that God's goodness can reach down to our lowest depths of need."***

Together in spirit on Good Friday, we will sit in reflection before the cross and meditate upon the suffering of Christ. As we do this we are invited into the lowest depths of our need, as Julian suggests, and there we rest in the goodness of God. We offer before the cross all the prayers we have for our world and our communities confident that in the midst of our deepest need the redeeming presence of God is at work. Can we see signs of it or do we feel a sense of abandonment? Let us be reminded that the abandonment Christ felt on the cross was transformed by the Easter miracle of resurrection. So may our world, our communities and us all be transformed by the hope of Resurrection this Easter.

Christ is Risen. Alleluia! He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

From Andrew

WORSHIP RESOURCES FOR GOOD FRIDAY

The Greeting and Call to Worship

We pause on this Good Friday at the foot of the cross
which calls us on, not in guilt, not in fear,
but ever more deeply into the costly journey towards life.
There is wounding and there is weeping.
In Jesus Christ, God is not separated from that.

In the shadow of our suffering
is the suffering of Jesus.
In the shadow of our weakness
is the vulnerability of the Christ.
In the shadow of our pain
is the God who cried out.
We are never rejected,
we are never left alone.



Psalm 22: My God! My God!

***Response: My God! My God! Why have you forsaken me?
Why so far from the words of my groaning***

Bible Reading: Matthew 27:33-61

When they came to a place called Golgotha (which means Place of a Skull), they offered Jesus wine to drink, mixed with gall; but when he tasted it, he would not drink it. And when they had crucified him, they divided his clothes among themselves by casting lots; then they sat down there and kept watch over him. Over his head they put the charge against him, which read, 'This is Jesus, the King of the Jews.' Then two bandits were crucified with him, one on his right and one on his left.

Those who passed by derided him, shaking their heads and saying, 'You who would destroy the temple and build it in three days, save yourself! If you are the Son of God, come down from the cross.' In the same way the chief priests also, along with the scribes and elders, were mocking him, saying, 'He saved others; he cannot save himself. He is the King of Israel; let him come down from the cross now, and we will believe in him. He trusts in God; let God deliver him now, if he wants to; for he said, "I am God's Son." ' The bandits who were crucified with him also taunted him in the same way.

From noon on, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. And about three o'clock Jesus cried with a loud voice, 'Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?' that is, 'My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?' When some of the bystanders heard it, they said, 'This man is calling for Elijah.' At once one of them ran and got a sponge, filled it with sour wine, put it on a stick, and gave it to him to drink. But the others said, 'Wait, let

us see whether Elijah will come to save him.' Then Jesus cried again with a loud voice and breathed his last.

At that moment the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. The earth shook, and the rocks were split. The tombs also were opened, and many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised. After his resurrection they came out of the tombs and entered the holy city and appeared to many. Now when the centurion and those with him, who were keeping watch over Jesus, saw the earthquake and what took place, they were terrified and said, 'Truly this man was God's Son!'

Many women were also there, looking on from a distance; they had followed Jesus from Galilee and had provided for him. Among them were Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James and Joseph, and the mother of the sons of Zebedee.

When it was evening, there came a rich man from Arimathea, named Joseph, who was also a disciple of Jesus. He went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus; then Pilate ordered it to be given to him. So Joseph took the body and wrapped it in a clean linen cloth and laid it in his own new tomb, which he had hewn in the rock. He then rolled a great stone to the door of the tomb and went away. Mary Magdalene and the other Mary were there, sitting opposite the tomb.

Prayers of Lament for our World

The Veneration of the Cross

There is no part of life which Jesus has not visited.
There is no death untasted by the Christ.

Thanks be to you, O Christ.

In faith, we may leave here all that is deathly in our lives,
believing that it will be absorbed into the Body of Christ who waits with
arms stretched wide to gather in all our reality for healing, forgiveness, and renewal.

Thanks be to you, O Christ.

Hymn – 342 When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

When I survey the wondrous cross on which the Prince of glory died,
my richest gain I count but loss, and pour contempt on all my pride.

Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast save in the death of Christ my God;
all the vain things that charm me most, I sacrifice them to his blood.

See from his head, his hands, his feet, sorrow and love flow mingled down;
did e'er such love and sorrow meet, or thorns compose so rich a crown?

Were the whole realm of nature mine, that were a present far too small:
love so amazing, so divine demands my soul, my life, my all.

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WORSHIP RESOURCES FOR EASTER DAY

Easter Greeting

The Lord be with you
And also with you
Christ is risen. Alleluia
He is risen indeed. Alleluia



Blessing and lighting of the 2020 Paschal Candle

Christ yesterday and today, the beginning and the end, Alpha and Omega, all time belongs to him and all the ages. To you be glory and power forever.

Amen.

By his holy and glorious wounds may Christ the Lord guard us and keep us.

Amen.

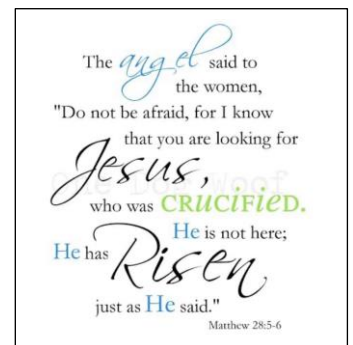
May the light of Christ, rising in glory, dispel the darkness of our hearts and minds.

Amen.

The light of Christ! **THANKS BE TO GOD**

Opening Prayer

**Eternal giver of life and light,
Easter dawn shines with the radiance of the risen Christ:
Renew your Church with the Spirit given to us in baptism,
That we may worship you in sincerity and truth,
And shine as a light in the world;
Through Jesus Christ our risen Lord, Amen.**



Collect of the Day

God of glory, fill your Church with the power that flows from Christ's resurrection, that it may signal the beginning of a renewed humanity, raised to new life with Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

First Reading

Acts 10:34-43

A reading from the book of Acts

Then Peter began to speak to them: 'I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and

allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.'

Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm 118

Response: This is the day the Lord has made: Let us rejoice and be glad

Second Reading

Colossians 3:1-4

A reading from the letter to the Colossians

So if you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Christ has become our paschal sacrifice; let us feast with joy in the Lord

Alleluia!

Gospel

Matthew 28:1-10

✠ The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ

After the Sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. And suddenly there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. But the angel said to the women, 'Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples, "He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him." This is my message for you.' So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. Suddenly Jesus met them and said, 'Greetings!' And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshipped him. Then Jesus said to them, 'Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me.'

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

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Next Week: 19th April 2020 – SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

Theme: Trust and Rejoice

Acts 2:14a, 22-32; Psalm 16; 1 Peter 1:1-12; John 20:19-31

Diary Dates

This week:

Tues 14th April – Parish Office closed
4pm Finance Committee Meeting (via ZOOM)

Sunday 19th April – Trust and Rejoice (The Second Sunday of Easter)

Tuesday 21st April – 7:30pm Parish Council meeting (via ZOOM)



PARISH NOTICES

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).

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..

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 AND PARISH FINANCES

Thank you to all those parishioners who have been dropping planned giving envelopes into the parish office. Please see the recent Easter Newsletter for more details about parish finances. We will let people know if the diocese is successful in receiving the Job Keeper payments which will enable us to cope with the downturn in our income for this year.


Our shared planned giving is our most reliable source of income so thank you for all you are doing. 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, Jeremy Johnson, Nicky Heal, Dawn, Sheryl Anne Cox, Tony Tamblyn, Helen Williams.

RIP: Dot Hemer & Clare

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*A Blessed and Holy Easter
to you all*

