

Welcome to
ST PETER'S EASTERN HILL

*Diocese of Melbourne - Anglican Church of Australia
Parish Church of the City since 1846*



GOOD FRIDAY

THE LITURGY

12 NOON

7 APRIL 2023

THE INTRODUCTORY RITES

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Please stand for the entrance of the Sacred Ministers.

The Celebrant and Ministers enter in silence.

They lie prostrate before the altar for a time. Please kneel.

The Celebrant prays the Collect.

Remember your mercies, O Lord,
and with your eternal protection sanctify your servants,
for whom Christ your Son,
by the shedding of his Blood,
established the Paschal Mystery.
Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.
Amen.

Please sit for the readings.

Isaiah 52.13–53.12

A reading from the book of Isaiah.

See, my servant shall prosper; he shall be exalted and lifted up, and shall be very high. Just as there were many who were astonished at him - so marred was his appearance, beyond human semblance, and his form beyond that of mortals - so he shall startle many nations; kings shall shut their mouths because of him; for that which had not been told them they shall see, and that which they had not heard they shall contemplate. Who has believed what we have heard? And to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed? For he grew up before him like a young plant, and like a root out of dry ground; he had no form or majesty that we should look at him, nothing in his appearance that we should desire him. He was despised

and rejected by others; a man of suffering and acquainted with infirmity; and as one from whom others hide their faces he was despised, and we held him of no account. Surely he has borne our infirmities and carried our diseases; yet we accounted him stricken, struck down by God, and afflicted. But he was wounded for our transgressions, crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the punishment that made us whole, and by his bruises we are healed. All we like sheep have gone astray; we have all turned to our own way, and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all. He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he did not open his mouth; like a lamb that is led to the slaughter, and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent, so he did not open his mouth. By a perversion of justice he was taken away. Who could have imagined his future? For he was cut off from the land of the living, stricken for the transgression of my people. They made his grave with the wicked and his tomb with the rich, although he had done no violence, and there was no deceit in his mouth. Yet it was the will of the Lord to crush him with pain. When you make his life an offering for sin, he shall see his offspring, and shall prolong his days; through him the will of the Lord shall prosper. Out of his anguish he shall see light; he shall find satisfaction through his knowledge. The righteous one, my servant, shall make many righteous, and he shall bear their iniquities. Therefore I will allot him a portion with the great, and he shall divide the spoil with the strong; because he poured out himself to death, and was numbered with the transgressors; yet he bore the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors.

Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 31: *led by the cantor, please join in the refrain*

Plainsong New - G. Cox

Fa-ther, I put my life in your hands.

In you, O Lord, I seek refuge;
do not let me ever be put to shame;
in your righteousness deliver me.
Into your hand I commit my spirit;
you have redeemed me,
O Lord, faithful God. **R.**

I am the scorn of all my adversaries,
a horror to my neighbours,
an object of dread to my acquaintances.
Those who see me in the street flee from me.
I have passed out of mind like one who is dead;
I have become like a broken vessel. **R.**

But I trust in you, O Lord;
I say, "You are my God."
My times are in your hand;
deliver me from the hand of my enemies and persecutors. **R.**

Let your face shine upon your servant;
save me in your steadfast love.
Be strong, and let your heart take courage,
all you who wait for the Lord. **R.**

THE EPISTLE: Hebrews 4.14-16, 5.7-9

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

Since, then, we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast to our confession. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need. In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. Although he was a

Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him.

Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ANTIPHON *Anerio Christus Factus est*

Christ became obedient for us unto death, even the death of the Cross; wherefore God also hath highly exalted him and given him a name which is above every name.

THE PASSION OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST ACCORDING TO JOHN [Chapter 19] Setting: Victoria/Cox

Please join the clergy, servers and cantors in kneeling briefly after the words 'and he bowed his head, and gave up the ghost.'

THE SOLEMN INTERCESSIONS

Please stand while the celebrant leads the Solemn Prayers.

I For Holy Church

Let us pray, dearly beloved, for the holy Church of God, that our God and Lord be pleased to give her peace, to guard her and to unite her throughout the whole world and grant that, leading our life in tranquility and quiet, we may glorify God the Father almighty.

Celebrant: Let us kneel *all kneel*

Deacon: Let us stand *all stand*

Almighty ever-living God,
who in Christ revealed your glory to all the nations,
watch over the works of your mercy,
that your Church, spread throughout all the world,
may persevere with steadfast faith in confessing your name.
Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

II For all orders and degrees of the faithful

Let us pray also for for all Bishops, Priests, and Deacons of the Church and for the whole of the faithful people.

Celebrant: Let us kneel *all kneel*

Deacon: Let us stand *all stand*

Almighty ever-living God,
by whose Spirit the whole body of the Church
is sanctified and governed,
hear our humble prayer for your ministers,
that, by the gift of your grace,
all may serve you faithfully.
Through Christ our Lord. **Amen**

III For catechumens (those preparing for baptism and confirmation)

Let us pray also for catechumens,
that our God and Lord
may open wide the ears of their inmost hearts
and unlock the gates of his mercy,
that, having received forgiveness of all their sins
through the waters of rebirth,
they, too, may be one with Christ Jesus our Lord.

Celebrant: Let us kneel *all kneel*

Deacon: Let us stand *all stand*

Almighty ever-living God,
who make your Church ever fruitful with new offspring,
increase the faith and understanding of catechumens,
that, reborn in the font of Baptism,
they may be added to the number of your adopted children.
Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

IV For the unity of Christians

Let us pray also for all our brothers and sisters who believe in Christ,
that our God and Lord may be pleased,
as they live the truth,
to gather them together and keep them in his one Church.

Celebrant: Let us kneel *all kneel*

Deacon: Let us stand *all stand*

Almighty ever-living God,
who gather what is scattered
and keep together what you have gathered,
look kindly on the flock of your Son,
that those whom one Baptism has consecrated
may be joined together by integrity of faith
and united in the bond of charity.
Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

V For the Jewish people

Let us pray also for the Jewish people,
to whom the Lord our God spoke first,
that he may grant them to advance in love of his name
and in faithfulness to his covenant.

Celebrant: Let us kneel *all kneel*

Deacon: Let us stand *all stand*

Almighty ever-living God,
who bestowed your promises on Abraham and his descendants,
graciously hear the prayers of your Church,
that the people you first made your own
may attain the fullness of redemption.
Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

VI For those who do not believe in Christ

Let us pray also for those who do not believe in Christ,
that, enlightened by the Holy Spirit,
they, too, may enter on the way of salvation.

Celebrant: Let us kneel *all kneel*
Deacon: Let us stand *all stand*

Almighty ever-living God,
grant to those who do not confess Christ
that, by walking before you with a sincere heart,
they may find the truth
and that we ourselves, being constant in mutual love
and striving to understand more fully the mystery of your life,
may be made more perfect witnesses to your love in the world.
Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

VII For those who do not believe in God

Let us pray also for those who do not acknowledge God,
that, following what is right in sincerity of heart,
they may find the way to God himself.

Celebrant: Let us kneel *all kneel*
Deacon: Let us stand *all stand*

Almighty ever-living God,
who created all people to seek you always by desiring you
and, by finding you, come to rest,
grant, we pray, that, despite every harmful obstacle,
all may recognize the signs of your fatherly love
and the witness of the good works
done by those who believe in you,
and so in gladness confess you,
the one true God and Father of our human race.
Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

VIII For those in public office

Let us pray also for those in public office,
that our God and Lord
may direct their minds and hearts according to his will
for the true peace and freedom of all.

Celebrant: Let us kneel *all kneel*

Deacon: Let us stand *all stand*

Almighty ever-living God,
in whose hand lies every human heart
and the rights of peoples,
look with favour, we pray,
on those who govern with authority over us,
that throughout the whole world,
the prosperity of peoples, the assurance of peace,
and freedom of religion
may through your gift be made secure.
Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

IX For those in tribulation

Let us pray, dearly beloved,
to God the Father almighty,
that he may cleanse the world of all errors,
banish disease, drive out hunger,
unlock prisons, loosen fetters,
granting to travellers safety, to pilgrims return,
health to the sick, and salvation to the dying.

Celebrant: Let us kneel *all kneel*

Deacon: Let us stand *all stand*

Almighty ever-living God,
comfort of mourners, strength of all who toil,
may the prayers of those who cry out in any tribulation

come before you,
that all may rejoice,
because in their hour of need
your mercy was at hand.
Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE ADORATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

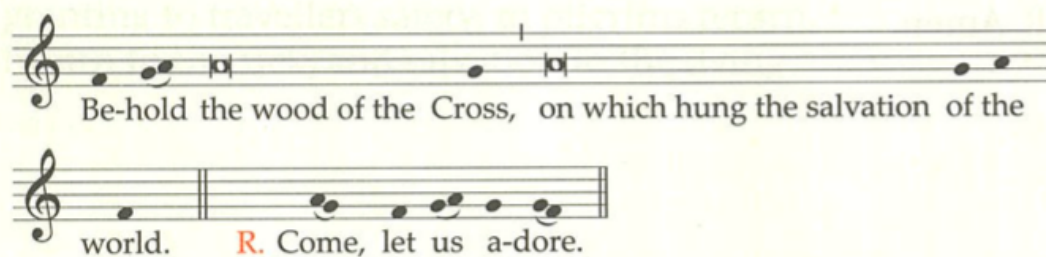
Please stand to sing the hymn.

NEH 95 When I survey the wondrous Cross

Please remain standing as the veiled crucifix is presented. The celebrant sings three times:

Behold the wood of the cross, on which hung the saviour of the world.

Please join in the response, and then genuflect.



All are invited to come forward (in two lines, as for communion) and to kneel in veneration before the Cross.

During the veneration the choir sings the Reproaches. Setting: Victoria/Cox

HOLY COMMUNION

Please kneel. The sacred ministers and servers proceed to the Altar of Repose to return the Blessed Sacrament to the High Altar. The procession proceeds via the south and central aisles, thus completing the procession of Maundy Thursday.

Please join the processional hymn.

NEH 517b. Sing, my Tongue, the Glorious Battle

Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us

**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 celebrant invites the congregation to communion with the following words.

Behold the Lamb of God,
behold him who takes away the sin of the world.
Blessed are those who are called to the supper of the Lamb.
**Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,
but only say the word and I shall be healed.**

The sacrament is distributed. All those who are accustomed to make their communion in any Christian tradition are most welcome to receive. All are welcome to come forward for a blessing.

Communion Motets Miserere mei – Byrd; Christus factus est - Anerio

After communion all stand to sing the post-communion hymn.

NEH 97 At the cross her station keeping

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Almighty ever-living God,
who have restored us to life
by the blessed Death and Resurrection of your Christ,
preserve in us the work of your mercy,
that, by partaking of this mystery,
we may have a life unceasingly devoted to you.
Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Then the Priest, standing facing the people and extending his hands over them, says this Prayer over the People.

May abundant blessing, O Lord, we pray,
descend upon your people,
who have honoured the Death of your Son
in the hope of their resurrection:
may pardon come,
comfort be given,
holy faith increase,
and everlasting redemption be made secure.
Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Please depart in silence.

Tonight 7pm Tenebrae

Holy Saturday

8.00pm The Easter Vigil and First Mass of Easter

Easter Day

8am Low Mass

10.30am Procession and High Mass

6.00pm Evensong and Benediction

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Sunday Services

8.00am Low Mass [BCP]; 9:30am Family Mass; 11.00am High Mass
6pm Low Mass [1st, 3rd & 5th Sundays] 6pm Evensong & Benediction [2nd & 4th Sundays]

Weekday Services

Mon-Fri Mass at 8.00am (9.00am on Public Holidays); Wednesday 1:15pm Mass; Saturday 12noon Mass
Special Devotion to Our Lady of Walsingham on the 4th Saturday of the month
Feast Day High Mass, as advertised: 7.00pm

