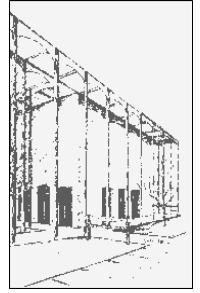


**ST. GEORGE'S ANGLICAN CHURCH**  
**WARNCLIFFE ROAD**  
**EAST IVANHOE**



**PALM SUNDAY**  
**25<sup>th</sup> March 2018**



**SUNDAY**

8.00 am Holy Communion

10.00 am Sung Eucharist

**WEDNESDAY**

10.00 am Holy Communion

**FRIDAY**

10.00 am Holy Communion – Dowell Court

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## LITURGY OF THE PALMS

*Palm branches and crosses are distributed before the liturgy begins.  
The congregation gathers at the Evans Hall side of the Quadrangle (or in inclement weather at the rear of the church)*

Choir Introit: Hosanna Filio David – Victoria  
(*Hosanna to the son of David:  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.*)

*Fr Ray begins:*

Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord  
*All respond*

**Peace in heaven and glory in the highest**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

*The priest says:*

This morning begins the Great Week of the Christian Year.

During Lent we have been preparing by works of love and self-sacrifice for the celebration of the Lord's death and resurrection.

With Christians throughout the world, we come together this week to call to mind, and to express in word and action, the centre of the Easter mystery: our Lord's Passover from death to life.

Christ entered in triumph into the Holy City to complete his work as Messiah: to suffer, to die and to rise to new life.

Today we commit ourselves to walk the way of the cross, so that, sharing his sufferings, we may be united with him in his risen life.

*The palms are blessed.*

Sovereign God, we thank you for these branches and crosses of palm. By your blessing may they be for us signs of the victory of your Son.

May we who carry them in his name ever hail him as our Messiah, and follow him in the way that leads to eternal life; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.      **Amen.**

*The palm branches and crosses are held up for sprinkling with water*

*The priest then introduces the Palm Gospel*

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew 2,1-11

**Hosanna in the highest**

*The Palm Gospel is read*

For the Gospel of the Lord

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

THE PROCESSION

Fr Ray *invites the people to join the procession, saying,*

Let us praise Jesus our Messiah,

as did the crowds who welcomed him to Jerusalem.

Let us proceed in peace.

**In the name of Christ. Amen.**

*The order of procession:*

*Crucifer, Taperers, choir, people, Fr Ray*

*Palm branches are placed against the doorways and all take normal places for the liturgy to continue with the Collect for Palm Sunday. The following hymn is sung as the procession enters the church.*

*AHB 250*

**Refrain:**

**All glory, laud, and honor  
to thee, Redeemer, King!  
to whom the lips of children  
made sweet hosannas ring.**

**Thou art the King of Israel,  
thou David's royal Son,  
who in the Lord's Name comest,  
the King and Blessed One. Refrain**

**The company of angels  
are praising thee on high;  
and mortal men and all things  
created make reply. Refrain**

**The people of the Hebrews  
with palms before thee went;  
our praise and prayer and anthems  
before thee we present. Refrain**

**To thee before thy passion  
they sang their hymns of praise;  
to thee, now high exalted,  
our melody we raise. Refrain**

**Thou didst accept their praises;  
accept the prayers we bring,  
who in all good delightest,  
thou good and gracious King. Refrain**

*The liturgy continues with the Collect.*

God of all,  
you gave your only-begotten Son  
to take the form of a servant,  
and to be obedient even to death on a cross:  
give us the same mind that was in Christ Jesus  
that, sharing in his humility,  
we may come to be with him in his glory,  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

*A Reading from Isaiah*

Isaiah 50.4-9a

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?  
All of them will wear out like a garment;  
    the moth will eat them up.  
For the Word of the Lord **Thanks be to God**

*Psalm 31:9-18 (Sung by the choir)*

<sup>9</sup> Have mercy upon me, O Lord, for I am in trouble:  
my eye wastes away for grief,  
my throat also and my inward parts.

<sup>10</sup> For my life wears out in sorrow,  
and my years with sighing:  
my strength fails me in my affliction,  
and my bones are consumed.

<sup>11</sup> I am become the scorn of all my enemies:  
and my neighbours wag their heads in derision.

<sup>12</sup> I am a thing of horror to my friends:  
and those that see me in the street shrink from me.

<sup>13</sup> I am forgotten like one dead and out of mind:  
I have become like a broken vessel.

<sup>14</sup> For I hear the whispering of many:  
and fear is on every side;

<sup>15</sup> While they plot together against me:  
and scheme to take away my life.

<sup>16</sup> But in you, Lord, have I put my trust:  
I have said 'You are my God.'

<sup>17</sup> All my days are in your hand:  
O deliver me from the power of my enemies  
and from my persecutors.

<sup>18</sup> Make your face to shine upon your servant:  
and save me for your mercy's sake.

***Second Reading*** Philippians 2.5-11

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.

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

*AHB 122*

**Lord Jesus, think on me,  
and purge away my sin;  
from earthbound passions set me free,  
and make me pure within.**

**Lord Jesus, think on me  
by care and woe oppressed;  
let me your loving servant be,  
and taste your promised rest.**

**Lord Jesus, think on me,  
amid the bitter strife;  
through all my pain and misery  
become my health and life.**

**Lord Jesus, think on me,  
nor let me go astray;  
through darkness and perplexity  
point to the heavenly way.**

**Lord Jesus, think on me,  
that, when the trial is past,  
I may your radiant glory see,  
and share your joy at last.**

*During the last verse of the hymn, the readers of the Gospel come forward*

*The congregation is seated after the hymn*

*The Gospel reading is introduced as follows.*

The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew

**No response is given**

*After the reading*

This is the Passion of Our Lord

**No response is given**

The Homily: Fr Ray

*The prayers are led by Alan Tracey*

*Let us pray*

We pray for the peace of Jerusalem,  
and for all the nations of the world.

We pray for enemies to be reconciled  
and for justice to be done.

Lord, hear us.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

We pray for candidates for baptism and confirmation,  
and for Christians everywhere.

We pray for courage and integrity  
in following the way of the cross.

Lord, hear us.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

We pray for all who offer their gifts to Christ,  
and for those who have betrayed his trust in them.

We pray for love and loyalty in all our relationships.

Lord, hear us.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

We pray for the sick and all prisoners,  
and for people preparing to die.

We pray for healing, freedom, and hope.

Lord, hear us.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

We pray for the forgiveness of our sins  
through our Lord Jesus Christ.

We pray for pardon and peace.

Lord, hear us.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

We give thanks for all the saints,  
and for the resurrection light that shines on them.

We remember those who have died.

Lord, hear us.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

*All say*

**Holy God,**

**hear the prayers of your Church.**

**Forgive our sins,**

**and send us the grace we need**

**to be faithful followers**

**of our crucified and risen Lord,**

**for we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.**

*Stand for 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.**

*All may exchange a greeting of peace.*

*AHB 257*

**My song is love unknown,**

**my Savior's love to me,**

**love to the loveless shown**

**that they might lovely be.**

**O who am I**

**that for my sake**

**my Lord should take**

**frail flesh and die?**

**He came from his blest throne**

**salvation to bestow,**

**but men made strange, and none**

**the longed-for Christ would know.**

**But O my friend,**

**my friend indeed,**

**who at my need,**

**his life did spend.**



**Sometimes they strew his way,  
and his strong praises sing,  
resounding all the day  
hosannas to their King.  
Then "Crucify!"  
is all their breath,  
and for his death  
they thirst and cry.**

**Why, what hath my Lord done?  
What makes this rage and spite?  
He made the lame to run,  
he gave the blind their sight.  
Sweet injuries!  
Yet they at these  
themselves displease,  
and 'gainst him rise.**

**They rise, and needs will have  
my dear Lord made away;  
a murderer they save,  
the Prince of Life they slay.  
Yet steadfast he  
to suffering goes,  
that he his foes  
from thence might free.**

**In life, no house, no home  
My Lord on earth might have,  
In death, no friendly tomb  
But what a stranger gave.  
What may I say?  
Heaven was his home:  
But mine the tomb  
wherein he lay.**

*The gifts of the people are brought to the Lord's Table*

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.**

All glory and honour

be yours always and everywhere,  
mighty creator, everliving God.

We give you thanks and praise for your Son,  
Our Saviour Jesus Christ,  
Who became obedient unto death,  
even death on a cross.

He offered the one true sacrifice for sin,  
And obtained an eternal deliverance for his people.  
The tree of defeat became the tree of victory;  
Where life was lost, there life has been restored.

Therefore with angels and archangels,  
And with all the company of heaven,  
We proclaim your great and glorious name,  
Forever praising you and singing:

**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.**

Merciful God, we thank you  
for these gifts of your creation,  
this bread and wine,  
and we pray that by your Word and Holy Spirit,  
we who eat and drink them  
may be partakers of Christ's body and blood.

On the night he was betrayed  
Jesus took bread;  
and when he had given you thanks  
he broke it, and gave it to his disciples,

saying, 'Take, eat.  
This is my body given for you.  
Do this in remembrance of me.'

After supper, he took the cup,  
and again giving you thanks  
he gave it to his disciples, saying,  
'Drink from this, all of you.  
This is my blood of the new covenant  
shed for you and for many  
for the forgiveness of sins.  
Do this, as often as you drink it,  
in remembrance of me.'

**Christ has died**

**Christ is risen**

**Christ will come again.**

Therefore we do as our Saviour has commanded:  
proclaiming his offering of himself  
made once for all upon the cross,  
his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension,  
and looking for his coming again,  
we celebrate with this bread and this cup,  
his one perfect and sufficient sacrifice  
for the sins of the whole world.

Renew us by your Holy Spirit,  
Unite us in the body of your Son,  
and bring us with all your people  
into the joy of your eternal kingdom;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
with whom, and in whom,  
in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,  
we worship you, Father  
in songs of never ending praise:

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

As our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are confident to pray,

**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.**

We who are many are one body  
**For we all share in the one bread**

*The following is sung.*

**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.**

*Fr Ray says:*

The gifts of God for the people of God

*Communion is then administered according to our normal practice.*

*If you are baptised you are welcome to come forward to receive communion. If you are not baptised you are welcome to come forward to receive God's blessing*

*Communion Motet: Christus Factus est - Anerio  
Christ became obedient for us unto death,  
even to the death, death on the cross.  
Therefore God exalted Him and gave Him a name  
which is above all names.*

*After Communion*  
God our help and strength,  
through these holy mysteries  
confirm our faith,  
that by the death and resurrection of your Son  
we may walk in the way of salvation.

**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.**

Christ our Saviour draw you to himself,  
that you may find in him crucified  
a sure ground for faith,  
a firm support for hope,  
and the assurance of sin forgiven  
and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son,  
and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

**Hymn 264 AHB Ride on Ride on in majesty**

**1. Ride on, ride on, in majesty!  
Hark! all the tribes hosanna cry.  
O Savior meek, pursue your road,  
With palms and scattered garments strowed.**

**2. Ride on, ride on, in majesty!  
In lowly pomp ride on to die.  
O Christ, your triumphs now begin  
O'er captive death and conquered sin.**

**3. Ride on, ride on, in majesty!  
The winged squadrons of the sky  
Look down with sad and wondering eyes  
To see the approaching Sacrifice.**

**4. Ride on, ride on, in majesty!  
Thy last and fiercest strife is nigh;  
The Father on His sapphire throne  
Expects His own anointed Son.**

**5. Ride on, ride on, in majesty!  
In lowly pomp ride on to die.  
Bow your meek head to mortal pain.  
Then take, O God, your power and reign.**

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

Postlude: Valet will ich dir geben BWV 736 - J.S. Bach

## Locum Letter 25<sup>th</sup> March Palm Sunday

Today we begin the most holy season of the Christian year. This week is a defining moment that will change the face of history. The Gospel of Mark does not include the familiar Palm Sunday parade, instead it sets the events of the passion into motion. Jesus is dangerous to the status quo, both the religious and political leaders who have joined together to preserve the power of the Temple and to ensure the empire is respected and tolerated at many different levels. He is also dangerous to those who have followed him as we see with Peter's denial of him. Jesus is now a marked man.

Each Palm Sunday we are not re-enacting the story of the rejection, crucifixion, death and resurrection of Jesus but rather retelling, remembering the loving and self giving act of God who gave of himself for the redemption of humanity.

Holy week requires time and space. I have listed various times for community worship during the week including the Great three days {The Triduum} of Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter day. I try not to have any extra curricular activities during holy week saving energy for the Triduum. Imagine you are preparing for a long walk, preserve energy, and remain still for part of the day, eat lightly and commit your self to embark on remembering.

At this time we stand with the church universal, warts and all , with the whole of creation to be renewed and restored as the broken and forgiven people of God.

Shalom

Ray

### **SERVICE ROSTER FOR TODAY**

Priest:	Locum Priest Canon Dr Ray Cleary
Organist:	Roger Brown
Servers:	Neil Appleby, Chris Hayward, Sandra O'Grady
Eucharistic Assistants:	Server
Readers:	Roger Brown
Sidespersons:	Robert Stevens, Bob Hill
Morning Tea:	Mario Christodoulou

### **SERVICE ROSTER FOR NEXT SUNDAY 1<sup>st</sup> April 2018**

Priest:	Locum Priest Canon Dr Ray Cleary
Organist:	Roger Brown
Servers:	Joan Skene,Chris Hayward, Neil Appleby
Eucharistic Assistants:	Coral Tudball
Readers:	Marion White
Sidespersons:	Ian James, Bob Hill
Morning Tea:	Alison Smart
Flowers:	All members of the Flower Guild
Church Cleaning:	Anne and Bob Hill

## Years Mind

Dudley James McGRATH	25th March	1996
Valerie Ramola DE RUIN	25th March	2013
William Godfrey HOWITT	26th March	1960
Elizabeth Shoana MCCULLOCH	26th March	1998
Mick HULL	26th March	1995
Henry DAY	27th March	1979
Eric MORRISON	27th March	1981
Charles John LONGNEY	27th March	1986
Eunice Gustin Walton	28th March	2005
Herbert William WATTS	28th March	1989
Lindsay Raymond ATKINS	29th March	1941
Eva Selkirk SHOVELTON	29th March	1976
Angus Lindsay 'John' CARMICHAEL	29th March	1995
Agnes May CLEVERDON	30th March	1984

### Readings April 1<sup>st</sup> - Easter Day

Acts 10.34-43, Psalm Hymn to the Risen Christ, iCorinthians 15.1-11 John 20.1-18

### *Film: Mary Magdalene*

*Date: Sunday 22 April*

*Theatre: Palace Balwyn, 231 Whitehorse Rd*

*Time: 2 pm*

*Cost: \$15 includes light afternoon tea at theatre at completion of film.*

*Discussion: At completion of film Father Ray will lead a discussion during afternoon tea.*

*Dinner: Optional dinner at Colombo's, 250 Whitehorse Rd.*

*Book: List at back of Church or Robert Stevens 0412 397546, By the 15<sup>th</sup> April*

## **COMING EVENTS AND SERVICES**

**25<sup>th</sup> March    Sunday of the Passion (Palm Sunday)**

8.00 Said Eucharist 10.00 am Sung Eucharistic

27<sup>th</sup> March    7.00 am    Eucharist

28<sup>th</sup> March    10.00 am Eucharist

6.30pm Ecumenical Dinner {See Mary or Sandra }

**29<sup>th</sup> March    10am Easter Eucharist at Dowell Crt.**

**7.30pm The Liturgy of the Lord's supper, Stripping of the altar and reservation of the sacrament for Good Friday.**

**30<sup>th</sup> March    Good Friday**

10am    Liturgy of the Cross and Communion

11.30am Ecumenical walk Starting from St James Ivanhoe

3pm    Stations of the Cross

**1<sup>st</sup> April    Easter Day**

8am Eucharist, Lighting of the Fire and renewal of baptism vows

10am Choral Eucharist with Renewal of baptismal vows

## **BLUMES FASHIONS**

**SATURDAY, APRIL 7<sup>TH</sup> AT 1.30 PM**

**EVANS HALL**

**\$5.00 includes Afternoon Tea and door prizes.**

**RSVP    Sandra 9470 8079**

**Joan    9459 0325**