



WELCOME TO THE ANGLICAN PARISH OF

ST GEORGE

EAST IVANHOE, MELBOURNE

PALM SUNDAY

SUNDAY 5 APRIL 2020

Hymns: 250 (Website recording)

Postlude: *Valet will ich dir geben BWV 735* (J.S. Bach)
(Website recording)

Organist: Roger Brown

WELCOME

St George's is a community committed to making and sustaining connections: with God, with one another, with the local and wider community, and with the environment. We value liturgical worship, encouraging fellowship and community service. We believe in God - the beauty of transcendent holiness, present in our connectedness; and in caring passionately for all in need. All are welcome in this sacred space.

THIS WEEK

Public Worship is in Recess

Sunday 12 April

Easter Day

Acts 10.34-43

Psalm 118.1-2, 14-24 or

Hymn Risen Christ (APBA pp.
6 or 32)

Colossians 3.1-4

Matthew 28.1-10

MASS READINGS

Please use these readings in conjunction with the Order of Service for the Eucharist, commencing at page 119 of the green 'A Prayer Book for Australia.'

SENTENCE

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.

PHILIPPIANS 2.10-11

COLLECT

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.**

FIRST READING

ISAIAH 50.4-9A

A reading from the Book 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 awakens— awakens 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.

Hear the word of the Lord,
thanks be to God.

PSALM 31.9-19



9. Have mercy upon me, O Lord,
for | I am • in | trouble :
my eye wastes away for griefmy
throat also | and my | inward| parts.
- 10. For my life wears out in
sorrow and my | years with |
sighing:
My strength fails me in my
affliction : and my| bones | are
cons| umered.**
11. I am become the scorn of| all my|
enemies,
and my neighbours | wag their|
heads • in de| rision:
- 12. I am a thing of | horror • to
my| friends;
and they that see me in the |
street | shrink | from me.**
13. I am forgotten like a dead man|
out of | mind :
I have be| come • like a| broken |
vessel.
- 14. For I hear the | whispering of | many:
and | fear • is on | every | side,**
15. While they plot to| gether •
a| gainst me,
and scheme to | take a| way my| life.
- 16. But in you Lord have I | put
my| trust :
I have said | ‘You | are my | God’.**
17. All my days are | in your | hand;
O deliver me from the power of
my | enemies and | from my |
persecutors
- 18. Make your face to shine u| pon
your | servant :
and save me | for your |
mercy’s | sake.**

SECOND READING

PHILIPPIANS 2.5-11

*A reading from Paul's letters 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 ACCLAMATION

Congregation

Al - le - lu - jah Al - le - lu - jah Al - le - lu - jah

6 Cantor

Christ became obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross,

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because of this, God greatly exalted him and bestowed on him the

9

name which is a - bove ev - ery name.

2 Congregation

Al - le - lu - jah Al - le - lu - jah Al - le - lu - jah

GOSPEL MATTHEW 27.11-54

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to John.

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ

Now Jesus stood before the governor; and the governor asked him, 'Are you the King of the Jews?' Jesus said, 'You say so.' But when he was accused by the chief priests and elders, he did not answer. Then Pilate said to him, 'Do you not hear how many accusations

they make against you?’ But he gave him no answer, not even to a single charge, so that the governor was greatly amazed. Now at the festival the governor was accustomed to release a prisoner for the crowd, anyone whom they wanted. At that time they had a notorious prisoner, called Jesus Barabbas. So after they had gathered, Pilate said to them, ‘Whom do you want me to release for you, Jesus Barabbas or Jesus who is called the Messiah?’ For he realized that it was out of jealousy that they had handed him over. While he was sitting on the judgement seat, his wife sent word to him, ‘Have nothing to do with that innocent man, for today I have suffered a great deal because of a dream about him.’ Now the chief priests and the elders persuaded the crowds to ask for Barabbas and to have Jesus killed. The governor again said to them, ‘Which of the two do you want me to release for you?’ And they said, ‘Barabbas.’ Pilate said to them, ‘Then what should I do with Jesus who is called the Messiah?’ All of them said, ‘Let him be crucified!’ Then he asked, ‘Why, what evil has he done?’ But they shouted all the more, ‘Let him be crucified!’ So when Pilate saw that he could do

nothing, but rather that a riot was beginning, he took some water and washed his hands before the crowd, saying, ‘I am innocent of this man’s blood; see to it yourselves.’ Then the people as a whole answered, ‘His blood be on us and on our children!’ So he released Barabbas for them; and after flogging Jesus, he handed him over to be crucified. Then the soldiers of the governor took Jesus into the governor’s headquarters, and they gathered the whole cohort around him. They stripped him and put a scarlet robe on him, and after twisting some thorns into a crown, they put it on his head. They put a reed in his right hand and knelt before him and mocked him, saying, ‘Hail, King of the Jews!’ They spat on him, and took the reed and struck him on the head. After mocking him, they stripped him of the robe and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him away to crucify him. As they went out, they came upon a man from Cyrene named Simon; they compelled this man to carry his cross. And when they came to a place called Golgotha (which means Place of a Skull), they offered him 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!'

This is the Gospel of the Lord,
praise to you Lord Je-sus Christ.

PARISH PRAYERS

Hayley Pace; and Elizabeth Appleby, Coral Tudball, Gabriel Arroyo Gomez, Jenny Edbrooke, Andrew Meadows, Rebecca Bowden, Thelma Gray, Neil Grierson, Margaret Syle, Henri-Felix Carolane, Karen Derbyshire, Pat Oswald, Max Pearce, Vince Cristiano, Sylbie, Stephen 'Spud' Murphy, Lesley

Tracey, Frank Cichello, Frank McFall, Lily Kelcey, Brian Monteith, Leanne Barker, Paul Finch, Josie Cichello-Sanderson, the Malek family and those known to you alone.

We pray for Fr John's ministry to Ivanhoe Grammar School as the School Chaplain, and for our involvement with that community.

We remember all who have died in recent days.

We also remember with love and affection those whose anniversary of death occurs at this time.

PRAYER FOR MISSION PARTNER

Open House Christian Involvement Centre - Macleod

Loving God, thank-you for the work of Open House. May the staff and volunteers show wisdom and compassion, and be a positive influence in the lives of their participants. May we learn how best to collaborate with them to support the vulnerable in our local community.

YEARS MIND

5 April	Violet BARTLETT	2000
5 April	Jeannie THOMPSON	1986
6 April	Michael TISDAL	1995
6 April	Beresford HOUGHTON-ALLEN	2017
7 April	George WHITELAW	1982
7 April	Kenneth PITTS	1997
8 April	Peter MACE	1991
8 April	Geoffrey PITCHER	2012
9 April	Lucy GOTT	1985
9 April	Geoffrey GRIFFITH	1995
9 April	Sylvia BAHEN	1971
9 April	Raymond McCULLOCH	2009
10 April	George McCULLOCH	1975
10 April	Jessie CARLYLE	1988

10 April	Douglas MOORHEAD	2002
10 April	Donald WILLIS	2013
11 April	Doreen ROBERTS	1935
11 April	Louisa WOOSTER	1978
11 April	John MORRIS	2013

ST GEORGE PEACE MEMORIAL CHURCH PUBLIC WORSHIP IN RECESS

We have just completed our first week in recess and there has been much activity, with telephone visits, emails, video and tele-conferences, and the delivery of pew bulletins to name but a few. It has been lovely to hear how many of us have been calling one another and providing support through conversation and shopping.

I have now established a plan for maintaining contact with you all (which is about 80-90 people) and so will speak with everyone at least once every 12 days, sometimes more often.

It will be interesting to see the innovative ways in which we remain connected in the coming weeks. Parish Council met in a 'virtual' way this afternoon utilising telephone and two social media applications, it worked, just. However, we will try to embrace videoconferencing on the application Zoom for our next meeting. Maybe we could use Zoom for a virtual 'Bring 'n'

Share supper?

I am grateful to those who have supplied prayers and reflections throughout the course of the week, all of which have been loaded to our Facebook page (@StGeorgeEastIvanhoe) and to our parish web page (www.stgeorgeseastivanhoe.org).

If you have articles, prayers, or photographs of rapidly improving gardens or tidied garages that you would like to share with others, as we seek to maintain our morale, then email them to me at fr.john@stgeorgeseastivanhoe.org.

Parish Council resolved to create a telephone tree so that we can maintain connections with one another. To assist with a timely activation of this tree it is assumed that all would like to participate. If you do not wish to be part of this telephone tree then

please contact me as soon as possible, certainly before Easter. You have to actively opt-out if you do not wish to participate.

End of COVID-19 party. I am beginning to turn my mind to the planning of an end of COVID-19 street party that would embrace our worshipping community, all our hall and meeting room users and the local East Ivanhoe. The party would utilise all our spaces and courtyard, begin in the afternoon, and would probably go through the night. If you would like to be part of this planning group then please make contact.

We now enter Holy Week and journey with our Lord to the Cross and to the joy of the Resurrection. I pray that in these challenging days that you will be able to make use of this special edition of the pew bulletin as an aid to your personal devotions.

Let us continue to journey together through this time of pandemic in faith, hope and love, committed to shining as a light to the world of the love of God that is made manifest in each one of us.

Walk with our Lord through this Holy Week.

Yours in service,

Fr. John

Fifth Sunday in Lent, 2020

A NOTE FROM THE WARDENS & PARISH COUNCIL

Thank you to you all for your support of one another in this time of pandemic. We are a strong and loving community, which we believe, as Fr John has articulated on a number of occasions, will grow even stronger and closer in the weeks ahead. A number of people have spoken with John over the last week about how they might maintain their financial support of the parish in this time ahead. The finances of the parish are in good order, but it is the responsibility of the Wardens and Council to look at ways in which we ensure that we remain in good order. Please contact Vince, as our Chief Financial Officer, or the Wardens (listed in the directory) if you would like to discuss how you may support the parish (envelopes, direct debit, EFT donation). Thank you for your generosity and sacrificial giving in these challenging times.

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