

WELCOME TO THE ANGLICAN PARISH OF

ST GEORGE

EAST IVANHOE, MELBOURNE

FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

SUNDAY 29 MARCH 2020

*All public acts of worship are
currently in recess*

Postlude: *O Lamm Gottes, unschuldig*
BWV 618 – J.S. Bach
(website recording)

Organist: Roger Brown

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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 5 April

*Sixth Sunday in Lent -
Palm Sunday*

Isaiah 50.4-9a

Psalm 31.9-18

Philippians 2.5-11

Matthew 26.14-27.66 or

Matthew 27.11-54

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

'I am the resurrection and the life,' says the Lord; 'whoever lives and believes in me shall never die.'

JOHN II.25-26

COLLECT

Life-giving God,
your Son came into the world
to free us all from sin and death:
breathe upon us with the power of your Spirit,
that we may be raised to new life in Christ,
and serve you in holiness and righteousness all our days;
through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

FIRST READING

EZEKIEL 37.1-14

A reading from the Book Ezekiel

The hand of the Lord came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the Lord and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. He led me all round them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. He said to me, 'Mortal, can these bones live?' I answered, 'O Lord God, you know.' Then he said to me, 'Prophesy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the Lord. Thus says the Lord God to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. I will lay sinews on you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live; and you shall know that I am the Lord.' So I prophesied as I had been commanded; and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling,

and the bones came together, bone to its bone. I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them; but there was no breath in them. Then he said to me, ‘Prophesy to the breath, prophesy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord God: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live.’ I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude. Then he said to me, ‘Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, “Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely.” Therefore prophesy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord God: I am going to open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people; and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. And you shall know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people. I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the Lord, have spoken and will act, says the Lord.’

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

PSALM 130



1. Out of the depths have I called to | you O | Lord:
 Lord | hear | my | voice;
2. O let your ears con|sider | well:
 the | voice . of my | supplication.
3. If you Lord should note what | we do | wrong:
 who | then O | Lord could | stand?

4. But there is for|giveness .with | you:
so that | you | shall be | feared.
5. I wait for the Lord * my | soul | waits for him:
and | in his | word . is my | hope.
6. My soul | looks . for the | Lord:
more than watchmen for the morning
more I say than | watchmen | for the | morning.



7. O Israel trust in the Lord
for with the | Lord • . there is | mercy:
and with | him is | ample .re|demption.
8. He will re|deem | Israel:
from the | multi-tude | of his | sins.

SECOND READING

ROMANS 8.6-II

A reading from Paul's letters to the Romans

To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law—indeed it cannot, and those who are in the flesh cannot please God. But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

Hear the word of the Lord,

thanks be to God.

GOSPEL

JOHN II.I-45

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

Glory to you, Lord *Jes-us* Christ.

Now a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. Mary was the one who anointed the Lord with perfume and wiped his feet with her hair; her brother Lazarus was ill. So the sisters sent a message to Jesus, 'Lord, he whom you love is ill.' But when Jesus heard it, he said, 'This illness does not lead to death; rather it is for God's glory, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it.' Accordingly, though Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, after having heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was. Then after this he said to the disciples, 'Let us go to Judea again.' The disciples said to him, 'Rabbi, the Jews were just now trying to stone you, and are you going there again?' Jesus answered, 'Are there not twelve hours of daylight? Those who walk during the day do not stumble, because they see the light of this world. But those who walk at night stumble, because the light is not in them.' After saying this, he told them, 'Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I am going there to awaken him.' The disciples said to him, 'Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will be all right.' Jesus, however, had been speaking about his death, but they thought that he was referring merely to sleep. Then Jesus told them plainly, 'Lazarus is dead. For your sake I am glad I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him.' Thomas, who was called the Twin, said to his fellow-disciples, 'Let us also go, that we may die with him.' When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb for four days. Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, some two miles away, and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them about their brother. When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home. Martha said to Jesus, 'Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him.' Jesus said to her, 'Your brother will rise again.' Martha said to him, 'I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day.' Jesus said to her, 'I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?' She said to him, 'Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world.' When she had said this, she went back and called her sister

Mary, and told her privately, 'The Teacher is here and is calling for you.' And when she heard it, she got up quickly and went to him. Now Jesus had not yet come to the village, but was still at the place where Martha had met him. The Jews who were with her in the house, consoling her, saw Mary get up quickly and go out. They followed her because they thought that she was going to the tomb to weep there. When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, 'Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.' When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. He said, 'Where have you laid him?' They said to him, 'Lord, come and see.' Jesus began to weep. So the Jews said, 'See how he loved him!' But some of them said, 'Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?' Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. Jesus said, 'Take away the stone.' Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, 'Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead for four days.' Jesus said to her, 'Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?' So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upwards and said, 'Father, I thank you for having heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me.' When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, 'Lazarus, come out!' The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, 'Unbind him, and let him go.' Many of the Jews therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what Jesus did, believed in him.

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

PARISH PRAYERS

Elizabeth Appleby, Hayley Pace; and 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

Anglican Overseas Aid

Bountiful God bless Anglican Overseas Aid as it creates and strengthens partnerships in developing countries. Strengthen their work to overcome poverty and injustice and to relieve in disasters. May we inspire others to be compassionate, involved and responsible global citizens. Amen.

YEARS MIND

29 March	Lindsay ATKINS	1941
29 March	Eva SHOVELTON	1976
29 March	Angus CARMICHAEL	1995
30 March	Agnes CLEVERDON	1984
1 April	Alice PHILLIPS	1970
1 April	Jackie COOKE	2008
1 April	Fay FRASER	2008

PARISH NOTICES

Palm Crosses

Due to restrictions as a consequence of the C-19 virus this activity is now cancelled.

Facebook

Please encourage your family friend and neighbours to visit, like and follow our Facebook page @StGeorgesEastIvanhoe.

ST GEORGE PEACE MEMORIAL CHURCH

PUBLIC WORSHIP IN RECESS

Sunday 22 March 2020 was the Fourth Sunday in Lent (Mothering Sunday). It was also the day on which our Bishop, the Rt. Rev'd Genieve Blackwell visited us to Celebrate and Preach at our 10am Choral Eucharist. It was a day on which we were able to welcome six new people to church, including three young children.

It was also the day on which we announced that as a consequence of the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic that public worship at St Georges would go into recess. What does this mean?

On a practical level it means that public worship at St Georges, in whatever form, would cease until permitted to resume by advice or instruction of State and Federal Government, or at the direction of the Archbishop of Melbourne and Archbishop in Council. We have also closed our Opportunity Shop, the Evans Hall, Upper Meeting Room (Hall) and Parish Meeting Room.

Some may see this as threat. I see this situation as an opportunity to not only broaden and deepen our existing relationship with God, but also an opportunity to deepen our

relationships with one another, and with the broader community in new and imaginative ways. To assist you with your personal devotions the Pew Bulletin will continue to be produced and published on our Website and Facebook page, the bulletin will also be delivered by hand or post to your home. Roger will continue to record and to publish the weekly postlude, and additional pieces of music.

Meron and Mother Linda have already found helpful articles for our reflection, which may be found on Facebook @StGeorgesEastIvanhoe. I hope to have links to these articles on our web site by the time you read this bulletin. We will also produce a booklet to assist you with your journey from Palm Sunday through Holy Week to the glory of Easter. I am hopeful, thanks to a local business person, that we will be able to record a service of Holy Communion each week, which will then be available from Facebook and the parish web site.

I will also seek to visit our community by text, telephone, email, facetime, Skype and Zoom once every 7-10 days, which equates to about 70 calls a

week. I hope that others will be able to join me in this ministry.

Today, Lady Day, marks the Annunciation to the Blessed Virgin Mary, so we have nine months to go until Christmas. Mary believed in God. In the living of her life she was open to the possibility of an encounter with God in some shape or form, in some activity. Her belief enabled her to recognise God's presence in her life, and as a consequence she was prepared to respond to the call made upon her life, and so stands before us as an exemplar of faithful obedience. Mary responded to God's call upon her life in faith and prayer and at huge personal risk in this way.

My soul magnifies the Lord,

47. and my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour,
48. for he has looked on the humble estate of his servant. For behold, from now on all generations will call me blessed;
49. for he who is mighty has done great things for me, and holy is his name.
50. And his mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation.

51. He has shown strength with his arm; he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts;
52. he has brought down the mighty from their thrones and exalted those of humble estate;
53. he has filled the hungry with good things, and the rich he has sent away empty.
54. He has helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy,
55. as he spoke to our fathers, to Abraham and to his offspring forever. In the days that lie ahead, may we be open to the opportunity to encounter God, and when we do, respond in obedience, faith and prayer, knowing that to do so, may for some of us come at some risk.

Let us 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.

I look forward to a wonderful celebration of Christmas 2020 with you all.

Yours in service,

Fr John

Feast of The Annunciation To The Blessed Virgin Mary, 2020

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