



Holy Trinity Anglican Church Fitzroy

4th Sunday in Lent—Eyes Wide Open

26 March
2017

A Welcome and Candle Lighting

We stand and sing

To God be the Glory, great things He hath done,
so loved He the world that he gave us His Son.
Who yielded His life an atonement for sin
and opened the life-gate that all may go in.

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,
let the earth hear His voice
praise the Lord, praise the Lord,
let the people rejoice.
O come to the Father through Jesus the Son,
and give Him the Glory great things He hath done.

O perfect redemption the purchase of blood
to every believer the promise of God
The vilest offender who truly believes
that moment from Jesus a pardon receives.

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,
let the earth hear His voice
praise the Lord, praise the Lord,
let the people rejoice.
O come to the Father through Jesus the Son,
and give Him the Glory great things He hath done.

Great things He hath taught us
great things He hath done
and great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son
But purer and higher and greater will be
our wonder, our rapture when Jesus we see.

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,
let the earth hear His voice
praise the Lord, praise the Lord,
let the people rejoice.
O come to the Father through Jesus the Son,
and give Him the Glory great things He hath done.

The Preparation: *(remain standing)*

Grace and peace to you from God
God fill you with truth and joy
This is the day which the Lord has made
We will rejoice and be glad in it!

We Pray:

Almighty God to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hidden: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit. So that we may truly love you and worthily praise your holy name: through our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen

We kneel or are seated for

The Confession

Hear the teaching of Christ: A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another as I have loved you.

Spirit of God, search our hearts.

Lord have mercy.

Christ have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

God has promised forgiveness to all who truly repent, turn to Christ in faith and are themselves forgiving. In silence we call to mind our sins.

Silence

Let us confess our sins.

**Merciful God,
We have sinned in what we have
Thought and said,
In the wrong we have done, and in the good we
have not done. We have sinned in ignorance. We
have sinned in weakness, we have sinned through
our own deliberate fault. We are truly sorry. We
repent and turn to you. Forgive us for our
Saviour Christ's sake and renew our lives to the
glory of your name.
Amen**

Through the cross of Christ, God, have mercy on you, pardon you and set you free. Know that you are forgiven and be at peace. God strengthen you in all goodness and keep you in life eternal.

Amen

Sentence:

Lord be gracious to us; we long for you. Be our strength every morning our salvation in time of distress.

Collect

God of healing and sight, we long to see with eyes of faith. Heal all that blinds us, renew our vision, and grant us to see afresh all that you are doing; in the healing presence of the Holy Spirit and through Jesus Christ our Saviour, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

We stand and sing

**Open our eyes, Lord
We want to see Jesus
To reach out and touch Him
And say that we love Him**

**Open our ears, Lord
And help us to listen
Open our eyes, Lord
We want to see Jesus**

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Gospel Play:

John Chapter 9 verse 1-41

We stand and sing

**The King of love my shepherd is,
whose goodness faileth never;
I nothing lack if I am his
and he is mine for ever.**

**Where streams of living water flow,
My ransomed soul, he leadeth,
and, where the verdant pastures grow,
with food celestial feedeth.**

**Perverse and foolish oft I strayed,
but yet in love he sought me
and on his shoulder gently laid
and home, rejoicing, brought me.**

**In death's dark vale I fear no ill
with thee, dear Lord, beside me,
Thy rod and staff my comfort still,
Thy cross before to guide me.**

**Thou spread'st a table in my sight;
Thy unction grace bestoweth:
and O what transport of delight
from Thy pure chalice floweth!**

**And so through all the length of days
Thy goodness faileth never:
Good Shepherd, may I sing your praise
within Thy house for ever!**

We are seated for

The Reflection

Erena Roberts

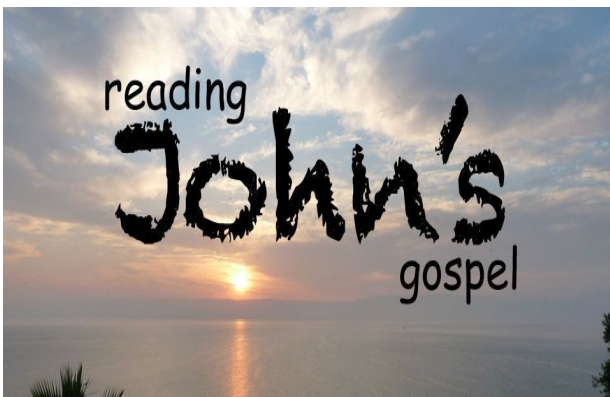
Group Discussion

We stand and sing the offertory song

**Blessed Assurance, Jesus is mine,
O what a foretaste of glory divine,
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,
Born of His Spirit, Washed in His Blood.**

**This is my story, This is my song,
Praising my Saviour all the day long
(x2)**

**Perfect submission, perfect delight,
Visions of rapture now burst on my sight,
Angels descending, bring from above,
Echoes of mercy, Whispers of love.**



**This is my story, This is my song,
Praising my Saviour all the day long
(x2)**

**Perfect submission, all is at rest,
I, in my Saviour am happy and blest,
Watching and waiting, looking above,
Filled with his goodness, Lost in His love.**

**This is my story, This is my song,
Praising my Saviour all the day long
(x2)**

We remain standing for the **Offertory Prayer**

To you Lord, belongs the greatness, and the power
and the glory and the victory and the majesty.
All that is in the heavens and the earth is yours,
And of your own we give you.

The Affirmation of Faith

**You, O God, are supreme and holy.
You create our world and give us life.
Your purpose overarches everything we do.
You have always been with us.
You are God.**

**You, O God, are infinitely generous,
good beyond all measure.
You came to us before we came to you.
You have revealed and proved
your love for us in Jesus Christ,
who lived and died and rose again.
You are with us now.
You are God.**

**You, O God, are Holy Spirit.
You empower us to be your gospel in the
world.
You reconcile and heal; you overcome
death.**

You are our God. We worship you.

Let us pray for the Church and for the world,
giving thanks for God's goodness.

The Prayers of the People

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord is here.
God's Spirit is with us.

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to offer thanks and praise.

It is right indeed.....

Your great and glorious name saying

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might:
heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in
the highest.**

On the night before.....

..... Renewed for the service of your Kingdom

United in Christ with all who stand before you in earth
and heaven, we worship you, O God, in songs of
everlasting praise.

**Blessing, honour and glory be yours, here and
everywhere now and forever. Amen**

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

**We who are many are one body, for we all share
the one bread.**

Jesus, Lamb of God, have mercy on us.
Jesus., bearer of our sins, have mercy on us.
Jesus, redeemer of the world, give us your peace.

Communion

We sing

**The Lord Prayer
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 stand and sing

**God sent His Son they called Him Jesus
He came to love, heal and forgive
He lived and died to buy my pardon
an empty grave is there to prove my Saviour lives**

**Because He lives I can face tomorrow
because He lives all fear is gone
because I know he holds the future
and life is worth the living just because He lives.**

**How sweet to hold a new-born baby
and feel the pride and joy he gives
But greater still the calm assurance
this child can face uncertain days
because He lives Because**

**He lives I can face tomorrow
because He lives all fear is gone
because I know he holds the future
and life is worth the living just because He lives.**

**And then one day I'll cross the river
I'll fight life's final war with pain
And then as death gives way to victory
I'll see the lights of glory and I'll know He lives.**

**Because He lives I can face tomorrow
because He lives all fear is gone
because I know he holds the future
and life is worth the living just because He lives.**

The Dismissal:

Go now to love and serve the Lord.

Go in Peace.

Amen. We go in the name of Christ.

*You are warmly invited to stay
to enjoy refreshments*



Tuesdays in Lent Please remember that the church will be open from 7pm to 8pm for a quite and reflective time.

Easter Alive: This year, this wonderful pageant will take place at St James' Presbyterian Church on Lorna Street, from **1st through 7th April**. It's a huge undertaking and we are seeking your support — we need actors (very few lines to learn), helpers with costumes, make-up, scene-setting, contributions to morning teas or lunches for those taking part. Please talk to Rodney (our parish Easter Alive representative) for more information and with your offers.

Easter Outreach

Arrangements are again underway for an outreach into the Fitzroy Community on Maundy Thursday. In partnership with the Knox Presbyterian Church, we will again be giving away Hot Cross buns to shop keepers, workers and shoppers, wishing them a Happy Easter. Accompanying the Hot Cross bun, will be a Easter Card explaining the meaning of the Cross on the bun, and a Bible Society Easter Pamphlet. Please pray for all taking part and for those who will receive a gift.

NEXT WEEK 2ND APRIL - PASSION SUNDAY 5TH SUNDAY IN LENT

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READINGS: 2 KINGS 4: 18-21, 32-37 ROMANS 8: 5-11 ST MATTHEW 20: 17-28

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