

5 APRIL 2020 - TODAY'S SERVICES

SIXTH SUNDAY IN LENT- PALM SUNDAY

7.30AM— NO SERVICE—ONLINE ONLY AT 9.00AM

9.00AM—NO SERVICE—ONLINE ONLY



ST JOHN THE BAPTIST

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ANGLICAN CHURCH

MAUNDY THURSDAY	9	7.00pm	Service on Zoom
GOOD FRIDAY	10	10.00am	Service on Zoom
SATURDAY	11	12.00 NOON	Contemplative prayer on Zoom
SUNDAY EASTER DAY JESUS IS RISEN	12	9.00am	Morning Prayer on Zoom

ALL WORSHIP SERVICES SUSPENDED

The Archbishop has instructed (Ad Clerum dated 20 March 2020) that all public worship services are to be suspended until further notice, effective from Monday 23rd March. There will be no events in the church or Hall until further notice.

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THE SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

SENTENCE FOR THE DAY:

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

THE COLLECT FOR THE DAY:

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.

1ST READING: PHILIPPIANS 2.5-11

PETER JOHNSTON

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.

GOSPEL : MATTHEW 27:11-54

Reverend Ceri Wynne

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.

GOSPEL : MATTHEW 27:11-54

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.

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GOSPEL: (CONTINUED)

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!'

LENT REFLECTION ON THE GOSPEL

Final Study - Final identity and blessing

Spend time reading over page 69 of APBA where there is a description of what life as a baptised and confirmed person is like. Notice and name what excites or rouses you in the words.

Are there some areas described in the vocation of the baptised that you feel you could delve deeper in your own Christian life and practice? How might you do that?

Discuss with the group.

As you prepare to renew your vows on Easter day are there any intentions you would like to set in your spiritual/Christian life for the next season of ministry?

What is God calling you to take with you from this study?

To end the study say together the final blessing from the service of baptism:

*Go forth into the world in peace; be of good courage; hold fast that which is good; render to no one evil for evil; strengthen the faint hearted; support the weak; help the afflicted; give honour to all; love and serve the Lord, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon us and remain with us always. **Amen.***

Prayer for our New Parish Priest

Bountiful God, give to this parish a faithful pastor who will faithfully speak your word and minister your sacraments;
an encourager who will equip your people for ministry and enable us to fulfil our calling.

Give to those who will choose, wisdom, discernment and patience, and to us give warm and generous hearts, for Jesus Christ's sake. Amen.

Parish Prayers

THE ANGLICAN CYCLE OF PRAYER:

IN THE WORLD: -

- ⇒ **The Church of the Province of the Indian Ocean** - †James Richard Wong Yin Song - Archbishop, Province of Indian Ocean & Bishop of the Seychelles
- ⇒ **The Diocese of Ballarat:** †Garry Weatherill; Clergy and People

IN THE DIOCESE:

- ⇒ **The Parish of St John's Cathedral:** Peter Catt, Julia Van Den Bos, Ann Solari, Kate Ross, John Morgan, Richard Tutin, Bruce Henzell, Bruce Maughan, Mary Roberts, Mary Florence, Alwyn Hayes, Alan Sandaver, Terry Booth, Libbie Crossman, Linda McWilliam, Bruce Boase, Cheryl Selvage, Sarah Plowman, Graham Dorman, Nicole Colledge, George Markotsis, Bp Bill Ray, Graham Warren, Edmund Dungleison, Imelda O'Loughlin, Bp Doug Stevens
- ⇒ **Queensland Children's Hospital:** Carol O'Ryan
- ⇒ **Coomera Anglican College, Coomera:** Principal – Mark Sly; Chaplain – Mary-Anne Rulfs; Chair of School Council – Stephen Knott; members of College Council; staff & students

LOCALLY: We pray for our medical and nursing staff, for doctors and nurses in intensive care and elsewhere, for those caring for the sick at home, in quarantine and in aged care. Bless too our paramedics and first responders.

PRAY FOR THE SICK: Bronwyn, Duncan Family, Kerrie, Roselee, Steph and Chris, Kerry, Gloria, Joseph, Linda, Elizabeth, Bernie, Don.

(NOTE: under the Federal Privacy Act, consent of the person you wish to pray for must be obtained. No details of need / illness can be published without consent)

In Memory, April 5– April 11

Irene Hardcastle, 2006; Henry Fletcher, 1986;

John Salter, 1875 (an early settler in Bulimba) ; Mary Wrafter, 2004.

GOODNA GOODS DRIVE FOR EASTER –SUSPENDED

Due to the recent restrictions to movement we will not be able to continue with our Easter Goodna Welfare collection. The church building is closed and we are all restricted in our travel.

We would like to recommence this as soon as we can after the shut-down so if you are able please put aside a few items as below, for when we can start again, or deliver them to other local charities which will be under huge stress at this time.

- * Women's sanitary items,
- * Nappies (all sizes),
- * Baby items (soap, powder, non-scented wipes etc),
- * Washing powder/liquid (for clothes),
- * Dishwashing detergent,
- * Toiletries (shampoo, toothpaste, toothbrushes, soap/liquid soap, disposable razors),
- * Toilet paper (still needed for those unable to find any)
- Vegemite/Promite/Marmite (any size)
- Any items of no-perishable food, especially ready-to-eat

We hope to make this a regular collection so that we can continue to support the needy in our region, and support the tireless work of our Goodna Anglican family.

HOLY WEEK SERVICES ALL SUSPENDED

Palm Sunday	5th April	7.30am	CANCELLED—9.00AM ZOOM
		9.00am	SUSPENDED—ON ZOOM
Maundy Thursday	9th April	7.00pm	SUSPENDED—ON ZOOM
Good Friday	10th April	10.00am	SUSPENDED—ON ZOOM
Holy Saturday	11th April	12noon	SUSPENDED—ON ZOOM
Easter Day	12th April	7.30am	CANCELLED
		9.00 am	SUSPENDED—ON ZOOM

See notice below

HOW TO ATTEND OR SHARE OUR CHURCH SERVICES

Services for Holy Week (Same schedule as above) will be hosted on Zoom via email link - share the link around with family and friends if you would like to bring them to worship online. Anyone can join us, or join you at home.

Sermons will continue to be recorded from Zoom worship and uploaded to YouTube and the link sent out via email. Please feel welcome to share this as well.

WHAT WE DO

Knitting Circle: St Johns' Guild; Hoy; Mah-Jong; Little Children's Church; Teen Church

All these activities are suspended until further notice. We will notify parishioners of any activities which we can re-introduce when current strict conditions are eased. Please continue to knit and crochet for our donations to hospitals.

Cake Stall: (A major fundraiser for the Parish):

The Cake Stalls have been cancelled due to virus concerns.. We apologise if you have been making cakes and preserves and hope that they can be kept for another stall, whenever that might be.

PASTORAL CARE AND PHONE TREE

It is most important that we look after one another during these uncertain and unsettling times. Our Parish is setting up a Pastoral Care Ministry (to support those who are self-isolating or who are sick) and a Phone Tree so that we can have small groups calling and supporting one another. To assist this we need to be sure that we have your current phone number, email address and home address. Please supply these to the Parish Office by email or on the list of names in the church. Then we can form small groups of five who will ring and check in with one another regularly. Rev Jamee will be ringing everyone in our Parish contact list in the next few weeks so we need your current preferred phone number.

Please be assured that we will do all we can to help and support all of our parishioners and other local people who need help. We will pray for those who are sick and help with groceries, medications and any other practical needs we can.



Phone Tree Ministry Network



As we are unable to meet for weekly worship while we weather the storm of pandemic, we are engaging in an exciting and vital new ministry network called the Phone Tree.

We are connecting with each other over the phone to have pastoral conversations, share stories, bible readings and prayers together.

Being the Church looks different at the moment, but we are still the Body of Christ and we are still ministering together!



If you would like to be part of a phone tree please SMS Rev'd Jamee 0452 338 933 with your details so that you can be connected with a branch of caring Christians who are committed to sharing God's love and compassion.

May God give us all strong roots in our hope in Christ and continue to nourish us through this time.

WORSHIP AND PRAYER RESOURCES

The Prayer Book contains daily services, prayers for special occasions and much more. If you wish to order your own (A Prayer Book for Australia from Broughton Publishing) go to Koorong (koorong.com.au).

Devotional Material Online: See the Wednesday Weekly for links to Sunday Devotions (anglicanfocus.org.au/category/front-page/spirituality/sunday-devotions/).

Epray for Daily worship

The Epray Daily app can be downloaded from the app store or play store and the parish code for log in is 9999. This allows access to the Morning and Evening prayer services everyday and includes the daily lectionary readings.

PARISH ADMINISTRATION

Weekly Offering: It is more important than ever that your promised weekly tithing or offering continues. We still have all of our usual parish expenses but will not have an offering plate or fundraising. If possible please set up a regular deduction into the Parish bank account (BSB 704 901 Account number 00014573. Account name Bulimba Anglican Parish).

Throughout April

Coronavirus pandemic – a suggested prayer:

Gracious God,
We give thanks anew for your providence and presence.
We prayerfully seek your grace, amidst COVID-19 here and overseas.
We pray for those in need of healing.
We pray for your peace with those who are anxious or grieving.
We pray you will continue to strengthen and sustain all those who are serving in response.
We pray for your Holy Spirit's discernment amidst the many choices and decisions facing our national, community and medical leaders.
We pray we each might see quickly what more we can do to help those who are vulnerable.
This prayer for our nation in the family of nations, with all that is on our hearts, we gather now and pray through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.