

ST PAUL'S ANGLICAN CHURCH
Burwood

GOOD FRIDAY

Friday 18 April 2025

9:00AM SOLEMN LITURGY

Holy Week

The week before Easter is the most solemn and glorious week in the Christian calendar, the pinnacle of the liturgical year. It has been a special time of prayer and devotion since from around the end of the 3rd century, and by the 4th century many Christians were making pilgrimages to the Holy Land where, in the holy city of Jerusalem, they followed the path of Jesus in his last days.

One of the earliest documented pilgrims was Egeria, a Western European Christian woman, possibly from France or Spain, who recorded in the diary of her travels in the late 4th century that numerous pilgrims formed processions, worshipped where Christ suffered and died, and venerated sacred sites and relics. It was from this beginning that the practices we observe today on **Palm Sunday**, and on **Maundy Thursday**, **Good Friday**, and **Holy Saturday** evolved. These services and our prayers through these days invite us to experience the last days of Jesus' earthly life, as well as the time and events leading up to his resurrection.

The three holy days, or *Triduum*, of Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday are at the heart of our Holy Week prayer and worship at St Paul's. Our services and ceremonies may seem strange or unfamiliar to some, but these are the liturgies through which most Christians throughout the history of the Church have honoured the "great works of God" during the final week of Our Lord's life on earth.

The Solemn Liturgy of Good Friday

On Good Friday every Christian tries to understand at what cost Christ has won our redemption. The liturgical observance of this day of Christ's suffering, crucifixion and death has been in existence from the earliest days of the Church.

The opening rite of the liturgy is primitive in its starkness. The church, stripped of its furnishings and adornment on Maundy Thursday, reflects the sombre mood of a people whose Saviour has been crucified. The clergy enter and all kneel for silent prayer before the opening Collect is said. This is followed by readings, a psalm, and an acclamation which is sung by the choir before, by ancient tradition, the Passion according to St John is sung by three cantors and the choir.

On this day The Solemn Collects, an extended form of intercession, take the place of the Prayers of the People. Following this, a wooden cross is brought from the West door into the church where it is proclaimed as the symbol of Christ's death and of our salvation – "*We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you. Because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world*".

At St Paul's, during The Proclamation (*also known as the Adoration or Veneration*)* of the Cross, the people are invited to come forward and kiss the feet of the cross and/or spend a moment of prayer before the cross, kneeling along the Communion Rail. The choir sings a selection of motets, which reflect the solemnity of the moment, and as the Proclamation comes to an end the choir sings the ancient Hymn: *Pange Lingua* (Sing my tongue...) and the *Crux Fidelis* (Faithful Cross) by the 6th century Christian poet St Venantius Fortunatus, Bishop of Poitiers.

At the end of the service all lights in the church are extinguished and everyone leaves in silence. It is customary, when leaving the church, to reverence the cross on the high altar with either a low bow or a genuflection.

**Adoration or Veneration of an image or representation of Christ's cross does not mean that we actually adore the material image, but rather what it represents and that we are paying the highest honour to our Lord's cross as the instrument of our salvation.*

Throughout this booklet instructions are given in *red* to help you participate in the liturgy. All are encouraged to join in the prayers and responses in **bold** type.

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Solemn Entrance

The Clergy, Servers and Choir enter in silence. All kneel with the sanctuary party. Remain kneeling as the Priest stands and says the collect of the day.

Collect

Almighty God,
look with mercy on this your family,
for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed
and to be given into the hands of sinners
and to suffer death upon the cross;
who now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God for ever and ever.

Amen.

All sit for the readings and psalm.

First Reading: Isaiah 52.13 – 53.12

The choir sings the psalm.

Psalm: 31.9–16

- 9 Have mercy upon me, O Lord, for I am in trouble:
my eye wastes away for grief, my 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 consumed.
- 11 I am become the scorn of all my enemies:
and my neighbours wag their heads in derision.
- 12 I am a thing of horror to my friends:
and those that see me in the street shrink from me.
- 13 I am forgotten like one dead and out of mind:
I have become like a broken vessel.
- 14 For I hear the whispering of many:
and fear is on every side;
- 15 While they plot together against me:
and scheme to take away my life.
- 16 But in you, Lord, have I put my trust:
I have said 'You are my God.'

Second Reading: Hebrews 4.14–16; 5.7–9

All stand for the Passion Acclamation and Passion Gospel.

Passion Acclamation

The choir sings the following acclamation:

Christ was humbler yet, even to accepting death, death on a cross,
but God raised Him high and gave Him the name which is above all names.

Passion Gospel: John 18.1 – 19.4

The narrator introduces the Passion Gospel.

The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

The Gospel is chanted by 3 cantors, interpolated with crowd responses sung by the choir.

At the conclusion of the Passion Gospel, please sit for the reflection.

Reflection

Fr Michael Deasey
Senior Assistant Priest

Following the reflection, please stand to sing the hymn, during which the Sacred Ministers retire to vest in Black Vestments.

Hymn

LOVE UNKNOWN 66 66 44 44

John Ireland (1879-1962)



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| 1 | My song is love unknown,
My Saviour'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? | 3 | Sometimes they strew His way,
And His sweet praises sing;
Resounding all the day
Hosannas to their King:
Then "Crucify!"
is all their breath,
And for His death
They thirst and cry. |
| 2 | 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. | 4 | 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. |

5 They rise and needs will have
My dear Lord made away;
A murderer they save,
The Prince of life they slay,
Yet cheerful He
to suffering goes,
That He His foes
from thence might free.

6 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?
Heav'n was his home;
But mine the tomb
Wherein he lay.

7 Here might I stay and sing,
No story so divine;
Never was love, dear King!
Never was grief like Thine.
This is my Friend,
in Whose sweet praise
I all my days
could gladly spend.

Samuel Crossman (1624-83)

Please kneel for the Solemn Prayers.

Solemn Prayers

The Priest introduces the prayers with the following words:

God sent His Son into the world, not to condemn the world, but so that the world might be saved through him. So let us bring the needs of the whole world to the foot of the cross of Christ.

I - For the Church throughout the world

Let us pray for the Church of God throughout the world, for unity in faith, in witness and in service, for bishops and other ministers, and those whom they serve, for Kanishka and Michael our bishops, and the people of this diocese, for all Christians in this place, for those to be baptised. For those who are mocked and persecuted for their faith, that God will confirm his Church in faith, increase it in love, and preserve it in peace.

Pause for silent prayer.

Lord, in your mercy
hear our prayer.

Collect:

Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of the Church is governed and sanctified: hear our prayer which we offer for all your faithful people; that in their vocation and ministry each may serve you in holiness and truth to the glory of your Name; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

Amen.

II - For the Nations

Let us pray for the nations of the world and their leaders, for Charles our King, Anthony our Prime Minister and the parliament of this land, for those who administer the law and all who serve in public office, for all who strive for justice and reconciliation, that by God's help the world may live in peace and freedom.

Pause for silent prayer.

Lord, in your mercy
hear our prayer.

Collect:

Most gracious God and Father, in whose will is our peace: turn our hearts and the hearts of all to yourself, that by the power of your Spirit the peace which is founded on justice may be established throughout the world; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

III - For those who do not believe the Gospel

Let us pray for those who do not believe in the Gospel of Christ, for those who follow other faiths and creeds, for those who have not heard the message of salvation, for all who have lost faith, for the contemptuous and scornful, for those who are enemies of Christ and persecute those who follow him, for all who deny the faith of Christ crucified that God will open their hearts to the truth, and lead them to faith and obedience.

Pause for silent prayer.

Lord, in your mercy
hear our prayer.

Collect:

Merciful God, creator of all the people of the earth, have compassion on all who do not know you, and by the preaching of your Gospel with grace and power, gather them into the one fold of the one Shepherd, Christ the Lord.

Amen.

IV - For those who suffer

Let us pray for all those who suffer, for those who are deprived and oppressed, for all who are sick, for those in darkness, in doubt and in despair, in loneliness and in fear, for prisoners, for the victims of false accusations and violence, for all at the point of death and those who watch beside them, that God, in his mercy, will sustain them with the knowledge of his love.

Pause for silent prayer.

Lord, in your mercy
hear our prayer.

Collect:

Almighty and everlasting God, the comfort of the sad, the strength of those who suffer; hear the prayers of your children who cry out of any trouble: and to every distressed soul grant mercy, relief, and refreshment, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

V - For ourselves

Let us commend ourselves and all God's children to his unfailing love, and pray for the grace of a holy life, that, with all who have died and are alive in Christ, we may come to the fullness of eternal life, and the joy of the resurrection in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Pause for silent prayer.

Lord, in your mercy
hear our prayer.

Collect:

The Celebrant prays the collect:

O God of unchangeable power and eternal light: Look favourably on your whole Church, that wonderful and sacred mystery; by the tranquil operation of your perpetual providence carry out the work of our salvation: and let the whole world feel and see that things which were cast down are being made new and that all things are returning to perfection through him from whom they took their origin, even Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

The Solemn Prayers conclude with:

Almighty and most merciful Father,
accept these prayers for the sake of your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ.

Amen.

Please stand to sing the hymn during which the sanctuary party moves to the West Door.

Hymn

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Andernach Gesangbuch (1608); Harmony probably by R.V.W.



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| <p>1 The Royal banners forward go;
The Cross shines forth in mystic glow;
Where he in flesh, our flesh who made,
Our sentence bore, our ransom paid.</p> <p>2 Where deep for us the spear was dyed,
Life's torrent rushing from his side,
To wash us in that precious flood,
Where mingled Water flowed, and Blood.</p> <p>3 Fulfilled is all that David told
In true prophetic song of old;
Amidst the nations, God saith he,
Hath reigned and triumphed
from the tree.</p> | <p>4 O Tree of beauty, Tree of light!
O Tree with royal purple dight!
Elect on whose triumphal breast
Those holy limbs should find their
rest!</p> <p>5 On whose dear arms, so widely flung,
The weight of this world's ransom
hung:
The price of humankind to pay,
And spoil the spoiler of his prey.</p> <p>6 O Cross, our one reliance hail!
So may thy power with us prevail
To give new virtue to the saint,
And pardon to the penitent.</p> <p>7 To Thee, eternal Three in One,
Let homage meet by all be done:
Whom by the Cross thou dost restore,
Preserve and govern evermore. Amen.</p> |
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Latin, Venantius Fortunatus (530–609)

Tr. J.M. Neale (1818-66)

The Proclamation of the Cross

A cross is solemnly carried into the Church. The bearer stops three times, each time lifting the cross higher, and says:

We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you.

Because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world.

After the third station, the priest brings the cross to the centre of the Communion Rail where it is held for those who wish to come forward to venerate it, or spend a moment in prayer while kneeling along the Communion rail.

The proclamation (adoration or veneration) of the cross does not mean that we adore the material image, but rather that we adore what it represents. We are paying the highest honour to our Lord's cross as the instrument of our salvation.

During this time the choir sings a selection of motets, finishing with "Faithful Cross".

The Reproaches

Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina (c.1525-1594)

What have I done unto thee O my people; or wherein have I wearied thee, testify against me. Because I have brought thee forth from the land of Egypt. Thou has prepared a cross for thy Saviour.

Agios o Theos. Sanctus Deus. Agios ischyros. Sanctus fortis. Agios athanatos eleison imas. Sanctus et immortalis. Miserere nobis.

[Holy God; holy and strong; holy and immortal; have mercy upon us.]

Because I led thee through the desert forty years, and fed thee with manna and brought thee into a land exceeding good, thou hast prepared a cross for thy Saviour.

Agios o Theos. Sanctus Deus. Agios ischyros. Sanctus fortis. Agios athanatos eleison imas. Sanctus et immortalis. Miserere nobis.

[Holy God; holy and strong; holy and immortal; have mercy upon us.]

What more could I have done unto thee that I have not done; I indeed did plant thee, O my vineyard with exceeding fair fruit; and thou has become very bitter unto me, for vinegar mingled with gall thou gavest me when thirsty; and has pierced with a spear the side of thy Saviour.

Agios o Theos. Sanctus Deus. Agios ischyros. Sanctus fortis. Agios athanatos eleison imas. Sanctus et immortalis. Miserere nobis.

[Holy God; holy and strong; holy and immortal; have mercy upon us.]

O vos omnes

Giovanni Croce (1557-1609)

O vos omnes, qui transitis per viam, attendite, et videte. Si est dolor similis sicut dolor meus. Attendite, universi populi, et videte dolorem meum.

O ye people who pass by on your journey, behold and see, look upon me. Could there be any sorrow like unto my sorrow? Behold and see, all ye people come, give heed, and consider my grief and sorrow.

Responsory at Matins for Holy Saturday (Lamentations 1.12)

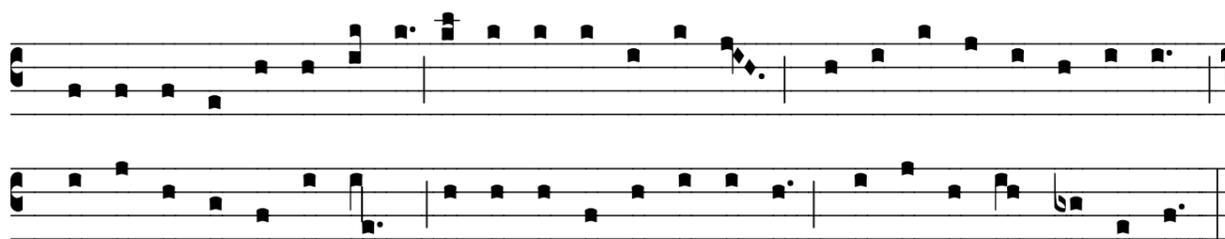
Faithful Cross

The antiphons "A" and "B" are sung by the Cantors. The verses are sung by all.

A Faithful Cross! above all other, One and only noble Tree!
None in foliage, none in blossom, None in fruit thy peer may be;

B Sweetest wood and sweetest iron, Sweetest weight is hung on thee.

Hymn



- 1 SING, my tongue, the glorious battle,
Sing the ending of the fray,
O'er the Cross, the victor's trophy,
Sound the loud triumphant lay:
Tell how Christ, the world's Redeemer
As a Victim won the day.
- 3 Therefore when the appointed fulness
Of the holy time was come,
He was sent who maketh all things
Forth from God's eternal home:
Thus he came to earth, incarnate,
Offspring of a maiden's womb.

A

A

- 2 God in pity saw man fallen,
Shamed and sunk in misery,
When he fell on death by tasting
Fruit of the forbidden tree:
Then another tree was chosen
Which the world from death should
free.
- 4 Thirty years among us dwelling,
Now at length his hour fulfilled,
Born for this, he meets his Passion,
For that this he freely willed,
On the Cross the Lamb is lifted,
Where his life-blood shall be
spilled.

B

B

- 5 To the Trinity be glory,
To the Father and the Son,
With the co-eternal Spirit,
Ever Three and ever One,
One in love and one in splendour,
While unending ages run. Amen.

A & B

Latin, Venantius Fortunatus (530–609)
Tr. mainly by Percy Dearmer (1867-1936)

At the conclusion of the hymn, the following is said:

O Saviour of the world,
by your cross and precious blood you have redeemed us.

Save us and help us, we humbly beseech you, O Lord.

The sanctuary party proceeds in silence to the Altar of Repose, where the Blessed Sacrament has remained throughout the night, and returns the Blessed Sacrament to the High Altar where it is consumed by the Celebrant on behalf of the congregation.

The service concludes with the Lord's Prayer.

The Lord's Prayer

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.**

Lord Jesus Christ,
**the story of your suffering is written on our hearts,
and the salvation of the world is in your outstretched hands.
Keep your victory always before our eyes,
your praise on our lips,
your peace in our lives.
Amen.**

All depart in silence without a blessing or dismissal.

TODAY'S MUSIC DETAILS:

**9:00am SOLEMN LITURGY
& PROCLAMATION OF THE CROSS**
The Passion (Tomás Luis de Victoria, c.1548-1611)
The Reproaches (Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina, c.1525-1594)
O vos omnes (Giovanni Croce, 1557-1609)

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UPCOMING EASTER SERVICES:

[Saturday 30 March – Easter Eve](#)

**9:30pm CHORAL EUCHARIST
& BLESSING OF THE NEW FIRE**
Communion Service in A minor (Harold Darke, 1888-1976)
This Joyful Eastertide (Philip Ledger, 1937-2012)

[Sunday 31 March – Easter Day](#)

8:00am SAID EUCHARIST with hymns

10:00am CHORAL EUCHARIST & PROCESSION
Communion Service in A minor (Harold Darke, 1888-1976)
He is Risen (Percy Whitlock, 1903-1946)



EASTER EVE – Saturday 19 April 2025

9:30pm Choral Eucharist & *Blessing of the New Fire*

Setting: *Communion Service in A minor* (Darke)
Motet: *Now the green blade riseth* (arr. Lindley)



EASTER DAY – Sunday 20 April 2025

8:00am Said Eucharist *with Renewal of Baptismal Vows*

10:00am Choral Eucharist *with Renewal of Baptismal Vows*

Introit: *This joyful Eastertide* (arr. Wood)
Setting: *Communion Service in A minor* (Darke)
Motet: *He is risen* (Percy Whitlock)



ST PAUL'S ANGLICAN CHURCH
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CHORAL EVENSONG



for
LOW SUNDAY

6:30pm – Sunday 27 April 2025
at Christ Church St Laurence, Railway Sq.

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"I bequeath the sum of \$___ to the Rector and Wardens of the Anglican parish of St Paul's Burwood, to be used at their absolute discretion for the charitable or other beneficial purposes of the parish."

Wills

Mark Squire (an 8:00am service parishioner) is a solicitor experienced in drafting Wills. While he does not wish to have any commercial association with the church and/or its members, he has made an offer to assist, at no cost, senior parishioners and community members who wish to make donations to the parish in their Wills.

Mark is concerned to ensure that any senior who wants to help our wonderful parish this way is not deterred by the potential cost of so doing. Mark can be contacted via the parish office – (02) 9747 4327

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HOLY COMMUNION

Sundays throughout the year:

8:00am Said Eucharist – *with hymns*

10:00am Choral Eucharist – *with the Choir of St Paul's*

Wednesdays:

10:30am Eucharist

Fridays:

5:30pm Evening Prayer

6:00pm Eucharist

Seasonal Services:

6:00pm Choral Eucharist – *with the Choir of St Paul's*

Special services are held during the year to mark Feast Days and other days of seasonal significance. These are advertised in the pew bulletin and on our website.

CHORAL EVENSONG

Sundays as advertised:

5:00pm Choral Evensong – *with the Choir of St Paul's*

For further information please visit our website: stpaulsburwood.org.au



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