



Welcome to
HOLY TRINITY
WOOLLOONGABBA

29th March 2024

Good Friday

May the Risen Christ richly bless you as you worship with us today.



OPENING DEVOTIONS

The people gather in silence.

The ministers enter in silence.

Blessed is the Lord who forgives all our sins.

Whose mercy endures forever.

Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit

As in the beginning, so now and for ever. Amen.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

HYMN 350 THERE IS A GREEN HILL FAR AWAY



There is a green hill far away,
outside a city wall,
where the dear Lord was crucified,
who died to save us all.

We may not know, we cannot tell,
what pains he had to bear,
but we believe it was for us
he hung and suffered there.

He died that we might be forgiven,
he died to make us good,
that we might go at last to heaven,
saved by his precious blood.

There was no other good enough
to pay the price of sin,
he only could unlock the gate
of heaven and let us in.

O dearly, dearly has he loved,
and we must love him, too,
and trust in his redeeming blood,
and try his works to do.

Cecil Frances Alexander, 1818-95

Christ Jesus, born of Mary,
you did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped
but took the form of a servant and suffered death on the cross.
Help us to learn from you as we enter into contemplation
of your last journey on this earth. **Amen.**

MINISTRY OF THE WORD

READING: ISAIAH 52.13-53.12

¹³ See, my servant shall prosper;
he shall be exalted and lifted up,
and shall be very high.

¹⁴ Just as there were many who were astonished at him
—so marred was his appearance, beyond human semblance,
and his form beyond that of mortals—

¹⁵ so he shall startle many nations;
kings shall shut their mouths because of him;
for that which had not been told them they shall see,
and that which they had not heard they shall contemplate.

53 Who has believed what we have heard?
And to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed?

² For he grew up before him like a young plant,
and like a root out of dry ground;
he had no form or majesty that we should look at him,
nothing in his appearance that we should desire him.

³ He was despised and rejected by others;
a man of suffering and acquainted with infirmity;
and as one from whom others hide their faces
he was despised, and we held him of no account.

⁴ Surely he has borne our infirmities
and carried our diseases;
yet we accounted him stricken,
struck down by God, and afflicted.

⁵ But he was wounded for our transgressions,
crushed for our iniquities;
upon him was the punishment that made us whole,
and by his bruises we are healed.

⁶ All we like sheep have gone astray;
we have all turned to our own way,
and the Lord has laid on him
the iniquity of us all.

⁷ He was oppressed, and he was afflicted,
yet he did not open his mouth;
like a lamb that is led to the slaughter,
and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent,
so he did not open his mouth.

⁸ By a perversion of justice he was taken away.
Who could have imagined his future?
For he was cut off from the land of the living,
stricken for the transgression of my people.

⁹ They made his grave with the wicked
and his tomb with the rich,
although he had done no violence,
and there was no deceit in his mouth.

¹⁰ Yet it was the will of the Lord to crush him with pain.
When you make his life an offering for sin,
he shall see his offspring, and shall prolong his days;
through him the will of the Lord shall prosper.

¹¹ Out of his anguish he shall see light;
he shall find satisfaction through his knowledge.
The righteous one, my servant, shall make many righteous,
and he shall bear their iniquities.

¹² Therefore I will allot him a portion with the great,
and he shall divide the spoil with the strong;
because he poured out himself to death,

and was numbered with the transgressors;
yet he bore the sin of many,
and made intercession for the transgressors.

Hear the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

READING: HEBREWS 10.15-25

¹⁵And the Holy Spirit also testifies to us, for after saying,

¹⁶‘This is the covenant that I will make with them
after those days, says the Lord:
I will put my laws in their hearts,
and I will write them on their minds’,

¹⁷he also adds,

‘I will remember their sins and their lawless deeds no more.’

¹⁸Where there is forgiveness of these, there is no longer any offering for sin. ¹⁹Therefore, my friends, since we have confidence to enter the sanctuary by the blood of Jesus, ²⁰by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain (that is, through his flesh), ²¹and since we have a great priest over the house of God, ²²let us approach with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. ²³Let us hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who has promised is faithful. ²⁴And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, ²⁵not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

Hear the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

HYMN 357 WHEN HIS TIME WAS OVER



When his time was over the palms lay where they fell.
As they ate together he told his friends farewell.
Jesus, though you cried out for some other end,
love could only choose a cross
when our life began again.

Secretly they planned it, with money changing hands;
in the quiet garden a kiss betrayed their man.
Priests and elders tried him. Soldier crowned him king.
We were in the crowd that day
when our life began again.

Women wept to see him; he said, "Don't weep for me."
Many laughed and mocked him: "Forgive them, they don't see."
Jesus, please forgive me, you know what I am;
I was one who nailed your hands
when our life began again.

There was one who asked you, "Remember me this day."
Jesus, when I'm dying, remember me that way;
when my life is over, be with me, my friend,
like the thief upon the cross,
when our life began again.

THE PASSION GOSPEL ACCORDING TO ST JOHN.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St John.

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.

It is customary to stand while the Gospel is proclaimed. However, the Passion Gospel is very long, so please be seated as you require.

For the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

THE SERMON

Silence is kept.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

God shows great love for us in that while we were still sinners Christ died for us.

Let us confess our sins.

O Christ, we are stripped bare by your suffering.

**You see our dreams, our demons,
and the secrets we keep even from ourselves.**

**Forgive all that needs to be forgiven,
healed all that needs to be healed,
awaken all the good that sleeps in us,
banish all the fears that paralyse us.**

**Put the power of your cross into our lives for ever,
and clothe us with hope and love.**

We have turned our hearts to God in repentance
and our sins are laid bare before the cross of Jesus Christ.

In the name of the living God,
your sins are forgiven. **Amen.**

HYMN 339 O SACRED HEAD SORE WOUNDED



O sacred head sore wounded,
with grief and shame weighed down;
O kingly head surrounded
with thorns your only crown;
death's shadows rise before you,
the glow of life decays;
yet hosts of heaven adore you
and tremble as they gaze.

What language shall I borrow
to praise you, heavenly friend,
for this your dying sorrow,
your mercy without end?
Such agony and dying!
Such love to sinners free!
O Christ, all grace supplying,
turn now your face on me.

In this your bitter Passion,
good Shepherd, think of me,
look on me with compassion,
unworthy though I be:
beneath your cross abiding
for ever would I rest,
in your dear love confiding,
and with your presence blessed.

Lord, be my consolation,
my shield when death is near;
remind me of your Passion,
be with me when I fear.
My eyes shall then behold you,
upon your cross shall dwell,
my heart by faith enfold you;
and who dies thus, dies well.

Paul Gerhardt 1607-76, from *Salve caput cruentatum*
attrib. Bernard of Clairvaux 1091-1153
tr. James Waddell Alexander 1804-59 and others.

THE SOLEMN PRAYERS

God sent the 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 ask you to pray for the Church of God throughout the world, that God the almighty, eternal One will guide it, and gather it in unity and peace.
(pause for silent prayer)

Holy God, you have shown your glory to all nations in Christ your Son:
guide the work of your Church, help it to keep the faith, proclaim your Name, and bring your salvation to all people.

Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

I ask you to pray for all God's people in their vocation and ministry, for all bishops, priests and deacons, for our clergy and for those who are preparing for baptism and confirmation.
(pause for silent prayer)

Holy God, by your Spirit you teach your Church and make us holy:
help each of us to do your work more faithfully.

Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

I ask you to pray for all who confess Christ crucified, that God will heal our divisions.

(pause for silent prayer)

Holy God, in baptism you make us one in Christ:

help us to persevere in faith, and make us one in love and service.

Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

I ask you to pray for the peace of Jerusalem, and for the Jewish people, the first to hear the word of God.

(pause for silent prayer)

Holy God, long ago you gave your promise to Abraham and Sarah:

bless the people you first made your own; keep them in the love of your Name, and in faithfulness to your covenant.

Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

I ask you to pray for all who do not look to Christ as Saviour, and all who do not believe in God.

(pause for silent prayer)

Holy God, you created all people in your image:

draw all people to yourself, that they may acknowledge you as the maker and redeemer of all, and know Christ's mercy and grace.

Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

I ask you to pray for the peace of the world, for those in authority, and for all who shape our common life.

(pause for silent prayer)

Holy God, you desire justice for all the earth:

guide our leaders and guide all peoples in the way of righteousness, freedom, and peace.

Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

I ask you to pray for the sick, the dying and all in need; for the homeless, the hungry and the oppressed; for those in darkness and despair.

(pause for silent prayer)

Holy God, all tenderness and healing flow from you:

give strength to the weary and courage to the downhearted, and show mercy to all who are in trouble.

Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

AT THE FOOT OF THE CROSS

All stand.

Most merciful God, we commit ourselves to you 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. **Amen.**

Behold the wood of the cross on which the Saviour of the world was hung.

O come let us adore him.

All kneel.

Son of God, you died for us, with arms outstretched upon a cross: we pray for the world where you are crucified each day with the destitute, the oppressed, the dispossessed. As you were denied, deserted and rejected by those you loved, so we pray for all who feel the hurt of rejection, the pain of betrayal and the loneliness of abandonment.

Jesus Christ, wounded for us, have mercy upon us.

Son of God, you died for us, to bring healing and wholeness to your people: may we put to death our violence, bitterness and resentment, and put on your forgiveness. As you felt the pain of cruelty, so we pray for all who suffer from terminal illness or the agony of abuse.

Jesus Christ, broken for us, have mercy upon us.

Son of God, you experienced the darkness of death for us, that no one may ever be alone again: we remember all who have been condemned to die, all who die in pain and torment, and all who feel themselves in hell. With the women who loved you and ministered to you, with the disciple whom you loved, may we stand at the foot of the cross this day. At our life's end, forgive us our cruelties, desertions and resentments, and stretch out your arms to receive us into your presence.

Lord Jesus Christ, crucified by us and for us, may we live as you lived, love as you loved, and be neighbours to all, as you in your mercy were neighbour to us and suffered and died in solidarity with us sinners. Amen.

While the choir sings, members of the congregation may choose to come forward and make their own acknowledgment of the cross.

HYMN MP55 BENEATH THE CROSS OF JESUS



Beneath the cross of Jesus
I fain would take my stand,
The shadow of a mighty Rock
Within a weary land;
Oh, safe and happy shelter!
Oh, refuge tried and sweet!
Oh, trysting place where heaven's love
And heaven's justice meet.

There lies beneath its shadow,
But on the farther side,
The darkness of an awful grave
That gapes both deep and wide;
And there between us stands the cross,
Two arms outstretched to save,
Like a watchman set to guard the way
From that eternal grave.

Upon that cross of Jesus
Mine eye at times can see
The very dying form of One,
Who suffered there for me;
And from my smitten heart, with tears,
Two wonders I confess,
The wonders of His glorious love,
And my own worthlessness.

I take, O cross, thy shadow
For my abiding place;
I ask no other sunshine than
The sunshine of His face;
Content to let the world go by,
To know no gain nor loss,
My sinful self my only shame,
My glory all the cross.

Elizabeth Cecilia Clephane, 1830-69

CLOSING PRAYERS

O Saviour of the world,
by your cross and precious blood you have redeemed us:
save and help us, we humbly beseech you.

Let us pray together the prayer that Jesus taught us:

**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,

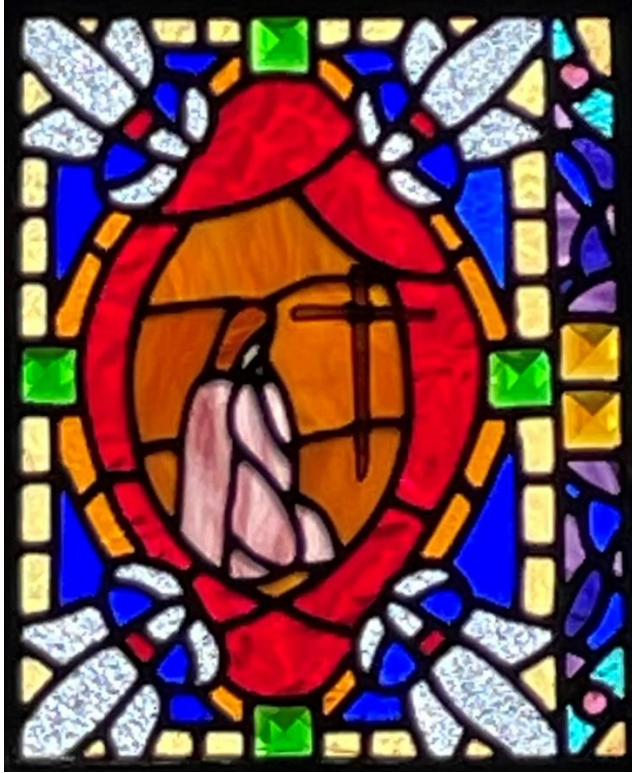
The story of your suffering is written on our hearts, and the salvation of the world is in your outstretched hands. Keep your victory always before our eyes, your praise on our lips, your peace in our lives. Amen.

That which is Christ-like within us shall be crucified.
It shall suffer and be broken.

And that which is Christ-like within us shall rise up.
It shall love and create.

SILENCE

Please be mindful of the needs of others for quiet space, and remain silent until you have left the Church building.



EASTER AT HOLY TRINITY WOOLLOONGABBA

9 APRIL: EASTER DAY EUCHARIST 9.00AM A joyous celebration of the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ, including renewal of baptism vows and featuring music by Vocal Manoeuvres choir.
Guest preacher: The Reverend Dr. Cathy Laufer

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