



# CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL GRAFTON

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*open doors ... open hearts ... open minds*

A celebration of the  
**Holy Eucharist**  
on the day of our Lord's Passion



30 March 2018



## GATHERING AND PREPARATION

*The liturgy begins in silence as the ministers enter quietly and take their places at the Altar.*

*The priest greets the people.*

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Therefore, God has highly exalted him  
**and has given him the name that is above every name.**

*Sentence of Scripture*

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Philippians 2:8–9

**Prayer of Preparation**

**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,  
that we may perfectly love you,  
and worthily magnify your holy name,  
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*The minister says*

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

Let us then confess our sins in penitence and faith.

Lord God, you created this world, and made us in your own image.

Forgive us when we turn away from you.

Lord, have mercy.

**Lord, have mercy.**

Lord God, through your Son you overcame evil and death.

Rescue us from slavery to sin.

Christ, have mercy.

**Christ, have mercy.**

Lord God, by your Spirit, you restore us to fellowship with you and with one another. Breathe your love and freedom into our lives.

Lord, have mercy.

**Lord, have mercy.**

Almighty God have mercy on you,  
forgive you your sins,  
and keep you in life eternal. **Amen.**

*The priest then says the Collect of the Day.*

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

## THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

### First Reading

Isaiah 52:13–53:12

See, my servant shall prosper; he shall be exalted and lifted up, and shall be very high. 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— 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. Who has believed what we have heard? And to whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed? 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. 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.

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

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. 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. 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.

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. 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.

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.**

## Second Reading

1 Corinthians 1:18–23

For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written, “I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.” Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles.

Hear the word of the Lord,  
**Thanks be to God.**

## Gradual Hymn

*Here hangs a man discarded* [TIS 356]

**Here hangs a man discarded,  
a scarecrow hoisted high,  
a nonsense pointing nowhere  
to all who hurry by.**

**Can such a clown of sorrows  
still bring a useful word  
where faith and love seem phantoms  
and every hope absurd?**

**Can he give help or comfort  
to lives by comfort bound,  
where drums of dazzling progress  
give strangely hollow sound?**

**Life emptied of all meaning,  
drained out in bleak distress,  
can share in broken silence  
my deepest emptiness;**

**And love that freely entered  
the pit of life's despair  
can name our hidden darkness  
and suffer with us there.**

**Christ, in our darkness risen,  
help all who long for light  
to hold the hand of promise  
and walk into the night.**

[Brian Arthur Wren, 1936–]

## **The Gospel**

John 18:1–19:42

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.**

*Due to the length of this reading, the congregation is invited to sit for the majority of the reading  
and then to stand as Jesus is led out to be crucified.*

*After the Gospel, the reader says*

This is the Passion of the Lord,  
**Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

## **The Sermon**

## PRAYERS BEFORE THE CROSS

*A large wooden cross will be carried into the Cathedral and placed in view of the congregation.*

*The cross will be draped with a red cloth, and a crown of wire placed on it.*

*Large nails will be strewn around its base.*

*Members of the congregation are invited to approach the cross during the silence, and make their own prayers as they reflect on the significance of Jesus' death on the cross for them as individuals and for all of humanity.*

*After a few minutes of silence, a set of special prayers for Good Friday will be read, as we pray  
for people of faith,*

*for our Jewish brothers and sisters,*

*for people who are spiritual but not religious,*

*for people of other faiths,*

*and for people without faith.*

## THE GREETING OF PEACE

*The Greeting of Peace is introduced with these or other suitable words.*

Christ has reconciled us to God in one body by the cross  
**We meet in his name and share his peace/**

The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
**And also with you.**

*All may exchange a sign of peace.*



## THE OFFERTORY

*Offerings received in Anglican Churches across Australia on Good Friday are sent to Jerusalem to support the mission and witness of the Anglican Diocese of Jerusalem.*

### Offertory Hymn

*My song is love unknown* [TIS 341]

**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?**

**He came from his blest throne  
salvation to bestow;  
but man 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!**

**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.**

**Why, what has 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.**

**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.**

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.

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, 1624–84 alt.

*The gifts of the people are brought to the Lord's Table.*

Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation.  
Through your goodness we have this bread to offer,  
which earth has given and human hands have made.  
It will become for us the bread of life  
**Blessed be God for ever.**

Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation.  
Through your goodness we have this wine to offer.  
Fruit of the vine and work of human hands,  
it will become our spiritual drink  
**Blessed be God for ever.**

Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation.  
Through your goodness we have these gifts to share.  
Accept and use our offerings for your glory  
and for the service of your kingdom.  
**Blessed be God for ever.**

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

*The priest will continue with the words of the Great Thanksgiving.*

... for ever praising you and saying:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,**

**Heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

*A minister may say*

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith.

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

*The Great Thanksgiving concludes with these words*

... in songs of never-ending praise:

**Blessing and honour and glory and power**

**are yours for ever and ever. Amen.**

*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.**

# THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD AND COMMUNION

*The priest breaks the bread.*

As this broken bread was once many grains,  
which have been gathered together and made one bread:  
**so may your Church be gathered  
from the ends of the earth into your kingdom.**

*The priest says*

The gifts of God for the people of God.  
Holy things for holy people.  
Broken things for broken people.

*All the children of God have a place at God's Table.*

*Anyone who would normally receive Holy Communion in their own Christian tradition is welcome to receive the Sacrament with us here today.*

*Those who prefer to receive a personal blessing from the priest rather than Holy Communion are invited to come to the Altar and simply cross their arms in front of them so the priest knows their desire.*

*Gluten-free wafers are available at the serving point closest to the Altar.*

**Communion Anthem**

Choir

*Jesu, Remember Me* – Melody: W. Tans'ur, arr. P. Norman

## THE SENDING OUT OF GOD'S PEOPLE

*The priest says*

Most merciful God,  
you have restored us to life  
by the triumphant death of Jesus, your Son.  
Continue his healing work within us  
that all who partake in this Communion  
may give themselves wholly to your service.

Most loving God,  
**you send us into the world you love.**  
**Give us grace to go thankfully and with courage**  
**in the power of your Spirit.**

*The priest blesses the congregation.*

Christ our Saviour draw you to himself,  
that you may find in him crucified  
a sure ground for faith,  
a firm support for hope,  
and the assurance of sins forgiven;  
and the blessing of God almighty,  
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,  
be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

*A minister may say*

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord:  
**In the name of Christ. Amen.**

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# WELCOME TO CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL

Welcome to the Cathedral Church of Christ the King, commonly referred to as *Christ Church Cathedral*.

Since its dedication on the Feast of St James (25 July) in 1884, the Cathedral has exercised a special role in the City of Grafton and also in the life of the Anglican Diocese of Grafton, whose parishes, schools and other agencies serve communities throughout the Northern Rivers of New South Wales.

The Cathedral stands on the traditional lands of the Bundjalung nation. We acknowledge and pay our respect to their elders past and present, as well as to indigenous people with us today.

You are sharing in worship from *A Prayer Book for Australia*, which stands in the long Anglican tradition of ‘common prayer’ in which people, choir and clergy offer God and each other the best of ourselves (‘our souls and our bodies’) for the common good. We seek the peace and well-being of our nation, and especially our local community.

We are delighted that you are with us for this service: please come and worship with us again.

Whether you are Anglican, from another Christian Church or from another faith tradition, you are warmly welcome to take part in the service. If you want to find out more about the Christian faith, please make yourself known to a member of the clergy after the service.

The service today is a Eucharist during which there will be an opportunity for people to receive Holy Communion. Communicant members of other Christian churches are invited to receive the Sacrament here today, as their own conscience allows. Everyone is welcome to come for a blessing, even if not receiving the consecrated Elements.

The Cathedral is open every day. You are always welcome to use the Cathedral and its grounds for prayer and reflection, and we encourage you to make this House of Prayer a place of pilgrimage and prayer for our City.



Visit the Cathedral web site for the latest news and information

## EASTER FIRE: Saturday, March 31 @ 7.00pm



We begin our Easter celebrations with this Vigil Eucharist as we light the Holy Fire and chant the Easter Proclamation.

This ancient liturgy sets the miracle of Easter in the context of thousands of years of spiritual practice, as the flames of the Holy Fire remind us how the faith has been passed from generation to generation like the fire that passes from candle to candle.

## EASTER DAY: Sunday, April 1 @ 9.00am

[plus 11.00am services at Copmanhurst & Lawrence]



This is the most important day of the Christian year, and a time when every member of our Cathedral community seeks to gather to celebrate the amazing truth at the heart of our faith: *the Lord lives, Christ has risen!*

The Cathedral will be especially decorated for Easter and the music will be superb, as we seek to offer God the very best worship that we can arrange on this holiest of all days.