

ST AGNES[†]

ANGLICAN CHURCH

Palm Sunday

13th April 2025

Saint Agnes' Glen Huntly is a welcoming and hospitable faith community, celebrating God's compassion and love for all. As an Anglo-Catholic church, our faith, worship and community life finds its ultimate expression in encounter with the Risen Christ in Scripture and Sacrament. Together we are committed to growing in spirituality and service as disciples of Jesus, glorifying God and serving our local community.

You can find out more about us at www.saintagnes.org.au.

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REGULAR SERVICES

Sunday

8:00am: Eucharist (Saint John's)
9:30am: Choral Eucharist (Saint John's)
9:30am: Sung Eucharist (Saint Agnes')
6:00pm: Choral Evensong
(Saint John's, First Sunday)
6:00pm: Congregational Evensong
(Saint John's, Third Sunday)

Weekday Eucharists

10:00am: Tuesday (Saint Agnes')
10:15am: Friday (Saint John's)

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We acknowledge and respect the traditional custodians of this place and their stewardship of the land that now sustains us all and on which we worship the God of all Reconciliation and Hope

GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

Please stand when the bells are rung. The congregation face the minister, holding their palm crosses to be blessed.

WELCOME

Dear friends in Christ, for five weeks of Lent we have been preparing, by works of charity and self-sacrifice, for the celebration of our Lord's paschal mystery. Today we come together to begin this solemn celebration in union with the whole Church throughout the world. On this day, Christ entered in triumph into his own city, to complete his work as our Messiah: to suffer, to die, to be buried in the earth, and to rise again. Let us go with him in faith and hope and love, so that united in his suffering, we may come to share his risen life.

BLESSING OF PALMS

All hold their crosses and branches high for the blessing

Let us pray.

Almighty God, whose son Jesus Christ was greeted on this day as King and entered Jerusalem to suffer and die: bless these branches and crosses of palm, that they may be for us signs of the victory of your Son. Grant that we who carry them in his name, may ever hail him as our King, and with reverence and purity of heart follow him in the way that leads to eternal life; who lives and reigns in glory with you and the Holy Spirit, now and forever. **Amen.**

Hosanna to the Son of David, the King of Israel!

Hosanna in the highest!

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!

Hosanna in the highest!

Let us proceed in peace

In the name of Christ, Amen!

The ministers enter as the Opening Hymn is sung.

OPENING HYMN

*All glory, laud and honour
to you, redeemer, king,
to whom the lips of children
made sweet hosannas ring.*

1. You are the king of Israel
and David's royal son,
now in the Lord's name coming,
and king and blessed one.

All glory, laud and honour...

2. The company of angels
are praising you on high,
and we and all creation
exultant make reply.

All glory, laud and honour...

3. The people of the Hebrews
with palms before you went:
our praise and prayer and anthems
before you we present.

All glory, laud and honour...

4. To you before your passion
they sang their hymns of praise:
to you now high exalted
our melody we raise.

All glory, laud and honour...

5. Their praises you accepted:
accept the prayers we bring,
who in all good take pleasure,
our good and gracious king.

All glory, laud and honour...

6. You do direct our footsteps
upon our earthly way,

and bring us by your mercy
to Heaven's eternal day.
All glory, laud and honour...

7. Within that blessed City
your praises may we sing,
and ever raise hosannas
to our most loving King.
All glory, laud and honour...

Theodulph of Orleans d.821
Tr. J. M. Neale 1818-66 alt
TIS 333

PENITENTIAL RITE

✠ In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Christ himself carried up our sins in his body to the tree, so that, free from sins, we might live for righteousness; and by his wounds be healed.

Let us then confess our sins in penitence and faith.

Merciful God, our maker and our judge, we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, and in what we have failed to do: we have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves; we repent, and are sorry for all our sins. Father, forgive us. Strengthen us to love and obey you in newness of life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

♪ Lord, have mercy.	Lord, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.	Christ, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.	Lord, have mercy.

Almighty God, who has promised forgiveness to all who turn to him in faith: ✠ pardon you and set you free from all your sins, strengthen you in all goodness and keep you in eternal life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE COLLECT

Almighty and everlasting God, of your tender love towards us you sent your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ, to take upon him our flesh, and to suffer death upon the cross, that all should follow the example of his great humility: mercifully grant that we may both follow the example of his patience, and also be made partakers of his resurrection; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Please sit.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING

A reading from the Prophet Isaiah

[50.4-9a]

The Lord God has given me

the tongue of a teacher,

that I may know how to sustain

the weary with a word.

Morning by morning he wakens—

wakens my ear

to listen as those who are taught.

The Lord God has opened my ear,

and I was not rebellious,

I did not turn backwards.

I gave my back to those who struck me,

and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard;

I did not hide my face

from insult and spitting.

The Lord God helps me;

therefore I have not been disgraced;

therefore I have set my face like flint,

and I know that I shall not be put to shame;

he who vindicates me is near.

Who will contend with me?

Let us stand up together.

Who are my adversaries?

Let them confront me.

It is the Lord God who helps me;

who will declare me guilty?

All of them will wear out like a garment;

the moth will eat them up.

For the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Psalm 31:9-18

Have mercy upon me, O Lord, for I am in trouble:
my eye wastes away for grief, my throat also and my inward parts.

**For my life wears out in sorrow, and my years with sighing:
my strength fails me in my affliction, and my bones are
consumed.**

I am become the scorn of all my enemies:
and my neighbours wag their heads in derision.

**I am a thing of horror to my friends:
and those that see me in the street shrink from me.**

I am forgotten like one dead and out of mind:
I have become like a broken vessel.

**For I hear the whispering of many:
and fear is on every side;**

While they plot together against me:
and scheme to take away my life.

**But in you, Lord, have I put my trust:
I have said 'You are my God.'**

All my days are in your hand:

O deliver me from the power of my enemies and from my persecutors.

**Make your face to shine upon your servant:
and save me for your mercy's sake.**

Please stand. A Gradual hymn is sung

GRADUAL HYMN

**1. Prepare the royal highway,
the King of kings is near;
let every hill and valley
a level road appear.
Then greet the king of glory
foretold in sacred story:**

*O blest is he that came
in God the Father's name!*

2. God's people, see him coming:
your own eternal king!

Palm branches strew before him;
spread garments; shout and sing.
God's promise will not fail you;
no more shall doubt assail you:

*O blest is he that came
in God the Father's name!*

3. Then flight the gates wide open
to greet the promised king;
your king, yet every nation
its tribute too should bring.

All lands, bow down before him;
all voices, thus adore him:

*O blest is he that came
in God the Father's name!*

4. His is no earthly kingdom;
it comes from heaven above.
His rule is peace and freedom,
and justice, truth, and love.
So let your praise be sounding
for kindness so abounding:

*O blest is he that came
in God the Father's name!*

*Frans Mikael Franzèn 1772-1847
tr. Lutheran Book of Worship 1978 alt
TIS 346*

PASSION GOSPEL

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

[23.1-49]

Glory ✠ to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Then the assembly rose as a body and brought Jesus before Pilate. They began to accuse him, saying, 'We found this man perverting our nation, forbidding us to pay taxes to the emperor, and saying that he himself is the Messiah, a king.' Then Pilate asked him, 'Are you the king of the Jews?' He answered, 'You say so.' Then Pilate said to the chief priests and the crowds, 'I find no basis for an accusation against this man.' But they were insistent and said, 'He stirs up the people by teaching throughout all Judea, from Galilee where he began even to this place.'

When Pilate heard this, he asked whether the man was a Galilean. And when he learned that he was under Herod's jurisdiction, he sent him off to Herod, who was himself in Jerusalem at that time. When Herod saw Jesus, he was very glad, for he had been wanting to see him for a long time, because he had heard about him and was hoping to see him perform some sign. He questioned him at some length, but Jesus gave him no answer. The chief priests and the scribes stood by, vehemently accusing him. Even Herod with his soldiers treated him with contempt and mocked him; then he put an elegant robe on him, and sent him back to Pilate. That same day Herod and Pilate became friends with each other; before this they had been enemies.

Pilate then called together the chief priests, the leaders, and the people, and said to them, 'You brought me this man as one who was perverting the people; and here I have examined him in your presence and have not found this man guilty of any of your charges against him. Neither has Herod, for he sent him back to us. Indeed, he has done nothing to deserve death. I will therefore have him flogged and release him.'

Then they all shouted out together, 'Away with this fellow! Release Barabbas for us!' (This was a man who had been put in prison for an insurrection that had taken place in the city, and for murder.) Pilate, wanting to release Jesus, addressed them again; but they kept shouting, 'Crucify, crucify him!' A third time he said to them, 'Why, what evil has he done? I have found in him no ground for the sentence of death; I will therefore have him flogged and then release him.' But they kept urgently demanding with loud shouts that he should be crucified; and their voices prevailed. So Pilate gave his verdict that their demand should be granted. He released the man they asked for, the one who had been put in prison for insurrection and murder, and he handed Jesus over as they wished.

As they led him away, they seized a man, Simon of Cyrene, who was coming from the country, and they laid the cross on him, and made him carry it behind Jesus. A great number of the people followed him, and among them were women who were beating their breasts and wailing for him. But Jesus turned to them and said, 'Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me, but weep for yourselves and for your children. For the days are surely coming when they will say, "Blessed are the barren, and the wombs that never bore, and the breasts that never nursed." Then they will begin to say to the mountains, "Fall on us"; and to the hills, "Cover us." For if they do this when the wood is green, what will happen when it is dry?'

Two others also, who were criminals, were led away to be put to death with him. When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. [['Then Jesus said, 'Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing.']] And they cast lots to divide his clothing. And the people stood by, watching; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, 'He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!' The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, and saying, 'If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!' There was also an inscription over him, 'This is the King of the Jews.'

One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, 'Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!' But the other rebuked him, saying, 'Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong.' Then he said, 'Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.' He replied, 'Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise.'

It was now about noon, and darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon, while the sun's light failed; and the curtain of the temple was torn in two. Then Jesus, crying with a loud voice, said, 'Father, into your hands I commend my spirit.' Having said this, he breathed his last. When the centurion saw what had taken place, he praised God and said, 'Certainly this man was innocent.' And when all the crowds who had gathered there for this spectacle saw what had taken place, they returned home, beating their breasts. But all his acquaintances, including the women who had followed him from Galilee, stood at a distance, watching these things.

For the gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

THE SERMON

The Sermon is followed by a period of reflection

PROFESSION OF FAITH

Let us together stand to affirm the faith of the Church.

We believe in one God,
the Father, the almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one being with the Father;
through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and became truly human.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge
the living and the dead
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son
is worshipped and glorified,

who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Let us pray for the world and for the Church.

Prayers are offered for the Church and for the world. Each petition ends with...

Lord, in your mercy: **hear our prayer.**

The final petition for all the faithful departed ends...

May they rest in peace: **and ✠ rise in glory.**

Please stand.

GREETING OF PEACE

Once we were far off, but now in union with Christ Jesus we have been brought near through the shedding of Christ's blood, for he is our peace.

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

We greet each other with a sign of Christ's peace.

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

A collection is taken during the Offertory Hymn to support the life and mission of the parish.

OFFERTORY HYMN

*Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim
till all the world adore his sacred name.*

1. Come, people, follow where our captain trod,
our King victorious, Christ the Son of God:

Lift high the cross...

2. All newborn servants of the Crucified
bear on their brow the seal of him who died:

Lift high the cross...

3. From north and south,
from east and west they raise
in growing unison their song of praise:

Lift high the cross...

4. O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree,
draw all to you, let all the nations see:

Lift high the cross...

5. From farthest regions let them homage bring,
and on the cross adore their Saviour King:

Lift high the cross...

*Michael Robert Newbolt 1874-1956
based on George William Kitchin 1827-1912 alt
TIS 351*

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND CONSECRATION

♪ 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 continues in thanksgiving...

Therefore with angels and archangels,
and with all the company of heaven,

we proclaim your great and glorious name,
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.**

The priest continues with the prayer of consecration...

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

**♪ Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.**

The Eucharistic Prayer continues...

... we worship you, Father,
in songs of never-ending praise:

**♪ Blessing ✠ and honour and glory and power
be yours for ever and ever. Amen.**

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, and
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.**

BREAKING OF THE BREAD AND COMMUNION

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.
We who are many are one body:
For we all share in the one bread.

♫ **O Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,
have mercy on us.**

**O Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,
have mercy on us.**

**O Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,
grant us your peace.**

Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.
Happy are those who are called to his supper.
**Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,
but only say the word, and I shall be healed.**

All baptised Christians who seek Christ in this sacrament are invited to receive Holy Communion. You are welcome to receive both the consecrated bread and wine. Anyone is welcome to receive a blessing instead.

BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

Notices may be given here.

The priest prays a post-communion prayer, followed by

Father, we offer ourselves to you as a living sacrifice through Jesus Christ our Lord. Send us out in the power of your Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory.

May the Father,
who so loved the world that he gave his only Son,
bring you by faith to his eternal life. **Amen.**

May Christ,
who accepted the cup of sacrifice
in obedience to the Father's will,
keep you steadfast as you walk with him the way of his cross. **Amen.**

May the Spirit,

who strengthens us to suffer with Christ
that we may share his glory,
set your minds on life and peace. **Amen.**

And the blessing of God almighty, ✠ the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

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

CLOSING HYMN

1. Jesus comes with all his grace,
comes to save a fallen race,
object of our glorious hope,
Jesus comes to lift us up.

2. Let the living stones cry out,
every child of Abraham shout;
praise we all our lowly king,
give him thanks, rejoice and sing.

3. He has our salvation wrought,
he our captive souls has bought,
he has reconciled to God,
he has washed us in his blood.

5. We shall gain our calling's prize;
after God we all shall rise,
filled with joy, and love, and peace,
perfected in holiness.

*Charles Wesley 1707-88 alt
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The organist plays the POSTLUDE

Please join us for Morning Tea.

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HOLY WEEK & EASTER SERVICES

Palm 13 April 9:30am Sung Eucharist
Sunday

Holy 15 April 10am Eucharist
Tuesday

Good 18 April 12noon Liturgy of the Day
Friday

Easter 20 April 6am Easter Vigil
Sunday & Sung Eucharist