

ST AGNES[†]

ANGLICAN CHURCH

Palm Sunday

29th March 2026

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: Evensong & Benediction
(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. Text marked with ♪ is sung to the Mass Setting by Michael Dudman. The symbol ✠ indicates where the Sign of the Cross is customarily made.

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
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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.
Christ, 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

Psalms 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. 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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PASSION GOSPEL

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew. [27.11-54]

Here it is customary to trace three small crosses on the forehead, lips and heart

Glory ✠ to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

A dramatic reading of the Passion Gospel is shared amongst the congregation

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, *here it is customary to make a slight bow*
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,**

Here it is customary to make a low bow from the waist until ‘...became truly human’
**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 *here it is customary to make a slight bow*
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...

Rest ✠ eternal grant to them, O Lord:
and let light perpetual shine upon them.
May they rest in peace:
and rise in glory.

The prayers of intercession may conclude with this final prayer, after which all stand

Almighty God, you have promised to hear our prayers.
**Grant that what we have asked in faith we may by your grace receive,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

All 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

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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, *here it is customary to make a low bow from the waist*
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.

*A period of deep silence is held with silent adoration before the Blessed Sacrament. The
priest breaks the bread while the Agnus Dei is sung*

**♪ O Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us.
O Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us.
O Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,
grant us 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. Anyone is welcome to receive a blessing instead.

Notices may be given here, after which please stand.

The priest prays this post-communion prayer

God for whom we wait,
we thank you that you have fed us
with the bread of life and the cup of salvation.
As we joyfully await your Son,
**keep us ever watchful
that we may be ready to stand before him
on the day of his coming.**

BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

The priest pronounces this blessing

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.

here it is customary to bow, or genuflect on the left knee 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. The glory of our King was seen
when he came riding by,
and all the children waved and sang
'Hosanna, King most high!'

2. The glory of our King was seen
when, with his arms stretched wide
to show his love for everyone,
Jesus was crucified.

3. The glory of our King was seen
on the first Easter day,
when Christ rose up, set free from death,
to love, to guide, to stay.

*Margaret Beatrice Cropper 1886-1980 alt
TIS 353*

The organist plays the POSTLUDE

Please join us for Morning Tea.

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HOLY WEEK & EASTER

29 March Palm 9.30am Sung Eucharist with Palms
Sunday

30 March Holy 10am Said Mass
Monday

31 March Holy 10am Said Mass
Tuesday

1 April Holy 10am Said Mass
Wednesday

2 April Maundy 7pm 'Agape' Eucharist with
Thursday Feet Washing & Vigil Watch

3 April Good 12noon Liturgy of the Day
Friday

5 April Easter 6am Vigil Eucharist
Sunday

PALM SUNDAY

29 MARCH 9:30am



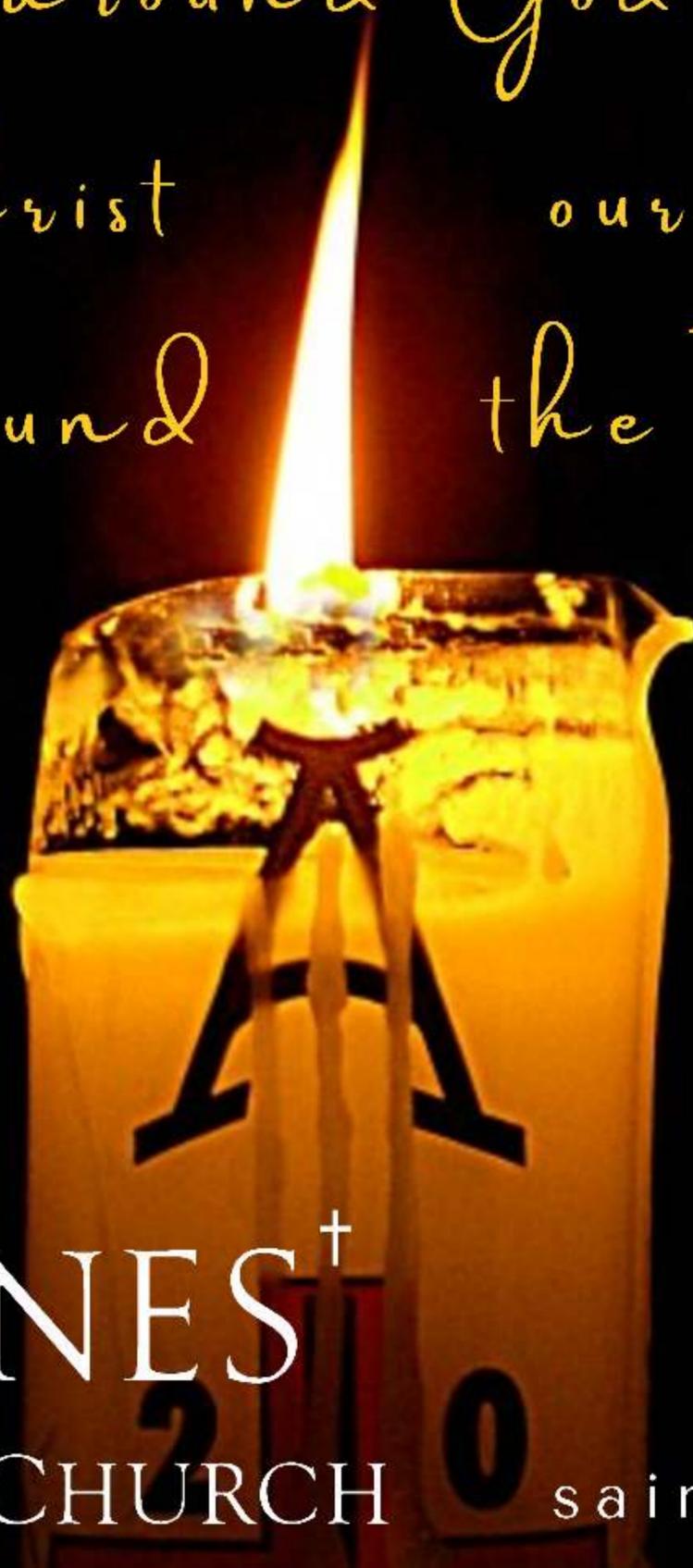
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EASTER VIGIL

SUNDAY 5 APRIL 2026

6AM

Rejoice Heavenly Powers, Sing
Choirs of Angels. Exult all
Creation around God's Throne.
Jesus Christ our King is
Risen. Sound the Trumpet
of Salvation



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Listening in Lent

Help shape our shared future

An invitation to listen, reflect, and respond together

During Lent, you are invited to be part of Listening in Lent – an opportunity to pause, reflect, and share what you notice and hope for as part of the Diocese of Melbourne today, and as we look to the future together.

Take part by filling in the online questionnaire. It's open to everyone and every response is valued.

1. What do you most appreciate about the Anglican Church in the Diocese of Melbourne?

2. What do you least appreciate, or what do you sense God may be inviting us to leave behind?

3. What would you love to see God do in and through the Anglican Church over the next ten years?

4. What could we do now that would make a big difference?

Listening in Lent Survey

Have your say and share your reflections.



Scan the QR code
and click "[Fill in the questionnaire](#)"
to do the survey

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Worship & Event Highlights 2026

ASH WEDNESDAY *Wednesday February 18, 9:30am*

SRI LANKAN LUNCH *Sunday March 22, 12noon*

LENTEN TAIZE EVENING *Tuesday March 17, 7pm*

LENTEN LABYRINTH WALK *Friday March 27, 5pm*

GOOD FRIDAY *Friday April 3, 12noon*

EASTER DAY VIGIL *Sunday April 5, 6am*

JAZZ & AFTERNOON TEA SOIREE *Sunday June 14, 1:30pm*

HOPPER & CURRY NIGHT *Wednesday August 5, 6pm*

DEDICATION FESTIVAL *Sunday November 15, 9:30am*

ADVENT LABYRINTH WALK *Wednesday December 9, 6pm*

COMMUNITY CAROL SINGING *Friday December 18, 6pm*

CHRISTMAS EVE MASS *Thursday December 24, 9pm*

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