

ST AGNES[†]

ANGLICAN CHURCH

Good Friday

3 April 2026

12noon

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 knock is heard.

The priest enters in silence and the service begins with silent prayer before leading the opening responses

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.

Christ became obedient unto death,
even death on a cross.

HYMN

1. When I survey the wondrous cross
on which the Prince of glory died,
my richest gain I count but loss,
and pour contempt on all my pride.
2. Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast
save in the death of Christ my God;
all the vain things that charm me most,
I sacrifice them to his blood.
3. See from his head, his hands, his feet,
sorrow and love flow mingled down;
did e'er such love and sorrow meet,
or thorns compose so rich a crown?
4. Were the whole realm of nature mine,
that were a present far too small:
love so amazing, so divine
demands my soul, my life, my all.

Isaac Watts (1674-1748)

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THE COLLECT

Merciful God, who gave your Son to suffer the shame of the cross: save us from hardness of heart, that, seeing him who died for us, we may repent, confess our sin, and receive your overflowing love, in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Please sit.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING

A reading from the Prophet 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.

For the word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

CANTICLE

Is it nothing to you, all you who pass by?
Look and see if there is any sorrow like my sorrow;
Which was brought upon me:
which the Lord inflicted on the day of his fierce anger.

Pause

For these things I weep; my eyes flow with tears:
for a comforter is far from me, one to revive my courage;
Remember my affliction and my bitterness:
the wormwood and the gall!

Pause

The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases:
his mercies never come to an end:
They are new every morning:
great is your faithfulness.

Pause

‘The Lord is my portion’, says my soul:
‘therefore I will hope in him.’
The Lord is good to those who wait for him:
to the soul that seeks him.

Pause

It is good that we should wait for him:
good the soul that waits for him.

**It is good that we should wait quietly:
for the salvation of the Lord.**

Pause

It is good to bear the yoke in our youth:
to sit alone in silence when it is laid upon us.
**For the Lord will not reject forever:
though he causes grief, he will have compassion.**

HYMN

**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?**

**2. He came from his blest throne
salvation to bestow:
but all 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.**

**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.**

4. 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.

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 (1624-84) alt
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THE PASSION GOSPEL

The Passion Gospel is read. The congregation sit

The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John (John 18:1-19:42)

THE SERMON

The Sermon is followed by a period of reflection.

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE CROSS

Please stand when the knock is heard

Behold the wood of the cross, whereon was hung the Saviour of the world.
O come, let us worship.

When the Cross is in place, the following acclamations are used

We adore thee, O Christ, and we bless thee
Because by thy holy cross thou hast redeemed the world.

This is the wood of the cross,
whereon was hung the Saviour of the world
O come, let us worship.

O Saviour of the world,
who by thy cross and precious blood hast redeemed us
Save us and help us we humbly beseech thee O Lord.

One after another, all move up to the Cross and venerate it with a kiss, touch or bow.

We venerate thy Cross, O Lord,
**and praise and glorify thy holy Resurrection
for by virtue of the Cross
joy has come to the whole world.**

Please be seated or kneel for the intercessions

THE SOLEMN INTERCESSIONS

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.

Let us 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.

Let us pray for all God's people in their vocation and ministry, for all bishops, priests and deacons, for Mark our Primate, Richard our Archbishop, and for all 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.

Let us 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.

Let us 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.

Let us pray for all who do not look to Christ as their Saviour, and all who do not believe in God.

(pause for silent prayer)

Holy God, you created man and woman 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.

Let us 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 guard all peoples in the way of righteousness, freedom and peace.

Lord, in your mercy

hear our prayer.

Let us 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.

LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

During the hymn the reserved sacrament is brought to the altar.

HYMN

**1. 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.

2. 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.

3. 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.

4. 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
tr. James Waddell Alexander 1804-59 and others
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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.**

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.

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

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

**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. Anyone is welcome to receive a blessing instead.

THE CLOSING PRAYER

Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the living God, we pray you to set your passion, cross and death between your judgment and our souls, now and in the hour of our death.

Give mercy and grace to the living, pardon and rest to the dead, to your holy Church peace and concord, and to us sinners everlasting life and glory; for with the Father and the Holy Spirit you live and reign one God, now and forever. **Amen**

The priest reads the Burial Gospel, after which the congregation remain in prayer or leave in silence.



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