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SERVICE DETAILS

Sunday 8am: Holy Communion

Sunday 10am: Sung Eucharist

Wednesday 10am: Said Eucharist

Baptisms, First Communions,
Confirmations, Weddings and
Funerals by arrangement

1st Sunday of the month 8am: Book of
Common Prayer (BCP)

1st Sunday of the month 10am: Family Service
with Sunday School

2nd Sunday of the month: Healing Service
follows the 10am Mass

PARISH EVENTS

Morning Tea: After the 10am service every Sunday

Parish Luncheon: 1st Sunday of every 2nd month (Jun, Aug, Oct & Dec)

Parish Breakfast: 5th Sunday of the month (Apr, Jul, Sept)

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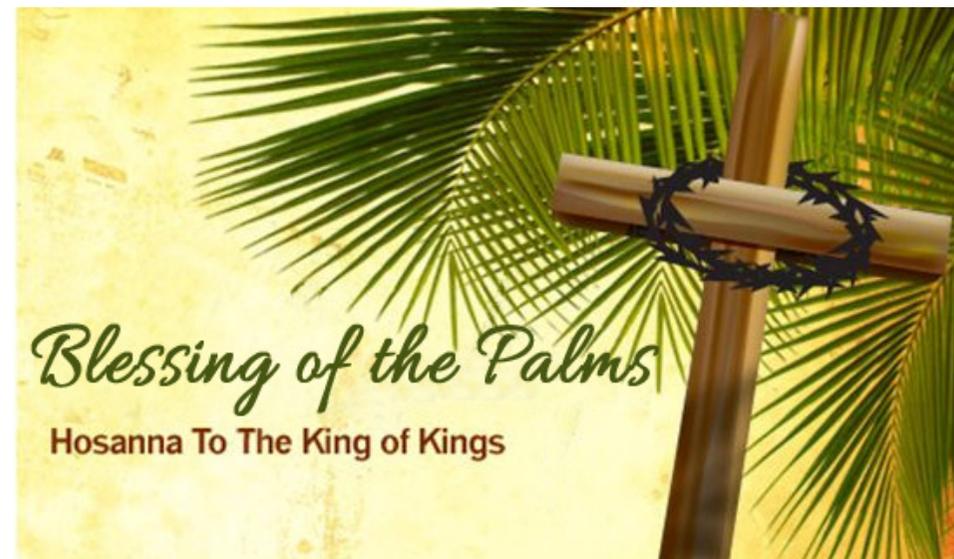
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PALM SUNDAY

Sunday 25 March 2018



8am: Holy Communion

10am: Sung Eucharist

Celebrant: Fr Ron White

Organist: Mrs Marlene Davies

150 Years of Witness & Service in Cheltenham

OTHER SERVICES DURING EARLY HOLY WEEK

St Matthew's

Monday 26 March:
10am Mass – Fr Andre Hassing

Tuesday 27 March:
10am Mass – Fr Ray McInnes

Wednesday 28 March:
10am Mass – Fr Ray McInnes

Friends of St Francis

Sunday 25 March:
9.30am Mass at CHN Prayer Room – Fr Andre Hassing

TODAY'S ROSTER – 25 MARCH

8 AM		10 AM	
Sidespeople:	Cliff Simmons Marilyn Simmons	Sidespeople:	Mitch Porter
Reader:	Vicki Hutton	Reader:	Lesley Boyd
Chalice:		Chalice:	Phil Whelan
Server:	Priscilla van Reesema	Server:	Reg Davies
Intercessions:	Cliff Simmons	Intercessions:	Reg Davies

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS – EASTER DAY 8am

Genesis 22 (selected)	Psalm 16.8-11	Exodus 14 (selected)	The Song of Miriam	Romans 6.3-11	Matthew 28.1-10
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NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS – EASTER DAY 10am

Acts 10.34-43	The Hymn to the Risen Christ	Colossians 3.1-4	Matthew 28.1-10
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THE ORDER FOR PALM SUNDAY



The congregation gathers, branches are distributed and the priest greets the people saying

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

The children of the Hebrews, bearing branches, went out to meet the Lord, crying out and saying:

**Hosanna in the highest,
blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord,
Hosanna in the highest.**

The priest says the following

We begin this morning the Great Week of the Christian year. During Lent we have been preparing for the celebration of our Lord's death and resurrection, by prayer and by works of love and self-denial. Today we come together with the Church throughout the world to call to mind, and to express in word and action, our Lord's Passover from death to life, which is the centre of the Easter mystery. Today we greet him as our king, although we know his crown is thorns and his throne a cross. We follow him this week from the glory of the palms to the glory of the resurrection by way of suffering and death. United with him in his suffering on the cross may we share his resurrection and new life.

Let us pray

Blessed are you, Almighty God,
whose Son Jesus Christ entered in triumph
into the holy city this day to complete his work as our Messiah.
May these branches and crosses † of palm which we bless in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, be signs of the victory of your Son.
May we who carry them in his name ever hail him as our King,
and follow him in the way that leads to eternal life;
who now lives and reigns in glory with you
and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The crosses are distributed

The children of the Hebrews, bearing the branches of love, went out to meet the Lord, crying out and saying,
Hosanna in the highest!

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord,
Hosanna in the highest!

The Reading of the Gospel (read without announcement)

When they were approaching Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives, he sent two of his disciples and said to them, 'Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately as you enter it, you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden; untie it and bring it. If anyone says to you, "Why are you doing this?" just say this, "The Lord needs it and will send it back here immediately."' ' They went away and found a colt tied near a door, outside in the street. As they were untying it, some of the bystanders said to them, 'What are you doing, untying the colt?' They told them what Jesus had said; and they allowed them to take it. Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it; and he sat on it. Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut in the fields. Then those who went ahead and those who followed were shouting, 'Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David! Hosanna in the highest heaven!' Then he entered Jerusalem and went into the temple; and when he had looked around at everything, as it was already late, he went out to Bethany with the twelve.

Mark 11.1-11

Let us pray

Merciful God,
as we enter this Holy Week
and gather at your house of prayer,
turn our hearts again to Jerusalem,
to the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ,
that united with Christ and all the faithful,
we may one day enter in triumph the city not made with hands,

the new Jerusalem, eternal in the heavens,
where, with you and the Holy Spirit,
Christ lives in glory for ever. **Amen.**

Let us go forth, praising Jesus our Messiah.
In the name of Christ. Amen.

*The congregation processes around the church singing
Hymn: 509 NEH*

Refrain:
All glory, laud and honour
To thee, Redeemer, King,
To whom the lips of children
Made sweet hosannas ring.

1. Thou art the King of Israel
Thou David's royal son,
Who in the Lord's name comest,
The King and blessed one.

Refrain

2. The company of angels
Are praising thee on high,
And we and all creation
Exultant make reply.

Refrain

3. The people of the Hebrews
With palms before thee went:
Our praise and prayer and anthems
Before thee we present.

Refrain

4. Thou didst accept their praises:
Accept the prayers we bring,
Who in all good delightest,
Thou good and gracious king.

Refrain

Words: St Theodolph of Orleans d 922.
Tr J.M. Neale 1835-56
The New English Hymnal

Let us pray that we may grow in the self-sacrificing love of Christ:

Everlasting God,
in your tender love for the human race
you sent your Son to take our nature,
and to suffer death upon the cross:
in your mercy
enable us to share in his obedience to your will
and in the glorious victory of his resurrection;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Prayer of the Season

Almighty and everlasting God,
you hate nothing that you have made,
and you forgive the sins of all who are penitent:
create and make in us new and contrite hearts,
that we, worthily lamenting our sins,
and acknowledging our wretchedness,
may obtain of you, the God of all mercy,
perfect remission and forgiveness;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

A Reading from the Book of Isaiah

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 backward. 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?

Isaiah 50.4-9a

Hear the Word of the Lord,

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 31.9-18 (said antiphonally)

9. Have mercy upon me, O Lord, for I am in trouble:
my eye wastes away for grief, my throat also and my inward parts.
10. For my life wears out in sorrow, and my years with sighing:
my strength fails me in my affliction, and my bones are consumed.
11. I am become the scorn of all my enemies:
and my neighbours wag their heads in derision.

12. I am a thing of horror to my friends:
and those that see me in the street shrink from me.
13. I am forgotten like one dead and out of mind:
I have become like a broken vessel.
14. For I hear the whispering of many:
and fear is on every side;
15. While they plot together against me:
and scheme to take away my life.
16. But in you, Lord, have I put my trust:
I have said 'You are my God.'
17. All my days are in your hand:
O deliver me from the power of my enemies and from my persecutors.
18. Make your face to shine upon your servant:
and save me for your mercy's sake.

A Reading from Paul's Letter to the Philippians

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the
form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but
emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And
being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the
point of death – even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him
and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus
every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every
tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Philippians 2.5-11

Hear the Word of the Lord,

Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn: 511 NEH

1. Ride on, ride on in majesty;
Hark, all the tribes hosanna cry!
O Saviour, meek, pursue your road
With palms and scattered garments strowed.
2. Ride on, ride on in majesty,
In lowly pomp ride on to die;
O Christ, your triumphs now begin
O'er captive death and conquered sin.

3. Ride on, ride on in majesty;
The wingèd squadrons of the sky
Look down with sad and wondering eyes
To see the approaching sacrifice.
4. Ride on, ride on in majesty,
In lowly pomp ride on to die;
Bow your meek head to mortal pain,
Then take, O God, your power and reign!

Words: Henry Millman 1791-1868
The New English Hymnal

The priest proceeds to the Baptistry

THE READING OF THE PASSION ACCORDING TO ST MARK

(without responses)

(As the passage is very long, you may feel the need to sit)

After the Passion Reading the Priest returns to the Sanctuary

A period of silence is kept

The Nicene Creed

Let us together 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.**

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

The priest says

Let us pray for the world and for the Church.

The response to 'Jesus, Son of David, let us follow in your way' is

Let us walk with you to Jerusalem.

The prayers may conclude with

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.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

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

Silence may be kept

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.**

The Absolution. The priest says

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.**

All stand for the Greeting of Peace

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.

Offertory Hymn: 94 NEH

1. We sing the praise of him who died
Of him who died upon the cross;
The sinners' hope though all deride:
For this we count the world but loss.

2. Inscribed upon the cross we see
In shining letters, 'God is love';
He bears our sins upon the tree;
He brings us mercy from above.
3. The cross – it takes our guilt away,
It holds the fainting spirit up,
It cheers with hope the gloomy day
And sweetens every bitter cup:
4. It makes the coward spirit brave
And nerves the feeble arm for fight;
It takes all terror from the grave
And gilds the bed of death with light;
5. The balm of life, the cure of woe,
The measure and the pledge of love,
The sinner's refuge here below,
The angels' theme in heaven above.

The gifts of the people having been brought to the Altar

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.

All glory, laud and honour be yours always and everywhere,
mighty Creator, ever living God.

We give you thanks and praise for your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ,
who became obedient unto death, even death on a cross.

He offered the one true sacrifice for sin,
and obtained an eternal deliverance for his people.

The tree of defeat became the tree of victory;
where life was lost, there life has been restored.

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 / singing:

**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.**

Holy and gracious God,
all creation rightly gives you praise.
All life, all holiness, comes from you
through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord,
whom you sent to share our human nature,
to live and die as one of us,
to reconcile us to you,
the God and Father of all.

Hear us, merciful Lord;
through Christ accept our sacrifice of praise;
and, by the power of your Word and Holy Spirit,
sanctify this bread and wine,
that we who share in this holy sacrament
may be partakers of Christ's body and blood.

Who, when his hour had come,
on the night before he went up to the cross
to make full atonement for the sins of the whole world,
offering once for all his one sacrifice of himself,
took bread and gave you thanks;
he broke it and gave it to his disciples saying,
'Take, eat:
this is my body which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.'

In the same way, after supper
he took the cup and gave you thanks;
he gave it to them, saying,
'Drink this, all of you;
this is my blood of the new covenant
which is shed for you and for many
for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this, as often as you drink it,
in remembrance of me.'

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

Therefore, in obedience to his command,
we commemorate and celebrate
his saving passion and death,
his mighty resurrection and ascension into heaven
and we eagerly await his coming again in glory.

We thank you that by your grace alone
you have accepted us in Christ;
and here we offer you a spiritual sacrifice,
holy and acceptable in your sight.
Through Christ, receive this our duty and service,
and grant that we who eat and drink these holy gifts
may, by your Holy Spirit,
be one body in Christ,
and serve you in unity and peace.

In your grace and mercy,
bring us to the joy of your eternal kingdom
with all the company of the redeemed.
May we praise you in union with them,
and give you glory through your Son, Jesus Christ.

Through him, with him, in him,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
we worship you Father eternal,
in songs of never ending praise:

**Blessing and honour and glory and power
are 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.

**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 THE COMMUNION

We who are many are one body in Christ,
for we all share in the one bread.

**Jesus, Lamb of God, have mercy on us
Jesus, bearer of our sins, have mercy on us
Jesus, redeemer of the world, grant us your peace**

The invitation to receive Holy Communion

Come let us take this holy sacrament of the body and blood of Christ in remembrance that he died for us, and feed on him in our hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

*The sacrament is given with the following words, after which the communicant responds **Amen***

The body of Christ keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**
The blood of Christ keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

Post Communion Hymn: 600 TIS (please kneel if possible)

1. O my Saviour, lifted
From the earth for me,
Draw me, in your mercy,
Nearer unto thee.
2. Lord, your arms are stretching
Ever far and wide
To enfold your children
To your loving side.

3. Bringing all my burdens,
Sorrow, sin and care,
At your feet I lay them,
And I leave them there.

Words: William Walsham How 1823-97 alt.
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Together In Song

THE SENDING OUT OF GOD'S PEOPLE

The priest says

God our help and strength,
through these holy mysteries confirm our faith
that by the death and resurrection of your Son
we may walk in the way of salvation.

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.**

Notices and invitations

Dismissal Hymn: 76 NEH

1. Take up thy cross, the Saviour said,
If thou wouldst my disciple be;
Deny thyself, the world forsake,
And humbly follow after me.
2. Take up thy cross, let not its weight
Fill thy weak spirit with alarm;
His strength shall bear thy spirit up,
And brace thy heart and nerve thine arm.
3. Take up thy cross, nor heed the shame,
Nor let thy foolish pride rebel;
Thy Lord for thee the cross endured,
To save thy soul from death and hell.



4. Take up thy cross then in his strength,
And calmly every danger brave,
'Twill guide thee to a better home,
And lead to victory o'er the grave.

Words: Charles Everest 1814-77
The New English Hymnal

The Blessing

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 sin forgiven and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Dismissal

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

From a Prayer Book for Australia.
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You are welcome to stay and enjoy a cuppa and a chat in the Hall after the 10am service!

CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR THE WEEK AHEAD....

Mon 26 Mar	10am	Holy Week Mass	
	1.30pm	Friends of St Francis	
Tues 27 Mar	10am	Holy Week Mass	
Wed 28 Mar	10am	Holy Week Mass	
		Mothers' Union follows the 10am Mass	
Thurs 29 Mar		<u>Maundy Thursday</u>	
	7pm	Eucharist of the Last Supper	
Fri 30 Mar		<u>Good Friday</u>	
	10am	Walk of Witness, Church of the Open Door	
	12pm	Devotions followed by refreshments	
	2pm	Stations of the Cross	
Sun 1 Apr		<u>Easter Day</u>	
	8am	Lighting of the New Fire & Eucharist	
	10am	Easter Eucharist	

PARISH ANNIVERSARIES DURING THE WEEK

Happy Birthday!

Iris Hughes – 28 March

Happy Anniversary!

Tig & Marilyn Simmons – 28 March



+ Year's Mind

Judy Hosking – 25 March

Alan Dickson – 27 March

Geoffrey Simonsen – 27 March

Dorothy Wilson – 29 March

Barry Robertson – 31 March



NOTICES & UPCOMING EVENTS



Thank You!

Thank you to all those who donated and collected palms, made our palm crosses and decorated the Church with palm branches.



Easter Special Effort is drawn today!!!

Hurry and get your tickets for the Easter Special Effort!

The draw will take place **TODAY** after the 10am Mass, at our morning tea.

Tickets are \$2 each or 3 for \$5
There will be a number of prizes!!



Lent: Week 6 Prayer

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

*We bless you from the house
of the Lord.*

*The Lord is God,
and he has given us light....*

*O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good,
for his steadfast love endures forever.*

Friends of St Francis

The Friends of St Francis Fellowship Group will hold their next meeting tomorrow, Monday 26 March, at 1.30pm at the home of Margaret Henry, 7 Lorna Street, Cheltenham.

A Lenten House Communion will be celebrated by Fr Andre.
All very welcome.

Please note that Fr Ron will be away from Monday to Thursday (inc).
If you require a priest during this time please contact Fr Andre.

Lenten Discipline Money boxes

Money box full? If so you may like to return it by placing it in the collection bowl at the Offertory. If you haven't already taken a money box from the Narthex please consider doing so and returning it at the end of Lent.



Holy Week Roster

If you would like to assist with any of the Holy Week services please attend to the list in the Narthex.

Holy Week & Easter Services



† Weekday Services †

Mon 26 March, Tues 27 March & Wed 28 March: 10am Holy Week Mass

† 29 March – Maundy Thursday †

7pm: Eucharist of the Last Supper

† 30 March – Good Friday †

10am: Walk of Witness
starting from Church of the Open Door
12 noon: Devotions
followed by refreshments
2pm: Stations of the Cross

† 1 April – Easter Day †

8am: Lighting of the New Fire & Eucharist
10am: Easter Eucharist



Don't forget...

Daylight saving ends next Sunday, 1 April (Easter Day).
Remember to turn your clocks back one hour.

Walk of Witness – Cheltenham Combined Churches

30 March – Good Friday

10am – Church of the Open Door, Cnr Charman Rd & Nepean Hwy,
proceed to Charman Uniting Church,
proceed to Pioneers Presbyterian Church,
proceed to St Matthew's Anglican Church,
proceed to Our Lady of the Assumption Roman Catholic Church.



King for a Day

Those who went ahead and those who followed shouted,
"Hosanna!" "Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!"
Mark 11:9 (NIV)

Based on Mark 11:1-11 (NIV)

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