



ST GEORGE'S ANGLICAN CHURCH, MALVERN

FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT



*Lazarus, (1947) Jacob Epstein
New College, Oxford*

22 March, 2026 8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m., 5:00 p.m.

Before the service, speak to God; during the service, let God speak to you;
after the service, speak to one another

Setting (at 10:00 a.m.): A Lenten Setting (for St George's, Malvern)

E. A. Nixon

The service begins on p. 119 of **A Prayer Book for Australia** ("The Green Book")

At 10:00 a.m., we begin singing the Lent Prose:

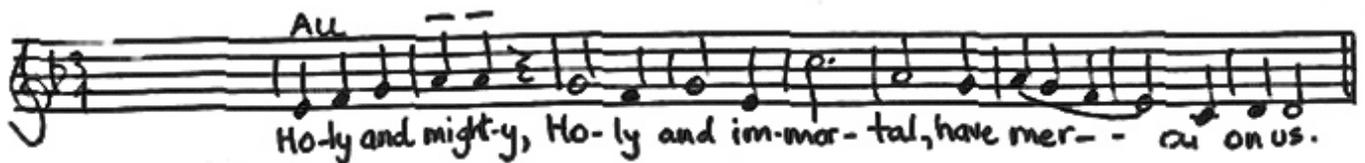
Opening Hymn: **The Lent Prose**

Hear us, O Lord, have mercy upon us: for we have sinned against thee.

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Innocent, captive, taken unresisting:
falsely accused, and for us sinners sentenced,
save us, we pray thee, Jesu our Redeemer.

Hear us, O Lord, have mercy upon us: for we have sinned against thee.



COLLECT (OF THE DAY AND THE SEASON)

Life-giving God,
your Son came into the world
to free us all from sin and death:
breathe upon us with the power of your Spirit,
that we may be raised to new life in Christ,
and serve you in holiness and righteousness all our days;
through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, forever and ever. **Amen.**

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.

FIRST READING

Ezekiel 37:1-14

A reading from the prophecy of Ezekiel:

The hand of the LORD came upon me, and he brought me out
by the spirit of the LORD and set me down in the middle of a valley;
it was full of bones. He led me all round them;
there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry.
He said to me, 'Mortal, can these bones live?'
I answered, 'O LORD God, you know.'
Then he said to me, 'Prophecy to these bones, and say to them:
O dry bones, hear the word of the LORD.
Thus says the LORD God to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you,
and you shall live.
I will lay sinews on you, and will cause flesh to come upon you,
and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live;
and you shall know that I am the LORD.'

So I prophesied as I had been commanded;
and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling,
and the bones came together, bone to its bone.
I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them,
and skin had covered them; but there was no breath in them.
Then he said to me,
'Prophecy to the breath, prophecy, mortal, and say to the breath:
Thus says the LORD God: Come from the four winds, O breath,
and breathe upon these slain, that they may live.'
I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they
lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude.

Then he said to me, 'Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, "Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely." Therefore prophesy, and say to them, Thus says the LORD God: I am going to open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people; and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. And you shall know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people. I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the LORD, have spoken and will act, says the LORD.'

Hear the word of the Lord.

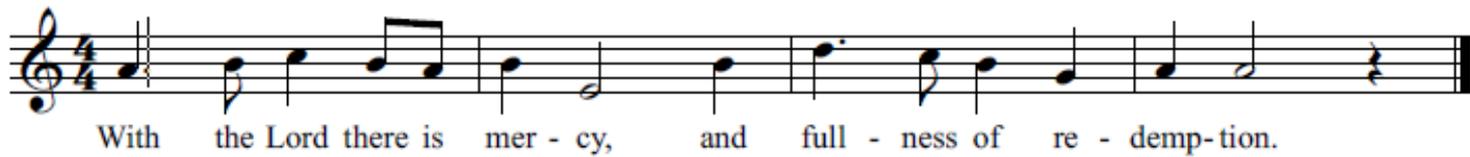
Thanks be to God.

PSALM 130

**Response: With the Lord there is mercy and plenteous redemption.
(at 8 a.m.)**

1. Out of the depths I cry to you, O LORD; LORD, hear my voice;
let your ears consider well the voice of my supplication.
2. If you, LORD, were to note what is done amiss, O LORD, who could stand?
3. For there is forgiveness with you; therefore you shall be feared. **R.**
4. I wait for the LORD; my soul waits for him; and his word is my hope.
5. My soul waits for the LORD, more than the night-watch for the morning,
more than the night-watch for the morning. **R.**
6. O Israel, wait for the LORD, for with the LORD there is mercy;
7. With him there is plenteous redemption,
and he shall redeem Israel from all their sins. **R.**

At 10 a.m.:



1. Out of the depths I cry to you, O LORD. LORD, hear my voice!
O let your ears be attentive to the voice of my pleading. **R.**
2. If you, O LORD, should mark our guilt, LORD, who would survive?
But with you is found forgiveness: For this we revere you **R.**
3. My soul is waiting for the LORD, I count on his word.
My soul is longing for the LORD
more than those who watch for day break. **R.**
4. Because with the LORD there is mercy and fullness of redemption,
Israel indeed will he redeem from all its iniquity. **R.**

SECOND READING

Romans 8:6-11

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Church in Rome:

To set the mind on the flesh is death,

but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace.

For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God;

it does not submit to God's law — indeed it cannot,

and those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

But you are not in the flesh;

you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you.

Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him.

But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin,

the Spirit is life because of righteousness.

If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you,

he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.



Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory!
Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory!

I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord:
 whoever believes in me will not die for ever.

Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory!

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.
Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Now a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. Mary was the one who anointed the Lord with perfume and wiped his feet with her hair; her brother Lazarus was ill.

So the sisters sent a message to Jesus, 'Lord, he whom you love is ill.' But when Jesus heard it, he said, 'This illness does not lead to death; rather it is for God's glory, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it.' Accordingly, though Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, after having heard that Lazarus was ill,

he stayed two days longer in the place where he was.

Then after this he said to the disciples, 'Let us go to Judea again.'

The disciples said to him, 'Rabbi, the Jews were just now trying to stone you, and are you going there again?'

Jesus answered, 'Are there not twelve hours of daylight?

Those who walk during the day do not stumble,

because they see the light of this world. But those who walk at night stumble, because the light is not in them.' After saying this, he told them,

'Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I am going there to awaken him.'

The disciples said to him, 'Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will be all right.'

Jesus, however, had been speaking about his death,

but they thought that he was referring merely to sleep.

Then Jesus told them plainly, 'Lazarus is dead.

For your sake I am glad I was not there, so that you may believe.

But let us go to him.'

Thomas, who was called the Twin, said to his fellow-disciples,

'Let us also go, that we may die with him.'

When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb for four days. Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, some two miles away, and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them about their brother. When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home. Martha said to Jesus, 'Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him.' Jesus said to her, 'Your brother will rise again.' Martha said to him, 'I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day.' Jesus said to her, 'I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?' She said to him, 'Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world.'

When she had said this, she went back and called her sister Mary, and told her privately, 'The Teacher is here and is calling for you.' And when she heard it, she got up quickly and went to him.

Now Jesus had not yet come to the village, but was still at the place where Martha had met him. The Jews who were with her in the house, consoling her, saw Mary get up quickly and go out. They followed her because they thought that she was going to the tomb to weep there.

When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, 'Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.' When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. He said, 'Where have you laid him?' They said to him, 'Lord, come and see.' Jesus began to weep. So the Jews said, 'See how he loved him!' But some of them said, 'Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?'

Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. Jesus said, 'Take away the stone.' Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, 'Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead for four days.' Jesus said to her, 'Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?' So they took away the stone.

And Jesus looked upwards and said, 'Father, I thank you for having heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me.'

When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, 'Lazarus, come out!'

The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth.

Jesus said to them, 'Unbind him, and let him go.'

Many of the Jews therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what Jesus did, believed in him.

For the gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

For the Anglican Church

The Anglican Church of Korea; The Diocese of Sydney; St Columb's, Hawthorn; St Alban's & St Augustine's, Merri-Bek; St Paul's Cathedral; St Luke's, Frankston East; St John's, Sorrento and St Andrew's, Rye.

For all in need

May all who are in trouble, in need or sickness find peace and refreshment in you especially: Ann; Anthea; Carol and the Geddes family; Coral; David; George; Jenny; John; Josie; +Kate and family; Katherine; Louisa; Max; Murray; Nick and Robyn; Susan; Sarina; Sophie; Wendy; and those we name before you in the silence of our hearts.

For the Faithful Departed

We remember Tess Heintz, whose ashes are to be interred this morning; and those whose anniversary of death occurs at this time: Estelle Gregory; Laura Gregory; Myrtle Hill; Margaret (Peg) Horsburgh; John Horsfield; Robert Howard; Howard Jenkins; Helen Liliias McGee; Violet Mansell; Dianne Mercer; Mary Ann Mercer; Mary Newton; Marie Perry; Diana Smith.

In Lent, now follows the Prayer of Humble Access:

Let us pray.

**We do not presume
to come to your table, merciful Lord,
trusting in our own righteousness,
but in your manifold and great mercies.
We are not worthy
so much as to gather up the crumbs under your table.**

But you are the same Lord
 whose nature is always to have mercy.
 Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord,
 so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ,
 and to drink his blood,
 that we may evermore dwell in him,
 and he in us. Amen.

Offertory Hymn: 538

THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

The Great Thanksgiving (p. 151) begins.

At the appropriate time, we say or sing (at 10:00 a.m.):

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.

ALL

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord. God of power and might

Hea - ven and Earth are full of your glory Ho - san - na! Ho - san - na in the High - est!

Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na! Ho - san - na in the High - est!

When we reach the mystery of faith, we say or sing:

Save us, Saviour of the world,
 for by your death and resurrection you have set us free.

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ALL

Save us Sav - iour of the World.

For by your death and re - sur - rec - tion, you have set us free.

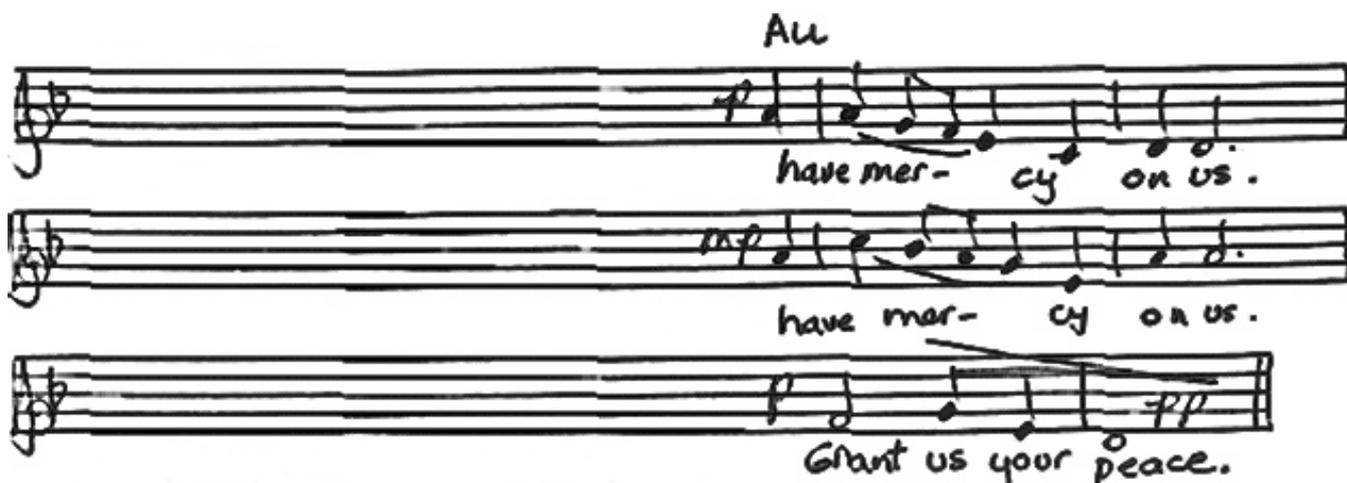
As the Great Thanksgiving concludes, we say or sing:

**Blessing and honour and glory and power
are yours for ever and ever. Amen.**



Following the breaking of the bread, we say or sing:

**Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world,
grant us your peace.**



During Communion, the choir sings the following anthem:

1. Alas! and did my Saviour bleed
And did my Sovereign die?
Would He devote that sacred head
For sinners such as I?
2. Was it for sins that I have done,
he suffered on the tree?
What pity! Grace unknown!
And love beyond degree!
3. Oh, the Lamb, the loving Lamb,
The Lamb on Calvary
The Lamb was slain, and lives again,
To intercede for me.
4. But drops of grief can ne'er repay
The debt of love I owe:
Here, Lord, I give myself away
'Tis all that I can, I can do.

Words: Issac Watts (c. 1674–1748)
Text: Jennifer Stammers
Music: Issac Watts (c. 1674–1748)

After communion, silence is kept, before we offer a final prayer (p. 152)

Notices are then given followed, at 10 a.m. by

Final Hymn: 131

Postlude: *Prelude in D Major*
John Casper Ferdinand (1656–1746),

Scripture Readings next week Sunday of the Passion (Palm Sunday)

Liturgy of the Palms:

Matthew 21:1–11

Isaiah 50:4–9a

Psalms 31:9–18

Philippians 2:5–11

Matthew 26:14–27:66

The Week Ahead

Tuesday	Paul Couturier, ecumenist (d. 1953) Oscar Romero, archbishop of San Salvador (d. 1980)
Thursday	The Annunciation to the Blessed Virgin Mary (transferred) 10:15 a.m. Eucharist

A reminder that the Daily Offices (Morning and Evening Prayer) are prayed in St Martin's Chapel each Monday – Saturday at 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. respectively, and can be joined via Zoom at:

Morning Prayer

8:30 a.m., Monday – Saturday

Meeting ID: 709 867 2691; Passcode: 630283

<https://zoom.us/j/7098672691?pwd=TFBBSGYxb2lhcUI3RWRldmIXWDQ4Zz09>

Evening Prayer

5:00 p.m., Monday – Saturday

Meeting ID: 709 867 2691; Passcode: 630283

<https://zoom.us/j/7098672691?pwd=TFBBSGYxb2lhcUI3RWRldmIXWDQ4Zz09>

Lenten Study

7:30 p.m. on Wednesday

Meeting ID: 868 9252 3142; Passcode: 744866

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/86892523142?pwd=MlczZlJRempKL0hrQThORXBFeFFBdz09>

Roster for today Fifth Sunday in Lent 22 March 2026		Roster for next Sunday Sunday of the Passion (Palm Sunday) 29 March 2026	
8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist		8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist	
Sides-persons	Bryan Elmes	Sides-person	Simon Dickie
Acolyte	Jenny Weller Newton	Acolyte	Jenny Weller Newton
Eucharistic Assistant	Leigh Mackay	Eucharistic Assistant	Miriam Cherry
Intercessor	Malcolm Tadgell	Intercessor	<i>TBA</i>
Readers	Judy Mallinson John Mallinson	Readers	<i>TBA</i>
10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist		10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist	
Sides-persons	Robyn Whitehouse Len Whitehouse	Sides-persons	Grant Rowlands Melissa Carson
Acolytes	Pam Felgate Alison Canty	Acolytes	Pam Felgate Meg Winter Malcolm Tadgell TH
Eucharistic Assistant	Meg Winter	Eucharistic Assistant	Judy Mallinson
Intercessor	Muriel Porter	Intercessor	<i>TBA</i>
Readers	Gavin Watson Suzie Hill	Readers	<i>TBA</i>
Morning Tea	Suzanne Lennie Tim Lennie	Morning Tea	Sandra Morgan Cynthia Kunaratnum
Thursday 10:15 a.m. Holy Eucharist		Thursday 10:15 a.m. Holy Eucharist	
Sides-person	Judy Wright	Sides-person	Judy Wright
Reader	Judy Wright	Reader	Judy Wright

Of your charity, **please continue to pray** for those in long term need or sickness:
His Majesty the King; Ann; Geoff; Ivan; Jane; Joan; Liza; Mary; and Simon.

NOTICES

We welcome today Nevan, Isaac, Rachel and all the family and friends of Tess Heintz who have gathered for the Interment of her ashes, following the 10:00 a.m. eucharist.

Our regular collection for St Alban's occurs **today**. Please give generously (cash or shopping vouchers) to assist the parish of St Alban's in providing food for those in desperate need in these difficult times in a part of Melbourne where many struggle to eat.

LENT STUDY GROUPS

Continue on Wednesday evenings by Zoom; and on Thursday mornings, after the eucharist, in the North Room

LENT provides an opportunity not only for 'reading and meditating' (as in our Study Group), 'self-examination, prayer and fasting' (as we heard on Ash Wednesday), but also for 'self-denial and acts of generosity', including alms-giving!

Each week in Lent we will publish the amount received in offerings in the last week, as well as the budgeted costs for running the parish each week of the year. These figures are:

Church Income – \$ 7,813

Church Expenditure for the week – \$ 12,338

You will see there is a short fall of **\$ 4,525**. To assist in this, please contact Geraldine Powell: dgp3934@icloud.com/0414 831 968 for details.

The Great Week of the Church (Holy Week) is approaching.
Please see below concerning preparing the Church for this week:

Palm Sunday Preparation includes cutting the palms, then making and organising palm crosses for distribution. Please join us for **making Palm Crosses this Thursday 26 March** from 4:00 p.m. in the hall.

There will also be two working bees:

28th March, 9:00am – midday, As we prepare the church for Holy Week (this includes dusting, cleaning and veiling of images); then

3rd April (Holy Saturday), again from 9:00 – midday. After every death, a family gathers together to 'clean up' the house of the one who has died. So too, as we mark the time when our Lord rested in the tomb, we come together to clean, polish brass, prepare flowers and candles, ready for the Great Feast that night and the next morning.

All are most welcome, and morning or afternoon teas will be supplied.

Victorian Anglicans Together invites you to hear **Dr Paula Gooder** on **"Reading the Bible Imaginatively"**. Canon Chancellor of St Paul's Cathedral, London, Dr Gooder is a New Testament scholar, writer and teacher, and is a Licensed Lay Reader in the Church of England. **Saturday 28 March, 2:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. St John's Church**, 552 Burke Road, Camberwell. Donation towards the costs gratefully accepted.

Brigidine Asylum Seekers Project (BASP) collection will be on **next Sunday, Palm Sunday (29th March)**. Please refer to collection flyers to identify the items most required.

Spiritual Café returns for 2026! Tuesday 31 March.

Our guest speaker is **Arthur Andronis**, Heritage Architect and Surveyor of St Paul's Cathedral. His topic is *The Restoration of Notre Dame Cathedral in Paris*. Join us for dinner at Giorgio's, 1235 High St Armadale at 6.30pm followed by the speaker at 7.30pm.

Spiritual Café Pre-Payment is required. Cost \$55 for two courses, drinks available to purchase. Tickets via TryBooking <https://www.trybooking.com/DJQQF>

For further information email: office@stgeorgesmalvern.org or call 9822 3030

We will be holding a series of fundraiser concerts in 2026. The first will be on **Saturday 9th May at 2pm** in our Hall. **Featured artists: Shu-Cheen Yu and her Lotus Wind Choir.** Put the date in your diary now and encourage others to attend!

The **Archbishop's Listening in Lent** programme has been taking place over the last few weeks at various face-to-face venues (including at St George's). The Archbishop is, however, keen to hear from **all** people in the Diocese, not just those who attended one of the "roadshows". To that end, all at St George's are encouraged to visit the link:

<https://www.melbourneanglican.org.au/listening-in-lent/> to complete the questionnaire there, or to use the QR code to answer what you hope for the church in this Diocese and in the cities of Melbourne and Geelong in the coming years.



HOLY WEEK AND EASTER

ST GEORGE'S, MALVERN

***PREACHER: THE REVEREND CANON
PROFESSOR DOROTHY LEE, AM, FAHA**
“Abiding with Jesus through Holy Week”

Palm Sunday, March 29

Holy Eucharist (with distribution of palm crosses)

8:00 am; 10:00 am (including procession); 5:00 pm

Holy Week

**Morning and Evening Prayer continue at 8:30 am and 5:00 pm
each day.**

Monday*, Tuesday* and Wednesday*

7:00 pm Holy Eucharist (with address)

THE “GREAT THREE DAYS”

Maundy Thursday*, April 2

7:00 pm Holy Eucharist, with address and Watch

Good Friday, April 3

10:00 am Stations of the Cross

12:00 pm Solemn Liturgy of the Passion*

Easter Eve, April 4*

**8:00 pm Easter Vigil with New Fire, Renewal of Baptismal
Vows and First Eucharist of Easter**

Easter Day, April 5

9:30 am Solemn Sung Eucharist*

6:00 pm Solemn Evening Prayer of Easter

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We acknowledge the Boon Wurrung and Wurundjeri people of the Kulin nation as the Traditional Custodians and Owners of the land upon which we meet, land which was taken, not ceded.

We pay our respects to their Elders past and present, acknowledge their continuing spiritual connection to Country, and affirm our commitment to walk together the path of reconciliation.