



Refreshment Sunday/4th Sunday in Lent
Sunday 30 March 2025
8am & 10am

Lenten Mass Settings

Welcome to St Mary's North Melbourne.

Thank you for joining us in worship.

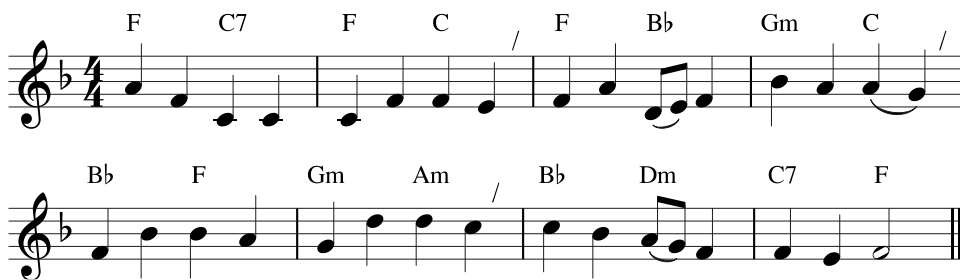
*Please join in saying the text marked in **bold**
and joining in the music.*

Prelude

INTRODUCTION

Today we have a small reprieve from the austerity of Lent to celebrate Refreshment Sunday which is also kept as Mothering Sunday: a day to remember with thanks both the mother church in which we were baptised and our own mothers; it is accompanied by Simnel cake. In the same spirit of thanksgiving and hope, our readings speak of covenant, reconciliation, re-creation and homecoming. The covenant with Moses is fulfilled with the people of God's entry into the land of promise under Joshua's leadership. We receive the ministry of reconciliation and re-creation from God and are called to pass it on to others. And God graciously welcomes us when we come home, regardless of who we have been or what we have done. Let us worship God.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN TIS 136



1. There's a wideness in God's mercy
like the wideness of the sea,
and forgiveness in his justice
sealed for us on Calvary.
2. There is plentiful redemption
in the blood that has been shed;
there is joy for all the members
in the sorrows of the Head.
3. For the love of God is broader
than the measures of our mind;
4. But we make his love too narrow
by false limits of our own,
and we magnify his strictness
with a zeal he will not own.
5. If our love were but more simple
we should take him at his word;
and our lives would be illumined
by the goodness of our Lord.

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GATHERING

Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins,
whose mercy endures for ever.

The Lord be with you: **And also with you.**

**Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known,
and from whom no secrets are hidden: cleanse the thoughts of our
hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly
love you, and worthily magnify your holy name, through Christ our
Lord. Amen.**

KYRIE

Cantor/All

2 Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son.

3 Chri - ste - e - le - i - son

Ky - ri - e - e - le - i - son.

CONFESSION

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.

ABSOLUTION

**Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal:
have mercy on us.**

COLLECT

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING

Please sit.

A reading from the Book of Joshua:

At that time the LORD said to Joshua, make flint knives and circumcise the Israelites a second time. So Joshua made flint knives and circumcised the Israelites at Gibeath-haaraloth. This is the reason why Joshua circumcised them: all the males of the people who came out of Egypt, all the warriors, had died

during the journey through the wilderness after they had come out of Egypt. Although all the people who came out had been circumcised, yet all the people born on the journey through the wilderness after they had come out of Egypt had not been circumcised. For the Israelites travelled forty years in the wilderness, until all the nation, the warriors who came out of Egypt, perished, not having listened to the voice of the LORD. To them the LORD swore that he would not let them see the land that he had sworn to their ancestors to give us, a land flowing with milk and honey. So it was their children, whom he raised up in their place, that Joshua circumcised, for they were uncircumcised because they had not been circumcised on the way. When the circumcising of all the nation was done, they remained in their places in the camp until they were healed. The LORD said to Joshua, Today I have rolled away from you the disgrace of Egypt. And so that place is called Gilgal to this day. While the Israelites were camped in Gilgal, they kept the Passover in the evening on the fourteenth day of the month in the plains of Jericho. On the day after the Passover, on that very day, they ate the produce of the land, unleavened cakes and roasted grain. The manna ceased on the day they ate the produce of the land, and the Israelites no longer had manna; they ate the crops of the land of Canaan that year.

(Joshua 5.2-12)

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

PSALM 32



Happy are those whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered.

Happy are those to whom the Lord imputes no iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no deceit. *Response*

I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not hide my iniquity; I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord," and you forgave the guilt of my sin.

Response

You are a hiding place for me you preserve me from trouble; you surround me with glad cries of deliverance. *Response*

Steadfast love surrounds those who trust in the Lord.

Be glad in the Lord and rejoice, O righteous, and shout for joy, all you upright in heart. *Response*

G Cox Plainsong New

SECOND READING

A reading from Paul's Second Letter to the Corinthians:

From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we no longer know him in that way. So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; look, new things have come into being! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ: be reconciled to God. For our sake God made the one who knew no sin to be sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God. (2 Corinthians 5.16-21)

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Please stand.

Response:

Christopher Willcock S J

Praise to you Lord Je - sus Christ, king of end - less glo - ry.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

Blessed are those whose transgression is covered,

And whose sin is forgiven.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

The Lord be with you:

And also with you.

A reading from the holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St Luke:

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Then Jesus said, There was a man who had two sons. The younger of them said to his father, Father, give me the share of the wealth that will belong to me. So he

divided his assets between them. A few days later the younger son gathered all he had and travelled to a distant region, and there he squandered his wealth in dissolute living. When he had spent everything, a severe famine took place throughout that region, and he began to be in need. So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that region, who sent him to his fields to feed the pigs. He would gladly have filled his stomach with the pods that the pigs were eating, and no one gave him anything. But when he came to his senses he said, How many of my father's hired hands have bread enough and to spare, but here I am dying of hunger! I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands. So he set off and went to his father. But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him. Then the son said to him, Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son. But the father said to his slaves, Quickly, bring out a robe—the best one—and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. And get the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate, for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found! And they began to celebrate. Now his elder son was in the field, and as he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing. He called one of the slaves and asked what was going on. He replied, Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf because he has got him back safe and sound. Then he became angry and refused to go in. His father came out and began to plead with him. But he answered his father, Listen! For all these years I have been working like a slave for you, and I have never disobeyed your command, yet you have never given me even a young goat so that I might celebrate with my friends. But when this son of yours came back, who has devoured your assets with prostitutes, you killed the fatted calf for him! Then the father said to him, Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. But we had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and has come to life; he was lost and has been found.

(Luke 15.11-32)

For the Gospel of the Lord: **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

SERMON

Please be seated.

CREED

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.

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION

Please sit or kneel.

After each section:

Lord in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

And at the end:

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.

PEACE

We are the body of Christ: **His Spirit is with us.**

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

OFFERTORY HYMN TIS 259

UNISON G Bm Em Am7 D / G Em

1 A - mong us and be - fore us, Lord, you stand with_ arms out-stretched and_

Am Am7 D / G Bm Em Am7

bread and wine at hand. Con - front-ing those un - worth - y of a

D / Bm Em Am7 D7 G

crumb, you_ ask that to your_ ta - ble we should come.

2. Who dare say No, when such is your resolve
our worst to witness, suffer and absolve,
our best to raise in lives by God forgiven,
our souls to fill on earth with food from heaven?
3. Who dare say No, when such is your intent
to love the selves we famish and resent,
to cradle our uncertainties and fear,
to kindle hope as you in faith draw near?
4. Who dare say No, when such is your request
that each around your table should be guest,
that here the ancient word should live as new,
'Take, eat and drink all this is meant for you.'?
5. No more we hesitate and wonder why;
no more we stand indifferent, scared or shy.
Your invitation leads us to say Yes,
to meet you where you nourish, heal and bless.

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EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

Sursum Corda

Celebrant The Lord be with you. *People* And also with you.

Celebrant Lift up your hearts. *People* We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. *People* It is right to give our thanks and praise...

All glory and honour...

... for ever praising you and saying/singing:

Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord -

God of pow'r and God - of might.

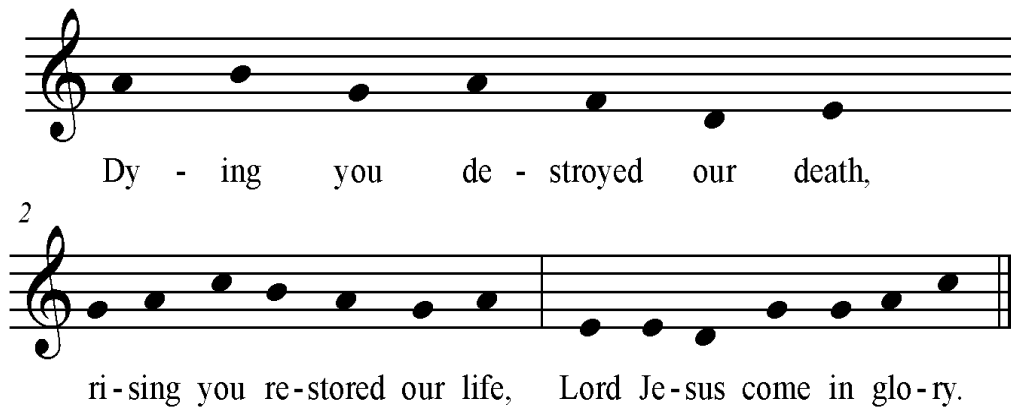
Heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry.

Ho - sa - na in the high est

Bless'd is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

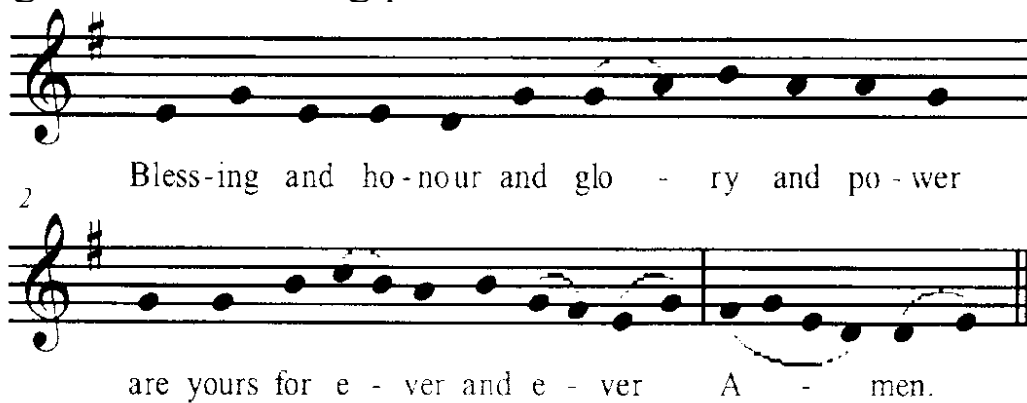
Ho - san - na in the high est.

Merciful God, we thank you ...
Great is the mystery of faith:



Dy - ing you de - stroyed our death,
 ri-sing you re-stored our life, Lord Je-sus come in glo-ry.

Therefore we do as our Saviour has commanded ...
 ... in songs of never-ending praise:



Bless-ing and ho-nour and glo - ry and po - wer
 are yours for e - ver and e - ver A - men.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

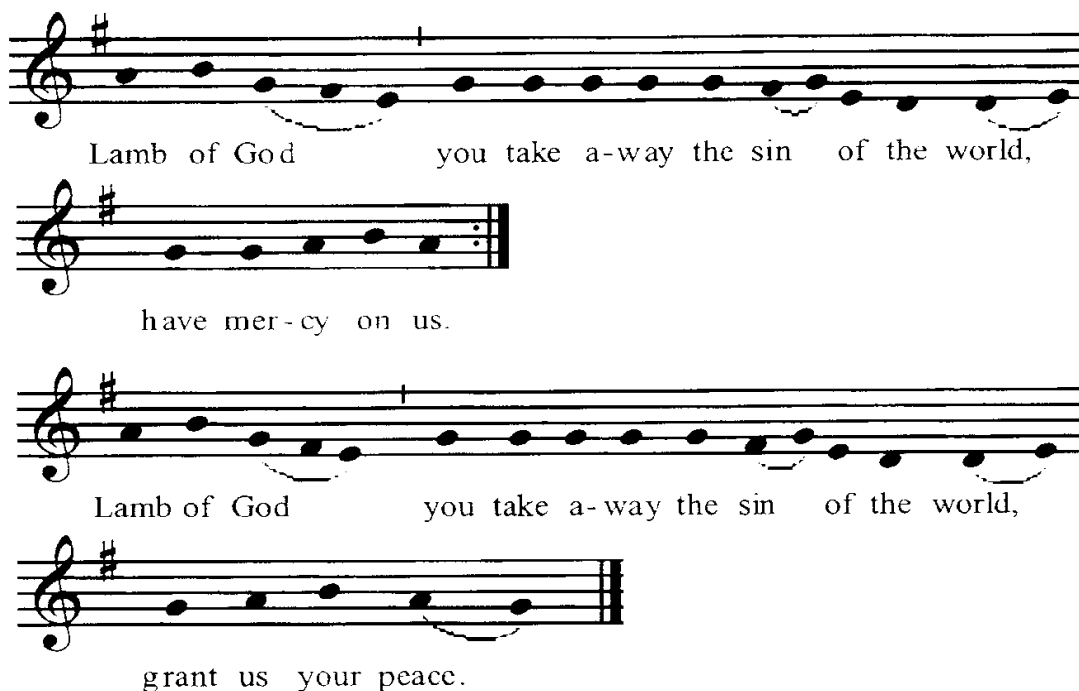
Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours 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.

AGNUS DEI



Lamb of God you take a-way the sin of the world,
have mer-cy on us.

Lamb of God you take a-way the sin of the world,
grant us your peace.

INVITATION

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.**

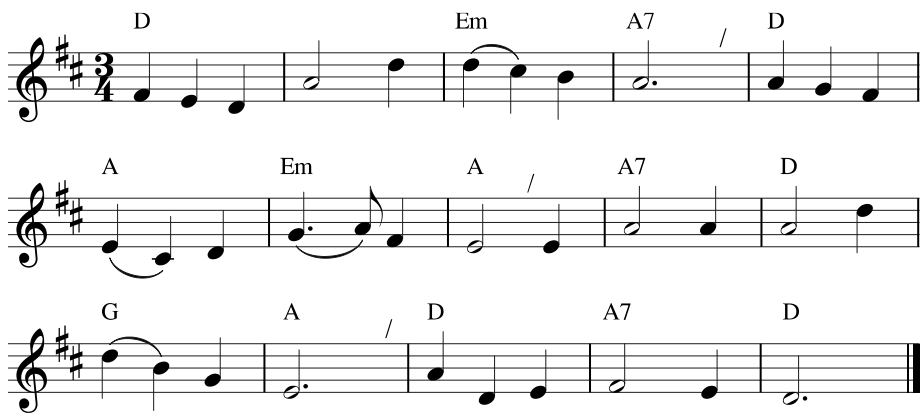
COMMUNION

Anthem: *'O for a closer walk with God'* by CV Stanford.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

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.**

RECESSIONAL HYMN TIS 584



1. Just as I am, without one plea
but that your blood was shed for me,
and that you would my Saviour be,
O Lamb of God, I come.
2. Just as I am, though tossed about
with many a conflict, many a doubt,
fightings and fears within, without,
O Lamb of God, I come.
3. Just as I am, poor, wretched, blind —
sight, riches, healing of the mind,
yes, all I need, in you to find,
O Lamb of God, I come.
4. Just as I am, you will receive,
will welcome, pardon, cleanse,
relieve;
because your promise I believe,
O Lamb of God, I come.
5. Just as I am — your love unknown
has broken every barrier down —
now to be yours, and yours alone,
O Lamb of God, I come.
6. Just as I am, of that free love
the breadth, length, depth and height
to prove,
here for a season, then above,
O Lamb of God, I come.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Blessing of Simnel cake.

BLESSING

DISMISSAL

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord:

In the name of Christ. Amen.

Postlude

PRAYERS

Please pray for those in need, including Isaiah and Denise & Graeme Archer.

Pray also for those whose anniversaries of death fall this week: Lilian Quinan, Alan Falconer, Gergory Wallace Judd and Kevin Wong Hoy.

If there is a name to be included, please email office@stmarys.org.au (*Names will be listed for 1 month unless otherwise specified*)

Morning Prayer held on Mon/Wed/Fri, 8.30am. Click the link below <https://bit.ly/49910N4> Meeting ID: 826 4665 0345, Passcode: 464706
Weekday Eucharist on every Thursday at 12pm.

St Mary's Parish Notices

- The first of our two Lenten Bible studies will be held today at 11.30am on Women in the Passion. It will be led by Mthr Dorothy; the second, on Women in the Resurrection, will be held next week.
- Baptism and Receiving Holy Communion: if anyone would like to be baptised, or has a child to be baptised, the best time is at Easter Vigil (Sat 19 April, 8pm). If so, please let us know. All baptised Christians, including children, are welcome to receive Holy Communion. If you or your child wants to receive it for the first time, please let the Vicar know ahead of time so that preparation might be organised. Those not wishing or able to receive Holy Communion may come forward for a blessing, with arms crossed over. If you are interested in Holy Baptism or Confirmation, please contact the Vicar.
- Last day! Submission for 2025 AVE Easter Edition by Sun 30 March to either David or office@stmarys.org.au To be published on the 2nd week of April (week before Palm Sunday). Easter theme welcome, for other ideas visit previous publications on <https://www.stmarys.org.au/> (bottom LH corner of homepage).
- Harvest Festival Celebration: Sun 4 May after 10am service (stalls, fun, games and morning tea). Contact Marion if you'd like to join the

working bees and help with making preserves, chutneys, jams and other gifts. Jar/bottle labels available from the Church porch.

- Events at St Mary's (printed posters/flyers available around the Church):
 - Handel's Messiah Part II: The Lamb of God by VOX Choir Ballarat: Sun 6 April, 3pm. Tickets \$40/\$35/\$15/free for primary age children, bookings via www.trybooking.com/CYZYE
 - Omniversal Hum: Wed 9 April, 7.30pm in the Hall. Tickets \$30 via <https://events.humanitix.com/omniversal-hum-silvia-tarozzi-and-deborah-walker-anthony-pateras-jasmine-guffond/tickets>
 - Duo Violin & Viola Recital by Paul Tulloch & Tamila Kharambura: Fri 11 April, 7pm. Tickets \$30/\$25/children free, for bookings www.trybooking.com/DACSH
- Thank you for your food donations to Anglicare Victoria/St Mark's Community Care. For tax deductible donations please visit <https://www.melbourneanglican.org.au/maf-donation-page/> - 'Melbourne Anglican Benevolent Society' - 'St Mary's North Melbourne—Relief Program'.
- Your support for the Parish is appreciated. To authorise direct debit, contact Parish Treasurer via treasurer@stmarys.org.au For occasional/regular giving, direct funds to Parish Giving account with Anglican Development Fund: BSB: 703-122 / Acc: 05004687 / Acc Name: St Mary's Anglican Church North Melbourne. *If you are currently depositing to Westpac BSB 033132, please consider using the ADF account as it simplifies the monthly bookkeeping effort and supports the Diocese.*

If you would like to be contacted by the Parish, please fill in your details, tear this section & drop it in the office mailbox on Queensberry Street:

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St Mary's Roster

	Sun 30 March 2025 Refreshment Sunday/Lent 4	Sun 6 April 2025 Lent 5
8:00am Reader	Rhondda Fahey	Judie Bainbridge
10:00am Readers	Alice Christofi Ivana Csar	Katie Holmes Fabien Nunes
Serving Team	Anne Sunderland (C) Sam Miller (C)	Anne Sunderland (C) Peter O'Donoghue
Welcome	Michael Golding	Adam Wing
Introduction & Intercession	Geoff Jenkins	Sam Miller
Video/AV	Adam Wing	Sam Miller
Kids Corner & Sunday School	Harriet Jenkins/ Rosie Moloney	Harriet Jenkins/ Rosie Moloney
Morning Tea	Helen McCallum David Keuneman	+2

Lent & Easter 2025

Ash Wednesday	Wednesday 5 March 2025	7pm
Lent 1	Sunday 9 March 2025	8am & 10am
Lent 2	Sunday 16 March 2025	8am & 10am
Lent 3	Sunday 23 March 2025	8am & 10am
Lent 4	Sunday 30 March 2025	8am & 10am (plus Lenten Studies)
Lent 5	Sunday 6 April 2025	8am & 10am (plus Lenten Studies)
Palm Sunday	Sunday 13 April 2025	8am & 10am Stand Together for Justice and Kindness Palm Sunday Action for Refugees: arrive 1.45pm for 2pm music & speeches at Tom's Block, St Kilda Rd (opposite Victorian College of the Arts)
Monday & Tuesday of Holy Week	Monday 14 & Tuesday 15 April 2025	6pm Sung Eucharist
Wednesday of Holy Week	Wednesday 16 April 2025	7.30pm Tenebrae at Trinity College, Parkville
Maundy Thursday of Holy Week	Thursday 17 April 2025	8pm Sung Eucharist
Good Friday	Friday 18 April 2025	10am Liturgy of the Passion
Holy Saturday	Saturday 19 April 2025	8pm Easter Vigil
Easter Sunday	Sunday 20 April 2025	10am Sung Eucharist (no 8am service)

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