
ST THEODORE'S, TOORAK GARDENS

**TRINITY SUNDAY
26 MAY 2024**



WELCOME

St Theodore's is an active, caring and supportive community which values liturgy, prayer and preaching to sustain our daily lives, as we seek to foster love, hope and justice to all. You are welcome here as you are, embraced within God's boundless love. It is good to have you here today and we hope that you will feel at home.

PRAYING WITH CANDLES AND STONES

As you enter our church, there are two stations for prayer. One is an invitation to light a candle, symbolising our praying for each other before God. The other is an invitation to drop stones into a bowl of water, symbolising letting go of something (or someone) weighing us down.

ADMINISTRATION OF COMMUNION

All are welcome to receive Holy Communion and/or receive anointing for healing at the back. Due to Covid precautions, intinction (dipping) into the wine is prohibited.

If you do not wish to drink the wine, we invite you to pause briefly before the chalice to acknowledge the sacramental presence.

LIVE-STREAMING

Our 9:30am Sunday Service is live-streamed on Facebook Live. During administration of communion, the camera is adjusted so that no one coming forward is visible online.

HEARING ASSISTANCE SYSTEM

We have a Hearing Assistance System available on Wi-Fi, usable with or without hearing aids. Please ask the stewards for assistance.

Please email office@theodores.org to join our mailing list.

Please stand if you wish

PROCESSIONAL HYMN: CP 202 “Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!”

- 1 Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
early in the morning our song shall rise to thee;
holy, holy, holy! merciful and mighty!
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

- 2 Holy, holy, holy! all the saints adore thee,
casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,
which wert and art and evermore shalt be.

- 3 Holy, holy, holy! though the darkness hide thee,
though the sinful human eye your glory may not see,
only thou art holy, there is none beside thee
perfect in power, in love, and purity.

- 4 Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
all thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea;
holy, holy, holy! merciful and mighty!
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

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ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

As we gather in worship we acknowledge the Kaurna People as the traditional owners and custodians of this land.
May we walk together in harmony in a spirit of reconciliation.

INVOCATION AND GREETING

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

† Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
Blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever.

WELCOME

OPENING SENTENCE

“Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts; the whole earth is full of God's glory” (Isaiah 6.3)

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

Let us pray.
**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.**

KYRIES

**Lord, have mercy
Christ, have mercy
Lord, have mercy**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

'Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God, the Lord is one; you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength.' Jesus said: 'This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it: you shall love your neighbour as yourself.'

Silence may be kept.

Let us therefore bring our sins before the one true God, 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.**

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.**

GLORIA

**Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to God's people on earth.**

**Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,**

**we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.**

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,

Lord God, Lamb of God,

you take away the sin of the world:

have mercy on us;

you are seated at the right hand of the Father:

receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One,

you alone are the Lord,

you alone are the Most High

Jesus Christ,

with the Holy Spirit,

† in the glory of God the Father. Amen

PRAYER OF THE DAY

O blessed Trinity,

in whom we know the Maker of all things,

seen and unseen,

the Saviour of all, both near and far:

by your Spirit enable us so to worship your divine majesty,

that with all the company of heaven

we may magnify your glorious name,

saying, Holy, holy, holy.

Glory to you, O Lord most high. **Amen.**

Please be seated

FIRST READING: ISAIAH 6.1-8

6 In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty, and the hem of his robe filled the temple. **2** Seraphs were in attendance above him; each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. **3** And one called to another and said,

“Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts;
the whole earth is full of his glory.”

4 The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke. **5** And I said, “Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips, yet my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts!”

6 Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. **7** The seraph touched my mouth with it and said, “Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out.” **8** Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, “Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?” And I said, “Here am I; send me!”

For the word of the Lord
Thanks be to God.

PSALM 29

Response: The Lord shall give his people the blessing of peace

1 Ascribe to the Lord, you powers of heaven:

ascribe to the Lord glory and might.

2 Ascribe to the Lord the honour due to his name:

O worship the Lord in the beauty of his holiness. **R**

- ³ The voice of the Lord is upon the waters:
the God of glory thunders,
the Lord upon the great waters.
- ⁴ The voice of the Lord is mighty in operation:
the voice of the Lord is a glorious voice. **R**
- ⁵ The voice of the Lord breaks the cedar-trees:
the Lord breaks in pieces the cedars of Lebanon.
- ⁶ He makes them skip like a calf:
Lebanon and Sirion like a young wild ox. **R**
- ⁷ The voice of the Lord divides the lightning-flash:
the voice of the Lord whirls the sands of the desert,
the Lord whirls the desert of Kadesh.
- ⁸ The voice of the Lord rends the terebinth trees,
and strips bare the forests:
in his temple all cry 'Glory.' **R**
- ⁹ The Lord sits enthroned above the water-flood:
the Lord sits enthroned as a king for ever.
- ¹⁰ The Lord will give strength to his people:
the Lord will give to his people the blessing of peace. **R**

SECOND READING: ROMANS 8.12-17

¹² So then, brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh — ¹³ for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. ¹⁴ For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. ¹⁵ For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, 'Abba! Father!' ¹⁶ it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, ¹⁷ and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ — if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

For the word of the Lord
Thanks be to God.

Please stand if you wish

GRADUAL HYMN: CP 392 “Bright the vision that delighted”

1 Bright the vision that delighted
once the sight of Judah’s seer;
sweet the countless tongues united
to entrance the prophet’s ear.

2 ‘Lord, thy glory fills the heaven;
earth is with its fullness stored;
unto thee be glory given,
holy, holy, holy, Lord.’

3 Heaven is still with glory ringing,
earth takes up the angels’ cry,
‘Holy, holy, holy,’ singing,
‘Lord of hosts, the Lord most high.’

4 With his seraph train before him,
with his holy church below,
thus unite we to adore him,
bid we thus our anthem flow:

5 ‘Lord, thy glory fills the heaven;
earth is with its fullness stored;
unto thee be glory given,
holy, holy, holy, Lord.’

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THE GOSPEL

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

**Glory to the father, the Son and / Holy Spirit;
to God who is, who was and who / is to come.**

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

The Lord be with you
And also with you.

The Holy Gospel according to John 3.1-17
‡ Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

¹ Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. ² He came to Jesus by night and said to him, 'Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God.' ³ Jesus answered him, 'Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.' ⁴ Nicodemus said to him, 'How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?' ⁵ Jesus answered, 'Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. ⁶ What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. ⁷ Do not be astonished that I said to you, "You must be born from above." ⁸ The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.' ⁹ Nicodemus said to him, 'How can these things be?' ¹⁰ Jesus answered him, 'Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?

¹¹ 'Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. ¹² If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell

you about heavenly things? ¹³ No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. ¹⁴ And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, ¹⁵ that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

¹⁶ 'For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

¹⁷ 'Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

SERMON

The sermon is followed by a time of silence for reflection.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Let us pray for the world and for the Church.

Response:

Lord, in your mercy
hear our prayer.

Conclusion:

Compassionate 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.**

NOTICES

Please stand if you wish

THE GREETING OF 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: CP 200 "Affirm anew the threefold name"

- 1 Affirm anew the threefold name
of Father, Spirit, Son,
our God whose saving acts proclaim
a world's salvation won.
In him alone we live and move
and breath and being find,
the wayward children of his love
who cares for humankind.

- 2 Declare in all the earth his grace,
to every heart his call,
the living Lord of time and place
whose love embraces all.
So shall his endless praise be sung,
his teaching truly heard,
and every culture, every tongue,
receive his timeless word.

3 Confirm our faith in this our day
amid earth's shifting sand,
with Christ as life and truth and way,
a rock on which to stand;
the one eternal Son and Lord
by God the Father given,
the true and life-imparting Word,
the way that leads to heaven.

4 Renew once more the ancient fire,
let love our hearts inflame;
renew, restore, unite, inspire
the church that bears your name;
one name exalted over all,
one Father, Spirit, Son,
O grant us grace to heed your call
and in that name be one.

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PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

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.

Blessed are you, strong and faithful God.
All your works, the height and the depth,
echo the silent music of your praise.
In the beginning your word summoned light:
night withdrew and creation dawned.
As ages passed unseen,
waters gathered on the face of the earth and life appeared.
When the times at last had ripened
and the earth grown full in abundance,
you created in your image man and woman,
the crown of all creation.
You gave us breath and speech,
that all the living might find a voice to sing your praise.
So now, with all the powers of heaven and earth,
we chant the ageless hymn of your glory:

**Holy, holy, holy, 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-holy God,
how wonderful the work of your hands!
You restored the beauty of your image
when sin had scarred the world.

As a mother tenderly gathers her children,
you embraced a people as your own,
and filled them with longing for a peace that would last
and for a justice that would never fail.

Through countless generations,
your people hungered for the bread of freedom.
From them you raised up Jesus, the living bread,
in whom ancient hungers were satisfied.

He healed the sick, though he himself would suffer;
He offered life to sinners,
though death would hunt him down.
But with a love stronger than death,
he opened his arms and surrendered his spirit.

Gracious God, let your Holy Spirit move in power over us
and over our earthly gifts of bread and wine,
that they may become the body and blood of Christ.

On the night before he met with death,
Jesus came to table with those he loved.
He took bread, and blessed you, God of all creation;
he broke the bread among his disciples and said:

“Take this, all of you, and eat it;
this is my Body, which will be given up for you.”

When supper was ended, he took the cup of wine,
and gave thanks to you, God of all creation.
He passed the cup among his disciples and said:

“Take this, all of you, and drink from it:
This is the cup of my blood,
the blood of the new and everlasting Covenant.
it will be shed for you and for all
so that sins may be forgiven.
Do this in memory of me.”

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

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

† Holy One, we commemorate Jesus, your Son,
as we offer you this sacrifice.
Death could not bind him,
for you raised him up in the Spirit of holiness
and exalted him as Lord of creation.
May his coming in glory find us ever-watchful in prayer,
strong in love, and faithful to the breaking of the bread.

Rejoicing in the Holy Spirit,
your whole church offers thanks and praise,
We pray for those here present
and all whose lives bring hope to this world.

Lord of the living and he dead,
awaken to the undying light of pardon and peace,
those fallen asleep in faith,
especially those who have died
alone, unloved, and unmourned.
Gather them all into communion
with Mary, the mother of God,
and all your saints.

Then, at last, will all creation be one
and all divisions healed,
and we shall join in singing your praise
through your son, Jesus Christ,

Through Christ,
with Christ,
in Christ,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all glory and honour is yours,
most holy and gracious God, for ever and ever.

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

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.**

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

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

**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.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

The gifts of God for the people of God.

May we who share these gifts be found in Christ and Christ in us.

This is the table of communion with the earth,

in which Christ became incarnate

So come to this table, those who have much faith

and those who would like to have more;

those who have been here often

and those who have not been for a long time;

those who have tried to follow Jesus;

and we who have failed.

Come.

Please stand if you wish

POST-COMMUNION SENTENCE

God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him (John 3.17)

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Almighty and eternal God,
may we who have received this sacrament
of your Son's body and blood
worship you in all we do, proclaim
your word to all the world,
and live in the power of your Spirit.

PRAYER OF SELF-OFFERING

Most loving God,
you send us into the world you love.
Give us grace to go thankfully and with courage
in the power of your Spirit.

BLESSING

God the Holy Trinity make you strong in faith and love,
defend you on every side,
and guide you in all truth and peace;
and the blessing of God Almighty † the Father, the Son, and the Holy
Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen**

Please stand if you wish

DISMISSAL

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

RECESSIONAL HYMN: CP 206 "We give immortal praise"

1 We give immortal praise
to God the Father's love
for all our comforts here,
and better hopes above:
he sent his own
eternal Son,
to die for sins
that all had done.

2 To God the Son belongs
immortal glory too,
who bought us with his blood
from everlasting woe:
and now he lives,
and now he reigns,
and sees the fruit
of all his pains.

3 To God the Spirit's name
immortal worship give,
whose new-creating power
makes the dead sinner live:
his work completes
the great design,
and fills the soul
with joy divine.

4 Almighty God, to thee
be endless honours done,
the undivided Three,
and the mysterious One:
where reason fails
with all her powers,
there faith prevails,
and love adores.

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POSTLUDE: BACH: FUGUE IN D MAJ (BWV 580)

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Where there is a † in the liturgy, you are invited to make a sign of the cross if you wish.

When the Gospel is read and we say “† Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ”, you are invited to make three tiny signs of the cross, on the forehead, on the lips and on the chest. This symbolises the Word of God in our minds, our words and our hearts.

The sermon is preceded by a short Children’s Talk if there are children present.