



Sunday 25th March 2018 Palm Sunday

Lift up your heads, O gates! and be lifted up,
O ancient doors! That the king of glory may
come in. Who is this King of glory? The Lord
of hosts, he is the King of glory!
Psalm 24.9,10

Prayer of the day

Almighty and everlasting God, in tender love towards mankind you sent your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ, to take our nature upon him and to suffer death on the cross, that all mankind should follow the example of his great humility: grant that we may follow the example of his suffering, and also be made partakers of his resurrection; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, now and forever. **Amen**

Isaiah 50.4-9 *Carine Jenkins*

4 The Sovereign LORD has given me an instructed tongue, to know the word that sustains the weary. He wakens me morning by morning, wakens my ear to listen like one being taught.
5 The Sovereign LORD has opened my ears, and I have not been rebellious; I have not drawn back.
6 I offered my back to those who beat me, my cheeks to those who pulled out my beard; I did not hide my face from mocking and spitting.
7 Because the Sovereign LORD helps me, I will not be disgraced.

Acts 6 *David Green*

1In those days when the number of disciples was increasing, the Grecian Jews among them complained against the Hebraic Jews because their widows were being overlooked in the daily distribution of food. **2**So the Twelve gathered all the disciples together and said, "It would not be right for us to neglect the ministry of the word of God in order to wait on tables. **3**Brothers, choose seven men from among you who are known to be full of the Spirit and wisdom. We will turn this responsibility over to them **4**and will give our attention to prayer and the ministry of the word." **5**This proposal pleased the whole group. They chose Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit; also Philip, Procorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas, and Nicolas from Antioch, a convert to Judaism. **6**They presented these men to the apostles, who prayed and laid their hands on them. **7**So the word of God spread. The number of disciples in Jerusalem increased rapidly, and a large number of priests became obedient to the faith. **8**Now Stephen, a man full of God's grace and power, did great wonders and miraculous signs among the people. **9**Opposition arose, however, from members of the Synagogue of the Freedmen (as it was called)--Jews of Cyrene and Alexandria as well as the provinces of Cilicia and Asia. These men began to argue with Stephen, **10**but they could not stand up against his wisdom or the Spirit by whom he spoke. **11**Then they secretly persuaded some men to say, "We have heard Stephen speak words of

128 All Glory, laud, and honour
112 My song is love unknown
129 Ride on, ride on in majesty

blasphemy against Moses and against God."
12So they stirred up the people and the elders and the teachers of the law. They seized Stephen and brought him before the Sanhedrin. **13**They produced false witnesses, who testified, "This fellow never stops speaking against this holy place and against the law. **14**For we have heard him say that this Jesus of Nazareth will destroy this place and change the customs Moses handed down to us." **15**All who were sitting in the Sanhedrin looked intently at Stephen, and they saw that his face was like the face of an angel.

Mark 14.1-11 *Matthew Heazlewood*

1Now the Passover and the Feast of Unleavened Bread were only two days away, and the chief priests and the teachers of the law were looking for some sly way to arrest Jesus and kill him. **2**"But not during the Feast," they said, "or the people may riot."
3While he was in Bethany, reclining at the table in the home of a man known as Simon the Leper, a woman came with an alabaster jar of very expensive perfume, made of pure nard. She broke the jar and poured the perfume on his head. **4**Some of those present were saying indignantly to one another, "Why this waste of perfume? **5**It could have been sold for more than a year's wages and the money given to the poor." And they rebuked her harshly. **6**"Leave her alone," said Jesus. "Why are you bothering her? She has done a beautiful thing to me. **7**The poor you will always have with you, and you can help them any time you want. But you will not always have me. **8**She did what she could. She poured perfume on my body beforehand to prepare for my burial. **9**I tell you the truth, wherever the gospel is preached throughout the world, what she has done will also be told, in memory of her."
10Then Judas Iscariot, one of the Twelve, went to the chief priests to betray Jesus to them. **11**They were delighted to hear this and promised to give him money. So he watched for an opportunity to hand him over.

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Prayers

*"Be joyful always; pray continually; give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus."
1 Thess 5:16-18*

Government leaders

Give thanks for those who serve as our local members and councilors. Ask God to guide and strengthen them and renew their vision of serving their community.

For our Church and Community

Pray for our Easter outreach and for invitations to our friends and neighbours. For the upcoming events and for wider awareness and generosity amongst our community. Pray for increasing opportunities to serve God locally and that God would open those doors. For students preparing for their HSC this year to encourage, guide and provide a peace of mind.

Pray for those in special need

Ask God to comfort, strengthen and deepen the trust of those who are sick and grieving, especially the family of William Barnett. For the lonely or in special need at this time including Greta Quan, Margaret Dunton, Jean Ditchfield, Jill Clapin, Shirley Wilson, Graham & Margaret Shirley, John & Betty Allerton and John Reynolds. For families affected by the Victorian Bush fires.

Killara Garden & Lourdes Village

Pray for the vital ministry to seniors through the retirement villages Killara Gardens & Lourdes Village and for their health and wellbeing. Pray for Mamie Long as she endeavours to make pastoral connections.

Pray for religious and racial tolerance

Pray for communities to live in peace and harmony, regardless of our race or religion, promote tolerance and be mindful of others feelings.

St Martin's Mission Prayer

*Our heavenly Father, please bless St Martin's as we seek to make disciples of Christ, and see changing lives through grace, so that everyone reaches maturity in Christ. By your Spirit enable us to **connect** to Jesus and one another, **grow** in Christ-likeness, **serve** and meets the needs of others with the gifts you have given us, and **share** the love of Christ in our community and all the world. **Amen***

Action Items and Upcoming Events

- **Evensong with the Cathedral Singers to Celebrate Palm Sunday – Today at 3.30pm** followed by refreshments in the Parish Hall.
- **Christianity Explored Course**, Wednesdays 7.30pm at 14 Springdale Rd.
- **Maundy Thursday Supper – 29 March** 6.30pm for 6.45pm start – 8.30pm in the Parish Hall.
- **Good Friday Service – 30 March at 9.30am** followed by morning tea + hot crossed buns
- **Easter Day – 8am & 10am**

Daily Bible Reading Plan

- ☐ Mar 25 Num 31, Ps 78:1-39, John 20-21
- ☐ Mar 26 Num 32, Ps 78:40-72, Acts 1
- ☐ Mar 27 Num 33-34, Ps 79, Acts 2
- ☐ Mar 28 Num 35-36, Ps 80, Acts 3
- ☐ Mar 29 Deut 1, Ps 81, Acts 4
- ☐ Mar 30 Deut 2-3, Ps 82, Acts 5
- ☐ Mar 31 Deut 4, Ps 83, Acts 6
- ☐ Apr 1 Deut 5-6, Ps 84, Acts 7

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