



# *The* SCOTS' CHURCH MELBOURNE

## ORDER OF SERVICE

### CANTATA SUNDAY

Sunday 28 April 2024 11.00am

The service is conducted by Rev Justin Ang,  
Rev Dr Arthur Keefer and Rev Litha Heshusius  
The music is directed by Douglas Lawrence AM  
The organist is Jennifer Chou

### THE CANTATA

Soloists: Thomas Drent and Matthew Bennett  
Players: Timothy Willis, Mary Johnstone,  
David Hanner, Arun Patterson, Edwina Cordingley,  
Bill Cawte and Jennifer Chou

PRELUDE Le Jardin Suspendu (The Hanging Gardens)  
Jehan Alain (1911-1940)

ENTRANCE Chorale from Variations sur Lucis Creator  
Jehan Alain

CALL TO WORSHIP Rev Dr Arthur Keefer

### INTROIT

O taste and see how gracious the Lord is: blest is the man that trusteth in him.

Psalm 34, verse 8,

Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872 - 1958)

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome! Thanks for joining us in-person at Scots' Church, and online via YouTube live streaming.

**If you're new to Scots'** please introduce yourself on the card near your seat. Fill it in and leave it at the foyer desk, or scan the QR code with your phone and give us your contact details online. **We'd love to make you welcome and keep you in touch with happenings at Scots'.**

Join us afterwards for a cuppa and a chat over at the mezzanine level at the Westpac building after today's service.

Midweek Small Groups are held on Tuesday night. There's a light dinner available from 6.30pm (\$5 suggested donation) – please email [justin@scotschurch.com](mailto:justin@scotschurch.com) if you're planning to come for the first time to help with catering arrangements.

Phil and Louise Campbell are on leave and will return Friday, 10 May.

HYMN 354 O Love, How Deep

Eisenachi (Leipzig)

1. O love, how deep, how broad, how high!  
Surpassing thought and fantasy  
that God, the Son of God, should take  
our mortal form for mortals' sake!

2. For us baptised, for us he bore  
his holy fast, and hungered sore;  
for us temptation sharp he knew,  
for us the tempter overthrew.

3. For us he prayed; for us he taught;  
for us the lost with love he sought,  
by words, and signs, and actions, he  
brought health and hope to set us free.

4. For us to wicked men betrayed,  
scourged, mocked, in crown of thorns arrayed,  
he bore the shameful cross and death;  
for us at length gave up his breath.

5. For us he rose from death again,  
for us he went on high to reign,  
for us he sent his Spirit here  
to guide, to strengthen, and to cheer.

6. To him whose boundless love has won  
salvation for us through his Son,  
to God, the Father, glory be  
both now and through eternity.

Text: Latin, 15<sup>th</sup> Century

Music: Johann Hermann Schein (1586-1630)

PRAYER OF APPROACH Rev Dr Arthur Keefer

### **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name;  
thy kingdom come; thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and  
ever. Amen.

The children leave for KIDSCHURCH

# THE CANTATA Christ lag in Todesbanden BWV 4

## Christ Lay in Death's Dark Prison

Music: Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

### Sinfonia

#### 1. - Choral

Christ lag in Todesbanden  
Für unsre Sünd gegeben,  
Er ist wieder erstanden  
Und hat uns bracht das Leben;  
Des wir sollen fröhlich sein,  
Gott loben und ihm dankbar sein  
Und singen halleluja,  
Halleluja

#### 2. - Duett S A

Den Tod niemand zwingen kunnt  
Bei allen Menschenkindern,  
Das macht' alles unsre Sünd,  
Kein Unschuld war zu finden.  
Davon kam der Tod so bald  
Und nahm über uns Gewalt,  
Hielt uns in seinem Reich gefangen.  
Halleluja!

#### 3. - Choral T

Jesus Christus, Gottes Sohn,  
An unser Statt ist kommen  
Und hat die Sünde weggetan,  
Damit dem Tod genommen  
All sein Recht und sein Gewalt,  
Da bleibet nichts denn Tods Gestalt,  
Den Stach'l hat er verloren.  
Halleluja!

### Sinfonia

#### 1. - Choral

Christ lay in death's bonds  
given over for our sins,  
he has risen again  
and brought us life;  
therefore we should be joyful,  
praise God and be thankful to him  
and sing Hallelujah,  
Hallelujah!

#### 2. - Duet S A

No one could defeat death  
among all humanity,  
this was all because of our sins,  
no innocence was to be found.  
Therefore death came so soon  
and took power over us,  
held us captive in his kingdom.  
Hallelujah!

#### 3. - Chorale T

Jesus Christ, God's son,  
has come in our place,  
and has done away with sin,  
thereby taking from death  
all his rights and power,  
nothing remains but death's form;  
he has lost his sting.  
Hallelujah!

4. - Choral

Es war ein wunderlicher Krieg,  
Da Tod und Leben rungen,  
Das Leben behielt den Sieg,  
Es hat den Tod verschlungen.  
Die Schrift hat verkündigt das,  
Wie ein Tod den andern fraß,  
Ein Spott aus dem Tod ist worden.  
Halleluja!

5. - Arie B

Hier ist das rechte Osterlamm,  
Davon Gott hat geboten,  
Das ist hoch an des Kreuzes Stamm  
In heißer Lieb gebraten,  
Das Blut zeichnet unsre Tür,  
Das hält der Glaub dem Tode für,  
Der Würger kann uns nicht mehr  
schaden.  
Halleluja!

6. - Duett S T

So feiern wir das hohe Fest  
Mit Herzensfreud und Wonne,  
Das uns der Herre scheinen läßt,  
Er ist selber die Sonne,  
Der durch seiner Gnade Glanz  
Erleuchtet unsre Herzen ganz,  
Der Sünden Nacht ist verschwunden.  
Halleluja!

7. - Choral

Wir essen und leben wohl  
In rechten Osterfladen,  
Der alte Sauerteig nicht soll  
Sein bei dem Wort der Gnaden,  
Christus will die Koste sein  
Und speisen die Seel allein,  
Der Glaub will keins andern leben.  
Halleluja!

4. - Chorale

It was a strange battle,  
that death and life waged,  
life claimed the victory,  
it devoured death.  
The scripture had prophesied this,  
how one death gobbled up the other,  
a mockery has been made out of death.  
Hallelujah!

5. - Aria B

Here is the true Passover lamb,  
offered up by God,  
which was, high on the cross' stalk  
roasted in hot love,  
the blood marks our door,  
faith holds it against death,  
the strangler can no longer  
harm us.  
Hallelujah!

6. - Duet S T

So we celebrate the high festival  
with joy of heart and delight,  
which the Lord radiates upon us,  
he himself is the sun,  
that through the splendor of his grace  
illuminates our hearts completely,  
the night of sin has disappeared.  
Hallelujah!

7. - Chorale

We eat and live well  
on the true Easter bread,  
the old leaven shall not  
exist next to the word of grace,  
Christ will be our food  
and nourish the soul alone,  
faith will live in no other way.  
Hallelujah!

## A NOTE ABOUT THE OFFERING

If you're part of the Scots' Church family and you're not already giving electronically, this is your opportunity to join us in financial partnership. If you're visiting today, please feel no obligation to contribute – be our guest. If you are in financial need, our Care Committee has various ways to help. Please speak to the Minister after the service.

OFFERTORY HYMN 603 For Your Gift of God

Laus Deo

1. For your gift of God the Spirit,  
with us, in us, always true,  
pledge of life and hope of glory,  
Saviour, we would worship you.
2. He who in creation's dawning  
brooded o'er the pathless deep,  
still across our nature's darkness  
moves to wake our souls from sleep.
3. He it is, the living author,  
wakes to life the sacred word,  
reads with us the Bible story  
and reveals our risen Lord.
4. He it is who works within us,  
teaching rebel hearts to pray;  
he whose fervent intercessions  
rise for us both night and day.
5. Fill us with your grace and goodness,  
God the Father, Spirit, Son;  
in us, through us, now and always,  
may your perfect will be done

Text: Edith Margaret Clarkson (1915-2008)

Music: Richard Redhead (1820-1901)

PASTORAL PRAYER with Rev Litha Heshusius

SCRIPTURE READING Psalm 10

Read by Mrs Helen Holman

Why, O LORD, do you stand far away?

Why do you hide yourself in times of trouble?

<sup>2</sup> In arrogance the wicked hotly pursue the poor;  
let them be caught in the schemes that they have devised.

<sup>3</sup> For the wicked boasts of the desires of his soul,  
and the one greedy for gain curses and renounces the LORD.

<sup>4</sup> In the pride of his face the wicked does not seek him;  
all his thoughts are, "There is no God."

<sup>5</sup> His ways prosper at all times;  
your judgments are on high, out of his sight;  
as for all his foes, he puffs at them.

<sup>6</sup> He says in his heart, "I shall not be moved;  
throughout all generations I shall not meet adversity."

<sup>7</sup> His mouth is filled with cursing and deceit and oppression;  
under his tongue are mischief and iniquity.

<sup>8</sup> He sits in ambush in the villages;  
in hiding places he murders the innocent.

His eyes stealthily watch for the helpless;

<sup>9</sup> he lurks in ambush like a lion in his thicket;

he lurks that he may seize the poor;

he seizes the poor when he draws him into his net.

<sup>10</sup> The helpless are crushed, sink down,  
and fall by his might.

<sup>11</sup> He says in his heart, "God has forgotten,  
he has hidden his face, he will never see it."

<sup>12</sup> Arise, O LORD; O God, lift up your hand;  
forget not the afflicted.

<sup>13</sup> Why does the wicked renounce God  
and say in his heart, "You will not call to account"?

<sup>14</sup> But you do see, for you note mischief and vexation,  
that you may take it into your hands;

to you the helpless commits himself;

you have been the helper of the fatherless.

<sup>15</sup> Break the arm of the wicked and evildoer;  
call his wickedness to account till you find none.

<sup>16</sup> The LORD is king forever and ever;  
the nations perish from his land.

<sup>17</sup> O LORD, you hear the desire of the afflicted;  
you will strengthen their heart; you will incline your ear  
<sup>18</sup> to do justice to the fatherless and the oppressed,  
so that man who is of the earth may strike terror no more.

### CHORAL PSALM 138 to a chant by Henry Ley

I will give thanks unto thee O Lord, with my whole heart: even  
before the gods will I sing praise unto thee.  
I will worship toward thy holy temple and praise thy Name,  
because of thy loving kindness and truth: for thou hast magnified  
thy Name and thy word above all things.  
When I called upon thee thou heardest me: and enduedst my soul  
with much strength.  
All the kings of the earth shall praise thee O Lord: for they have  
heard the words of thy mouth.  
Yea they shall sing in the ways of the Lord: that great is the glory  
of the Lord.  
For though the Lord be high, yet hath he respect unto the lowly:  
as for the proud, he beholdeth them afar off.  
Though I walk in the midst of trouble, yet shalt thou refresh me:  
thou shalt stretch forth thy hand upon the furiousness of mine  
enemies, and thy right hand shall save me.  
The Lord shall make good his loving kindness toward me: yea thy  
mercy O Lord endureth for ever, despise not then the works of  
thine own hands.

### SCRIPTURE READING Mark 14:32-42

Read by Mrs Helen Holman

<sup>32</sup> And they went to a place called Gethsemane. And he said to his  
disciples, "Sit here while I pray." <sup>33</sup> And he took with him Peter and James  
and John, and began to be greatly distressed and troubled. <sup>34</sup> And he said  
to them, "My soul is very sorrowful, even to death. Remain here and  
watch." <sup>35</sup> And going a little farther, he fell on the ground and prayed that,  
if it were possible, the hour might pass from him. <sup>36</sup> And he said, "Abba,  
Father, all things are possible for you. Remove this cup from me. Yet not  
what I will, but what you will." <sup>37</sup> And he came and found them sleeping,  
and he said to Peter, "Simon, are you asleep? Could you not watch one  
hour? <sup>38</sup> Watch and pray that you may not enter into temptation. The



spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.”<sup>39</sup> And again he went away and prayed, saying the same words.<sup>40</sup> And again he came and found them sleeping, for their eyes were very heavy, and they did not know what to answer him.<sup>41</sup> And he came the third time and said to them, “Are you still sleeping and taking your rest? It is enough; the hour has come. The Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners.<sup>42</sup> Rise, let us be going; see, my betrayer is at hand.”

SERMON Dark Clouds, Deep Mercy – Part II Bring your Complaints  
Rev Justin Ang

How do you respond when you have been burned because someone else burned to do you wrong?

As we continue our series, ‘Dark Clouds, Deep Mercy’, it is worth reflecting on the importance of bringing our complaints to God.

HYMN 454 A Safe Stronghold

Ein feste Burg

1. A safe stronghold our God is still,  
a trusty shield and weapon;  
he'll keep us clear from all the ill  
that hath us now o'ertaken.  
The ancient prince of hell  
hath risen with purpose fell;  
strong mail of craft and power  
he weareth in this hour;  
on earth is not his fellow.
2. With force of arms we nothing can,  
full soon were we down-ridden;  
but for us fights the proper Man  
whom God himself hath bidden.  
Ask ye who is this same?  
Christ Jesus is his name,  
the Lord Sabaoth's Son;  
he, and no other one,  
shall conquer in the battle.

3. And were this world all devils o'er,  
and watching to devour us,  
we lay it not to heart so sore;  
they cannot overpower us.  
And let the prince of ill  
look grim as e'er he will,  
he harms us not a whit;  
for why? his doom is writ:  
a word shall quickly slay him.

4. God's word, for all their craft and force,  
one moment will not linger,  
but, spite of hell, shall have its course;  
'tis written by his finger.  
And though they take our life,  
goods, honour, children, wife,  
yet is their profit small;  
these things shall vanish all:  
the city of God remaineth.

Text & Music: M.Luther (1483-1546)

BENEDICTION AND AMEN

POSTLUDE Litanies  
Jehan Alain

\*We thank Emmanuel Music for the translation of the Cantata.

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