

ORDER OF SERVICE

PALM SUNDAY

Sunday 13 April 2025 11.00am

**The service is conducted by Rev Phil Campbell,
Rev Justin Ang and Rev Dr Arthur Keefer**

**The Director of Music is Douglas Lawrence AM
The Assistant Conductor and organist is Jennifer Chou
The organist is Ria Angelika Polo
The trumpet player is Kate McBride**

PRELUDE Hosanna Filio David
Jeanne Demessieux (1621-1968)

INTROIT Greater love hath no man than this; that a man lay down his
life for his friends.

Text: John 15:13

Music: Ian Tracey (Born 1955)

CALL TO WORSHIP *Rev Dr Arthur Keefer*

HYMN 364 All Glory, Laud, and Honour

St Theodulph

*All glory, laud, and honour,
to you, Redeemer King,
to whom the lips of children
made sweet hosannas ring!*

1. You are the King of Israel,
great David's royal Son,
now in the Lord's name coming,
the King and Blessed One.

2. The company of angels
is praising you on high,
while we and all creation
together make reply.

Refrain:

*All glory, laud, and honour,
to you, Redeemer King,
to whom the lips of children
made sweet hosannas ring!*

3. The people of the Hebrews
with palms before you went;
our praise and prayer and anthems
before you we present.

Refrain

4. To you before your Passion
they sang their hymns of praise;
to you, now high exalted,
our melody we raise.

Refrain

5. Their praises you accepted;
accept the prayers we bring,
in every good delighting,
our great and gracious King.

Refrain

Text: St Theodulph of Orleans (born 821)

Music: Melody by Melchior Teschner (1584-1635)

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS *Rev Phil Campbell*

Welcome to our Service. Thanks for joining us in-person at Scots' Church, and welcome too if you're joining us online via YouTube live streaming.

If this is your first time with us, you're new to Melbourne, or looking for a new church home, please use our Introduction Card to say "Hi" - leave it at the foyer desk, or scan the QR code with your phone to leave your contact details online. We'd love to make you welcome and keep you in touch with happenings at Scots'.

Our small groups on Tuesday evenings are taking a break through April.

Invite your friends along to our **Good Friday** service at 11am and **St John Passion** at 7:30pm. Our **Easter Sunday Communion Service** is at 11am on Sunday as usual. (Invitation flyers are available.)

Hymn Sing – Thanks for your ongoing enthusiasm for our “Sing Praises Together” campaign as we encourage one another to sing heartily! This morning we trialled a ten-minute pre-service sing-along from 10:40am, to rehearse a verse of each hymn.

WELCOME OF NEW MEMBERS

Subsequent to our membership course in March, Session welcomes the following candidates this morning. Another membership course will be held later this year.

MEMBERSHIP BY ADULT BAPTISMS

Ashley Gardiner

Ethan Murphy

MEMBERSHIP BY PUBLIC PROFESSION OF FAITH

Pinta Dumaria

Jemima Grace Justus

John Liuzzi

Benjamin Phua

MEMBERSHIP TRANSFER BY RESOLUTION OF SESSION

Grant McKenzie

As the congregation joins in singing the blessing, elders and leaders will come forward to welcome the new members.

HYMN 796 The Lord Bless You and Keep You

The Lord bless you and keep you;
the Lord make his face to shine upon you,
and be gracious unto you:
the Lord lift up his countenance upon you
and give you peace.

Text: Numbers 6:24

Music: Lowell Mason (1792-1872)

1. To God be the glory, great things he has done!
So loved he the world that he gave us his Son,
who yielded his life an atonement for sin,
and opened the life-gate that all may go in.

*Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord! Let the earth hear his voice!
Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord; Let the people rejoice!
Oh, come to the Father, through Jesus the Son,
and give him the glory! Great things he has done!*

2. O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood,
to every believer the promise of God;
for every offender who truly believes,
that moment from Jesus a pardon receives.

Refrain

3. Great things he has taught us, great things he has done,
and great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son:
but purer, and higher, and greater will be
our joy and our wonder, when Jesus we see.

Refrain

Text: Frances Jane Crosby (1820-1915)

Music: William H. Doane (1832-1903)

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.

ANTHEM Sicut Cervus

Like as the hart desireth the water-brooks, so my soul longeth for thee,
O God.

Text: Psalm 42:1

Music: G.P. da Palestrina (1525-1594)

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 one of our Ministers after the service.

KIDSCHURCH resumes after Easter

OFFERTORY HYMN 393 We Turn to God

Eventide

1. We turn to God when we are sorely pressed;
we pray for help, and ask for peace and bread;
we seek release from illness, guilt, and death:
all people do, in faith or unbelief.
2. We turn to God when he is sorely pressed,
and find him poor, scorned, without roof and bread,
bowed under weight of weakness, sin, and death:
faith stands by God in his dark hour of grief.
3. God turns to us when we are sorely pressed,
and frees our souls and bodies with his bread;
for one and all Christ gives himself in death:
through his forgiveness sin will find relief.

Text: Dietrich Bonhoeffer (1906-1945)

Music: William Henry Monk (1823-1889)

PASTORAL PRAYER *with Rev Dr Arthur Keefer*

SCRIPTURE READING **Matthew 21:1-17**

Read by Ms Lauris Murnane, Board of Management Member

21 Now when they drew near to Jerusalem and came to Bethphage, to the Mount of Olives, then Jesus sent two disciples, ²saying to them, "Go into the village in front of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her. Untie them and bring them to me. ³If anyone says anything to you, you shall say, 'The Lord needs them,' and he will send them at once."

⁴This took place to fulfill what was spoken by the prophet, saying,

⁵“Say to the daughter of Zion,

‘Behold, your king is coming to you,

humble, and mounted on a donkey,

on a colt, the foal of a beast of burden.”

⁶The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them. ⁷They brought the donkey and the colt and put on them their cloaks, and he sat on them.

⁸Most of the crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. ⁹And the crowds that went before him and that followed him were shouting, “Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!”

¹⁰And when he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was stirred up, saying, “Who is this?” ¹¹And the crowds said, “This is the prophet Jesus, from Nazareth of Galilee.”

¹²And Jesus entered the temple and drove out all who sold and bought in the temple, and he overturned the tables of the money-changers and the seats of those who sold pigeons. ¹³He said to them, “It is written, ‘My house shall be called a house of prayer,’ but you make it a den of robbers.”

¹⁴And the blind and the lame came to him in the temple, and he healed them. ¹⁵But when the chief priests and the scribes saw the wonderful things that he did, and the children crying out in the temple, “Hosanna to the Son of David!” they were indignant, ¹⁶and they said to him, “Do you hear what these are saying?” And Jesus said to them, “Yes; have you never read,

“‘Out of the mouth of infants and nursing babies
you have prepared praise?’”

¹⁷And leaving them, he went out of the city to Bethany and lodged there.

CHORAL PSALM 130 to a chant by Jennifer Chou

Out of the deep have I called unto thee O Lord: Lord hear my voice.

O let thine ears consider well: the voice of my complaint.

If thou Lord wilt be extreme to mark what is done amiss: O Lord who may abide it? For there is mercy with thee: therefore shalt thou be feared. I look for the Lord, my soul doth wait for him: in his word is my trust. My soul fleeth unto the Lord: before the morning watch, I say before the morning watch. O Israel trust in the Lord, for with the Lord there is mercy: and with him is plenteous redemption.

And he shall redeem Israel: from all his sins.

SCRIPTURE READING Psalm 8

Read by Ms Lauris Murnane

To the choirmaster: according to The Gittith.

A Psalm of David.

8 O LORD, our Lord,

how majestic is your name in all the earth!

You have set your glory above the heavens.

² Out of the mouth of babies and infants,
you have established strength because of your foes,
to still the enemy and the avenger.

³ When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers,
the moon and the stars, which you have set in place,

⁴ what is man that you are mindful of him,
and the son of man that you care for him?

⁵ Yet you have made him a little lower than the heavenly beings
and crowned him with glory and honour.

⁶ You have given him dominion over the works of your hands;
you have put all things under his feet,

⁷ all sheep and oxen,
and also the beasts of the field,

⁸ the birds of the heavens, and the fish of the sea,
whatever passes along the paths of the seas.

⁹ O LORD, our Lord,
how majestic is your name in all the earth!

SERMON Great Expectations

Rev Justin Ang

As we celebrate Palm Sunday, we remember Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem. But as Jesus enters the city, what kind of king are we expecting?

HYMN 365 Ride on! Ride on in Majesty!

Winchester New

1. Ride on! ride on in majesty!

Hark! All the tribes 'Hosanna!' cry;

O Saviour meek, pursue thy road

with palms and scattered garments strowed.

2. Ride on! ride on in majesty!
In lowly pomp ride on to die;
O Christ, thy triumphs now begin
o'er captive death and conquered sin.

3. Ride on! ride on in majesty!
The winged squadrons of the sky
look down with sad and wondering eyes
to see the approaching sacrifice.

4. Ride on! ride on in majesty!
Thy last and fiercest strife is nigh;
the Father on his sapphire throne
awaits his own anointed Son.

5. Ride on! ride on in majesty!
In lowly pomp ride on to die;
bow thy meek head to mortal pain,
then take, O God, thy power, and
reign.

Text: Henry Hart Milman (1791-1868)

Music: Arranged by William Henry Havergal (1793-1870)

Descant: Christopher Gower (Born 1939)

BENEDICTION AND AMEN *Rev Justin Ang*

POSTLUDE **Plein jeu from Pange lingua**
(Of the glorious body telling)
Nicolas de Grigny (1672-1903)

Freewill offering

You are welcome to continue your giving by electronic means. Other freewill offering methods are:

- By electronic transfer to BSB **083 004**, Account number **630 327 585**
- By Planned Giving envelopes – Contact the office for details.
- By cheque, made out to The Scots' Church Melbourne and posted to 1/156 Collins Street, Melbourne, VIC 3000
- By the Tap and Pay terminal in the foyer. (Note that you can make multiple taps if the preset amount is insufficient.)
- By credit card over the phone, 9650 9903