



The SCOTS' CHURCH MELBOURNE

ORDER OF SERVICE

Sunday 4 May 2025 11.00am

The service is conducted by Rev Justin Ang

The Director of Music is Douglas Lawrence AM

The organist is Jennifer Chou

PRELUDE Fugue in G minor, BWV 578

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

ENTRANCE Plein Jeu from Magnificat in G major

Jean-François Dandrieu (1682-1738)

CALL TO WORSHIP

INTROIT This joyful Easter-tide, away with sin and sorrow! My Love, the Crucified, hath sprung to life this morrow. Had Christ, that once was slain, never burst his three-day prison, our faith had been in vain, but now is Christ arisen, Alleluia! My flesh in hope shall rest, and for a season slumber; till trump from east to west shall wake the dead in number. Death's flood hath lost his chill, since Jesus crossed the river; Lover of souls, from ill my passing soul deliver.

Text: G.R. Woodward (1848-1934)

Music: Dutch carol arranged by William Llewellyn (1872-1943)

HYMN 412 The Strife is o'er

Vulpinus

1. The strife is o'er, the battle done;
now is the Victor's triumph won;
now be the song of praise begun,
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

2. The powers of death have done their worst,
but Christ their legions has dispersed;
let shouts of holy joy outburst,
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

3. The three sad days have quickly sped;
He rises glorious from the dead;
All glory to our risen Head!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

4. He broke the bonds of death and hell;
the bars from heaven's gateway fell;
let hymns of praise his triumph tell.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

5. Lord, by the painful wounds you bore,
death lost its sting for evermore;
living in you, our praises soar,
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Text: Latin, 17th Century

Music: Melody from M. Vulpius's Gesangbuck, 1609

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 has resumed, and we have commenced our Prophets and Promises series by looking at Jonah 1 and 2. This week we will continue with Jonah 3. It is held in the Robert White Hall of the Assembly Hall. Enter via 156 Collins Street through the glass doors and make your way up to Level 1. There's a light dinner available from 6.30pm (\$5 suggested donation) and studies start at 7pm. If you have any questions, please email justin@scotschurch.com.

If you're new (or newish) at Scots' join us for our **newcomers' lunch on Sunday, 8 June** after the morning service. Whether you're a recent addition to our congregation or simply curious about our vibrant community, please complete the form at scotschurch.com/newcomers.

HYMN 424 Blest Be the Everlasting God

Bishopthorpe

1. Blest be the everlasting God,
the Father of our Lord!
Be his abounding mercy praised,
his majesty adored!
2. When from the dead he raised his Son,
and called him to the sky,
he gave our souls a lively hope
that they should never die.
3. To an inheritance divine
he taught our hearts to rise;
'tis uncorrupted, undefiled,
unfading in the skies.
4. Saints by the power of God are kept,
till the salvation come;
we walk by faith as strangers here;
but Christ shall call us home.

Text: Scottish Paraphrases, 1781, 1 Peter 1: 3-5

Music: Jeremiah Clarke (c. 1673-1707)

PRAYER OF APPROACH

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

When the Lord turned again the captivity of Sion: then were we like to them that dream. Then was our mouth filled with laughter and our tongue with joy. Then said they among the heathen: the Lord hath done great things for them. Yea, the Lord hath done great things for us already, where of we rejoice. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning and is now, and ever shall be world without end. Amen.

Text: Psalm 118:34

Music: Adrian Batten (1591-1637)

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.

KIDSchURCH resumes Today

OFFERTORY HYMN 462 The King of Love, My Shepherd is

Dominus Regit Me

1. The King of Love my Shepherd is,
whose goodness faileth never;
I nothing lack if I am his
and he is mine for ever.

2. Where streams of living water flow
my ransomed soul he leadeth,
and where the verdant pastures grow
with food celestial feedeth.

3. Perverse and foolish oft I strayed;
but yet in love he sought me,
and on his shoulder gently laid,
and home rejoicing brought me.

Ladies Only

4. In death's dark vale I fear no ill,
with thee, dear Lord, beside me;
thy rod and staff my comfort still,
thy cross before to guide me.

Men Only

5. Thou spread'st a table in my sight;
thy unction grace bestoweth;
and oh, what wonder and delight
from thy pure chalice floweth!

6. And so through all the length of days
thy goodness faileth never;
Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise
within thy house for ever!

Text: Henry Williams Baker (1821-1877) from Psalm 23

Music: John Bacchus Dykes (1823-1876)

PASTORAL PRAYER

with Elder & Trustee member, Mr Nader Hanna

SCRIPTURE READING Jonah 1:17-2:10

Read by Elder, Mr Paul Kerss

1¹⁷ And the LORD appointed a great fish to swallow up Jonah. And Jonah was in the belly of the fish three days and three nights.

2 Then Jonah prayed to the Lord his God from the belly of the fish,
2 saying,

“I called out to the Lord, out of my distress,
and he answered me;
out of the belly of Sheol I cried,
and you heard my voice.

3 For you cast me into the deep,
into the heart of the seas,
and the flood surrounded me;
all your waves and your billows
passed over me.

4 Then I said, ‘I am driven away
from your sight;
yet I shall again look
upon your holy temple.’

5 The waters closed in over me to take my life;
the deep surrounded me;
weeds were wrapped about my head

6 at the roots of the mountains.

I went down to the land
whose bars closed upon me forever;
yet you brought up my life from the pit,
O Lord my God.

⁷When my life was fainting away,
I remembered the Lord,
and my prayer came to you,
into your holy temple.

⁸Those who pay regard to vain idols
forsake their hope of steadfast love.

⁹But I with the voice of thanksgiving
will sacrifice to you;
what I have vowed I will pay.

Salvation belongs to the Lord!"

¹⁰And the Lord spoke to the fish, and it vomited Jonah out upon the dry land.

CHORAL PSALM 99 to a chant by James Battishill

The Lord is King, be the people never so impatient: he sitteth between the cherubims, be the earth never so unquiet. The Lord is great in Sion: and high above all people. They shall give thanks unto thy Name: which is great wonderful and holy. The King's power loveth judgement, thou hast prepared equity thou hast executed judgement and righteousness in Jacob. O magnify the Lord our God: and fall down before his footstool for he is holy. Moses and Aaron among his priests, and Samuel among such as call upon his Name: these called upon the Lord and he heard them. He spake unto them out of the cloudy pillar: for they kept his testimonies, and the law that he gave them. Thou heardest them O Lord our God: thou forgavest them O God, and punished their own inventions. O magnify the Lord our God, and worship him upon his holy hill: for the Lord our God is holy.

SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 12:38-42

Read by Elder, Mr Paul Kerss

³⁸ Then some of the scribes and Pharisees answered him, saying, "Teacher, we wish to see a sign from you." ³⁹ But he answered them, "An evil and adulterous generation seeks for a sign, but no sign will be given to it except the sign of the prophet Jonah. ⁴⁰ For just as Jonah was three days and three nights in the belly of the great fish, so will the Son of Man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth. ⁴¹ The men of

Nineveh will rise up at the judgment with this generation and condemn it, for they repented at the preaching of Jonah, and behold, something greater than Jonah is here. ⁴² The queen of the South will rise up at the judgment with this generation and condemn it, for she came from the ends of the earth to hear the wisdom of Solomon, and behold, something greater than Solomon is here.

SERMON Embracing the Promise of Hope

As we continue our Prophets and Promises series, we encounter Jonah in the belly of the big fish. Jonah's prayer is a challenge to us all as it reminds us of the promise of hope.

HYMN 396 And Can it Be

Sagina

1. And can it be, that I should gain
an interest in the Saviour's blood ?
Died he for me, who caused his pain —
for me, who him to death pursued ?
* Amazing love ! how can it be
that thou, my God, shouldst die for me ?
(* repeat the last two lines of each verse)

2. 'Tis mystery all : the Immortal dies !
Who can explore his strange design ?
In vain the first born seraph tries
to sound the depths of love divine.
*'Tis mercy all ! Let earth adore,
let angel minds inquire no more.

3. He left his Father's throne above, —
so free, so infinite his grace —
emptied himself of all but love,
and bled for Adam's helpless race :
*'tis mercy all, immense and free ;
for, O my God, it found out me !

4. Long my imprisoned spirit lay
fast bound in sin and nature's night ;
thine eye diffused a quickening ray ;
I woke, the dungeon flamed with light ;
*my chains fell off, my heart was free,
I rose, went forth, and followed thee.

5. No condemnation now I dread ;
Jesus, and all in him, is mine !
Alive in him, my living Head,
and clothed in righteousness divine,
*bold I approach the eternal throne,
and claim the crown, through Christ, my own.

Text: Charles Wesley (1707–1788)

Music: Thomas Campbell (1800-1876)

BENEDICTION AND AMEN

POSTLUDE Solemn Fanfare

Brenda Portman (Born 1980)

Freewill offering

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- By electronic transfer to BSB **083 004**, Account number **630 327 585**
- 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, Telephone the office on 9650 9903 (please leave a message and we will call you back).