

Worship at St Luke's this weekend

Sunday am: Holy Communion
(Hymns: TIS 333, TIS 348, TIS 341, TIS 231)

Sunday 9am: Family Service (also streamed via ZOOM*)
(Hymns: MP 457, "Hosanna", MP 790, MP 1003)

* <https://zoom.us/j/7210725462> or by telephone (07 3185 3730, meeting ID 721 072 5462).
Contact the office for the password.

At the name of Jesus, every knee shall bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Philippians 2.10–11

Rev'd Timothy writes...

Our liturgy this Sunday at 7am is really two services in one. We start outside the church and read the account of Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem, together with an accompanying psalm, with much

waving of palm branches. Then, in church, our thoughts turn to the rest of the events of Holy Week as we hear from the prophet Isaiah part of the 'servant songs', an image often seen as prefiguring the work of Jesus. Then another psalm, crying for mercy and proclaiming that through trust in God, salvation will come. From the corpus of St Paul we read an early Christian hymn extolling Jesus' exaltation, but glory obtained through suffering. And then, together we read the long passion narrative from Matthew's gospel.

Anglicans certainly have a tradition of reading lots of scripture in their liturgy and we have a feast today! But this is good. The best interpretation of scripture is scripture itself. As we listen to the familiar stories of Maundy Thursday and Good Friday, we do so in the context of the other readings that we have heard. We reflect on the fact that humanity's relationship with God (and indeed creation as well) is fickle.

'Hosanna!' can so easily turn to 'Crucify!' if it seems expedient. We are reminded that despite much that causes us to lament, or times that seem dark, a reconciliation by God's grace is assured. Through both the prophets and the words of St Paul we see the paradox that God's way of effecting this reconciliation is through suffering

and the cross, which is counterintuitive to the way of the world. As Paul says elsewhere:

We proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, 24 but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. (1 Cor. 1:23-24)



Sunday @ 9 for Palm Sunday

Note that this year the 9am service we will just focus on the Palm Sunday story and leave the rest of the story to be explored at the Family Service on Good Friday.

The service will be a special intergenerational family services at which our children will help lead the service and there will be interactive activities for all ages to help us prepare for Holy Week.



Readings for Palm Sunday

Liturgy of the Palms

Psalm 118:1–2, 19–29 Gratitude becomes a courageous plea: the rejected stone is God's cornerstone; 'Save us' (*Hosanna*) rises from trust and need.

Matthew 21:1–11 Jesus enters Jerusalem, not as a warlord but as humble peace; the crowd names hopes they barely understand, and the whole city asks, 'Who is this?'

Liturgy of the Passion

Isaiah 50:4–9a The Servant sustains the weary and endures shame without retaliation, trusting God's nearness.

Psalm 31:9–16 is a Lament from the edge; yet a turning line: 'My times are in your hand.'

Philippians 2:5–11 Christ empties himself; the path down into service is the way God exalts.

Matthew 26:14–27:66 Love remains steadfast amid betrayal, fear, and state violence. The cross exposes our world and reveals God's self-giving heart.

The Liturgy of the Palms

We start our service by gathering with our palms outside the church as we hear the account of Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem. We then process into the church as we sing the hymn

Gathering as God's people

Grace, mercy and peace
from God our Father
and the Lord Jesus Christ
be with you
and also with you.

Today begins the Great Week of the Christian Year. During Lent we have been preparing by works of love and self-sacrifice for the celebration of the Lord's death and resurrection.

With Christians throughout the world, we come together this week to call to mind, and to express in word and action, the centre of the Easter mystery: our Lord's Passover from death to life.

Christ entered in triumph into the Holy City to complete his work as Messiah: to suffer, to die and to rise to new life.

Today we commit ourselves to walk the way of the cross, so that, sharing his sufferings, we may be united with him in his risen life.

Psalm (at 7am)

¹ Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good:
'For his love endures for ever'.

² Let Israel now say:
'For his love endures for ever'.

¹⁹ Open to me the gates of
righteousness:
let me enter them, let me praise
the Lord.

²⁰ This is the gate of the Lord:
through which the righteous shall enter.

²¹ Let me thank you for you answered
me:

you have become my salvation.

²² The stone that the builders rejected:
has become the capstone.

²³ This is the Lord's doing:
it is marvellous in our eyes.

²⁴ This is the day on which the Lord has
acted:
let us be glad and rejoice in him.

²⁵ O Lord, save us:
O Lord, deliver us!

²⁶ Blessed is the one who comes in the
name of the Lord:
from the house of the Lord we bless you.

²⁷ The Lord is God and has given us light:
adorn the festival with branches,
up to the horns of the altar.

²⁸ You are my God and I give you thanks:
you are my God, and I exalt you.

²⁹ Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good:
'For his love endures for ever'.

Psalm 118:1-2,19-29

*At 9am a version of this psalm will
be read by the children. Please
respond with:*

I will give thanks to you,
for you have become my salvation.

The blessing of the palms

*The palms are held high for a
blessing.*

Let us pray.

Sovereign God, we thank you for these
branches and crosses of palm.

By your blessing may they be for us signs
of the victory of your Son.

May we who carry them in his name ever
hail him as our Messiah, and follow him
in the way that leads to eternal life; who

lives and reigns with you and the Holy
Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Gospel of the Palms (at 7am)

A reading from the gospel of Matthew

¹When they had come near Jerusalem
and had reached Bethphage, at the
Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples,
²saying to them, "Go into the village
ahead 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, just say this,
'The Lord needs them. 'And he will send
them immediately.'" ⁴This took place to
fulfill what had been spoken through the
prophet, saying,

⁵"Tell the daughter of Zion,
Look, your king is coming to you,
humble, and mounted on a donkey,
and on a colt, the foal of a donkey."

⁶The disciples went and did as Jesus had
directed them; ⁷they brought the donkey
and the colt, and put their cloaks on
them, and he sat on them. ⁸A very large
crowd spread their cloaks on the road,
and others cut branches from the trees
and spread them on the road. ⁹The
crowds that went ahead of him and that
followed were shouting,

"Hosanna to the Son of David!
Blessed is the one who comes in the
name of the Lord!
Hosanna in the highest heaven!"

¹⁰When he entered Jerusalem, the whole
city was in turmoil, asking, "Who is this?"

¹¹The crowds were saying, "This is the
prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee."

Matthew 21:1-11

For the Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

We process into church singing the hymn:

Processional Hymn (7am)

Refrain:

*All glory, praise and honour
to you, redeemer, king,
to whom the lips of children
made sweet hosannas ring.*

You are the King of Israel,
and David's royal Son,
now in the Lord's name coming,
the king and blessed one. Refrain

The company of angels
are praising you on high,
and we and all creation
exultant make reply. . Refrain

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

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

Their praises you accepted:
accept the prayers we bring,
who in all good take pleasure
our good and gracious king. . Refrain

*Theodulph of Orleans (d.821)
tr. John Mason Neale (1818-66) alt.*

*At 9am the gospel of the Palms
will be read later.*

*We process into church singing the
hymn after this response:*

Let us go forth, praising Jesus our
Messiah.

Praise to David's Son!
God bless him who comes in the
name of the Lord!
Praise be to God!

Processional hymn (9am)

Make way, make way, for Christ the
King in splendour arrives;
fling wide the gates and welcome
Him into your lives.

*Make way, make way,
for the King of kings;
make way, make way,
and let His kingdom in!*

He comes the broken hearts to heal,
the prisoners to free;
the deaf shall hear,
the lame shall dance,
the blind shall see.

Make way...

And those who mourn
with heavy hearts,
who weep and sigh,
with laughter, joy and royal crown
He'll beautify.

Make way...

We call you now to worship Him
as Lord of all,
to have no gods before Him,
their thrones must fall!

Make way...

*Graham Kendrick
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Passion Readings for Palm Sunday (7am only)

First reading

A Reading from the book of Isaiah

⁴ The Lord God has given me
the tongue of a teacher,
that I may know how to sustain
the weary with a word.
Morning by morning he wakens—
wakens my ear
to listen as those who are taught.
⁵ The Lord God has opened my ear,
and I was not rebellious,
I did not turn backwards.
⁶ I gave my back to those who struck me,
and my cheeks to those who pulled out
the beard;
I did not hide my face
from insult and spitting.
⁷ The Lord God helps me;
therefore I have not been disgraced;
therefore I have set my face like flint,
and I know that I shall not be put to
shame;
⁸ he who vindicates me is near.
Who will contend with me?
Let us stand up together.
Who are my adversaries?
Let them confront me.
⁹ It is the Lord God who helps me;
who will declare me guilty?

Isaiah 50: 4-9a

Psalms 31:9-18

⁹ Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I am in
trouble:
my eyes waste away with grief,
my soul also, and my innermost being.
¹⁰ For my life has been spent in
sorrow and my years with sighing:
my strength has faltered under my

misdeeds, and my bones have withered.

¹¹ I was shunned by my adversaries:
and more so by my neighbours.

¹² I brought fear to my friends:
and those seeing me in the street fled
from me.

¹³ I was forgotten like one dead:
becoming like a broken vessel.

¹⁴ For I heard the whispering of many:
and fear was on every side;

¹⁵ As they schemed together against me:
and plotted to take my life.

¹⁶ But in you, O Lord, have I put my trust:
I have said, 'You are my God'.

¹⁷ My days are in your hands:
save me from the hand of my enemies
and tormentors.

¹⁸ Let your face shine upon your servant:
rescue me with your loving-kindness.

Second Reading

A reading from the second letter to the
Philippians

⁵ Let the same mind be in you that was in
Christ Jesus,

⁶ who, though he was in the form of God,
did not regard equality with God
as something to be exploited,

⁷ but emptied himself,
taking the form of a slave,
being born in human likeness.

And being found in human form,

⁸ he humbled himself
and became obedient to the point of
death—
even death on a cross.

⁹ Therefore God also highly exalted him

and gave him the name
that is above every name,
¹⁰ so that at the name of Jesus
every knee should bend,
in heaven and on earth and under the
earth,
¹¹ and every tongue should confess

that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

Philippians 2:5-11

Passion Gospel from Matthew

A reading from the gospel of Matthew

Matthew 26.14-27.66

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Word for the Day

Jesus' entry is a deliberate act of gentle authority, Zechariah's humble king on a borrowed colt, exposing our appetite for spectacle and control while offering a different power shaped by mercy.

The crowd's 'Hosanna, save us!' is less hype than public lament, a prayer that mixes hope with ache; cloaks and branches turn ordinary things into liturgy, reminding us that God rides the generosity of common people rather than the machinery of empire. As the city trembles and asks, 'Who is this?', the text turns the question back on us: will we name him only as a helpful prophet who affirms our expectations, or follow the Messiah who confronts them, redefining mana as service, glory as compassion, and salvation as the slow, courageous work of peace?

The Passion unveils both our world and God's heart: betrayal priced cheaply, expedient politics, the scapegoat logic that chooses Barabbas, and the lonely faithfulness of Jesus who refuses retaliation, prays his terror in Gethsemane, and stays with human pain to the end. His cry from the cross is not unbelief but scripture-soaked lament that permits us to bring our own midnight to God; the torn curtain signals that no barrier, religious, social, or internal, can keep God from drawing near.

In this story, failure is named (Peter's tears), violence is unmasked (mockery, coercion, cruelty), and love is still the last word; the calling for the church is to practice caring, laying down image and advantage, so our Hosannas become repair, our grief becomes solidarity, and our power looks like steadfast presence with the wounded

Ideas for Reflection

- Where is God inviting us to choose humble love over image or control?
- What praise can we turn into practical compassion this week?
- Whom do we need to 'stay with' so they are not alone?

Come and join us this evening at The Rock...

DATE CLAIMER

Back after our redevelopment, the annual Art Show with Lilly-Lee studios, will be in our hall on 16th and 17th May.

More details to come, but please save the date!



YOU ARE WARMLY INVITED

PALM SUNDAY

Combined Churches Service

Annerley Baptist, Fairfield Christian Family, St Lukes Anglican & The Rock Church

Celebrate the triumph, the cross, and the risen Christ

"Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!"
John 12:13

SERVICE DETAILS

Church	The Rock Church
Date	Palm Sunday – 29 th March 2025
Time	6:00pm
Venue	406 Ipswich Rd, Annerley. More parking in Junction Tce.
Contact	Ps Lloyd at The Rock Church ph 0407125142 or your minister at the churches listed above

Featuring worship, Scripture, prayer, and a message of hope for all ages.

COME AND WORSHIP WITH US THIS EASTER SEASON

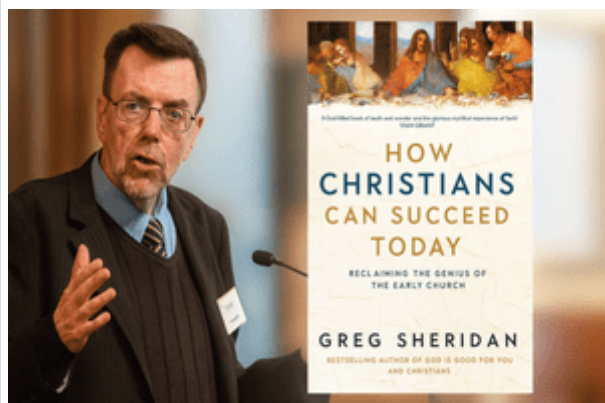
Annual Dinner 2026 with Greg Sheridan



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public library

You are invited to join the Mathew Hale Public Library for their 2026 annual dinner to be held at Kedron-Wavell Services Club, Chermside, on Friday, 8th May (6:30 to 9:30 PM).

Our dinner speaker is Greg Sheridan. Greg has been the foreign editor of 'The Australian' since 1992 and is a frequent commentator and author of books on politics, religion and international affairs. His recent book 'How Christians can succeed today' seeks to investigate how applying insights from the early church can inspire the church today.



Tickets are \$50 if we can get together a table of eight. Please speak to Rev'd Timothy or June if you are interested in being part of a St Luke's table.

More details at <https://www.mhpl.org.au/events/2026/annual-dinner>

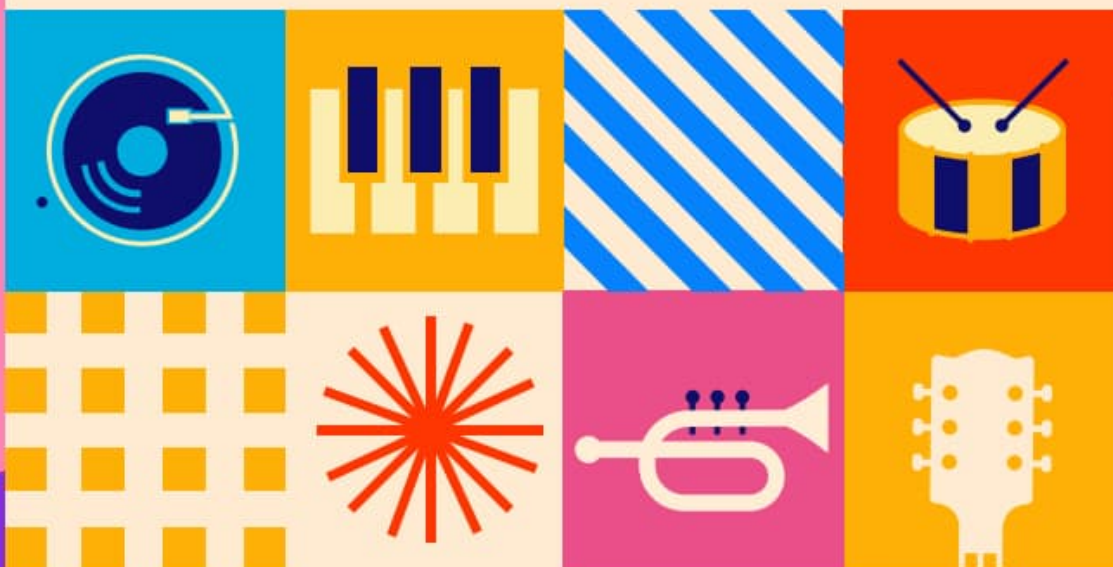
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Friday, 24 April - 6:00pm for 6:30pm start

St Luke's Ekibin hall, 193 Ekibin Road East, Tarragindi



Scan to book tickets

\$20 per adult, \$5 per child under 12

Ticket price includes snack platter on each table

Drinks can be purchased at this event

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Pray for Danie Middeldorp (SU Chaplain, Wellers Hill SS)

- Pray for the last couple of months of Danie's pregnancy and for God's blessing and protection over her and her husband Robert as they become parents. Prayer that our marriage would remain strong and that we would keep giving any anxiety etc over to Him.
- Pray for the next chaplain who will be covering maternity leave at Wellers Hill. Pray that they would settle into the school well and find great joy in the work.
- Pray for the school and the P&C. Please be praying that the right people who come forward and nominate themselves for the leadership positions in the P&C and that the school would continue to thrive despite the reduction in enrolment numbers.
- Give thanks for the students and how they are seeking to be kind and actively involved in caring for their teachers and friends. It is very heartwarming to see the student led acts of kindness happening around the school

Pray for David and Zoe Browne (BCA, Gladstone)

- Give thanks for a family preparing for baptism, that it would encourage them and the congregation.
- Pray that we will always be conscious of our purpose in church services, pointing people to Christ in an accessible way.
- Pray that the church family will go out of their way to welcome and include others.



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Discover what God is doing in the bush; come & hear **David & Zoë Browne** speak about their life & ministry in Gladstone plus a devotion from **Simon Reeve**

St John's Wishart, Saturday 11 April 9am - 12noon

Cost: \$12 per adult which includes refreshments

For our Prayers

Prayer for the day

Everlasting God, in your tender love for the human race you sent your Son to take our nature, and to suffer death upon the cross: in your mercy enable us to share in his obedience to your will and in the glorious victory of his resurrection; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

The World A prayer for peace in the Middle East by Linda Jones of CAFOD:

God of peace, bearer of hope, we seek your help for the peoples of the Middle East. Quiet the clamour of war and guide us towards peace.

Where there is hatred and division sow seeds of calm and openness.

Where there is destruction help us to rebuild.

Where children are crying bring an end to tears.

Shelter your peoples and protect them

Guide them and keep them from harm.

Show us how to break down the barriers of history and fear and breathe whispers of hope. Amen.

The Anglican Communion

The Anglican Church of Melanesia

The Parish of Wynnum: Sam Sigamani, Keith Dean-Jones, Keith Colbert

AnglicareSQ Family and Wellbeing

Our missionary partners

For the work of the Anglican Board of Mission and Anglicans in Development and the projects they support

Local Schools and colleges

Queensland University of Technology, University of Queensland, Griffith University

Our parish

Pray for all those who will come to our services in Holy Week and Easter, that as they walk with Jesus they will let him refresh them.

Those who are sick, frail or emotionally stressed

Sandy Tonello, Ryan, Sharon L, Rev'd Shane, Mary Bickerdike, David F, Peter G, Lauren, Rita, Honor, Don, Margaret, Peter F., Maxine and Robyn McElnea, Glen and Rose, Mon McNeill.

From the Parish Book of Remembrance

31 March: Margery Sinden, Ainslie Francis Richardson; *1 April:* Trudy Joy Rayner;

3 April: Valentine Swanwick.

Children's Church

Children's Church for 2026 will resume for term 2 on 26th April but Children are always welcome at our services. Note special service for children and families today at 9am and at 10am on Good Friday.



Services This Week:

Daily in Holy Week:

Monday-Saturday: 9am Morning Prayer

Monday-Friday: 6pm Evening Prayer (Zoom)

Tuesday 31st March

1.30pm Holy Week service at Regis Salisbury

Maundy Thursday:

7.30pm Holy Communion and the Watch

Good Friday:

10am Family Service

2pm Devotions at the Cross

Holy Saturday:

6pm Easter Vigil (Zoom)

Sunday 5th April

(Easter Sunday)

6.30am Lighting of Paschal Candle and Holy Communion

7.45am Resurrection Breakfast

9am Family Communion (St Luke's/Zoom)

Containers for Change

Donate your '10c refund' bottles and cans to St Luke's. Either bring them to church or take them direct to TOMRA (9/655 Toohey Road, Salisbury) and use the parish code: C10686424

Also part of St Luke's:

**Little Angels
Tarragindi**

Anglican Childcare
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littleangels.qld.edu.au



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