



**Worship Bulletin**  
**3<sup>rd</sup> March 2024**  
**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Lent**

**We sing:** *Come unto Jesus*  
**Come unto Jesus, all you**  
**who are weary**  
**Come to the mercy seat,**  
**fervently kneel**  
**Here bring your wounded hearts,**  
**Broken and needy**  
**Come unto Jesus**  
**mighty to heal**

**Joy of the comfortless,**  
**Light for the straying,**  
**Hope of the penitent,**  
**Peace in our strife**  
**Here speaks the Comforter,**  
**Tenderly saying:**  
**“My yoke is easy,**  
**My burden is light.”**

**Chorus:** *Come unto Jesus*  
***Come unto Jesus***  
***Lay down your burdens***  
***He is enough***  
***Come unto Jesus, rest in His love.***

**Come taste the Bread of Life,**  
**broken for sinners;**  
**Drink from the cup of His promise made**  
**sure**  
**Feast at His table as sons**  
**and as daughters;**  
**Grace overflowing is yours evermore.**

**God welcomes us:**

**P:** In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

**Chorus:**

**Come now and follow Him,**  
**this life forsaking;**  
**All that was gain, count**  
**nothing but loss.**  
**Trade all this world for**  
**His kingdom unfading;**  
**Come unto Jesus,**  
**Take up your cross**

**Come unto Jesus,**  
**Take up your cross;**  
**Life everlasting He offers to us.**

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## **Introduction to Confession:**

P: Friends in Christ: These are the words that God spoke to the people of Israel:

***C: I am the Lord your God. Do not have any god except me. Do not misuse the name of the Lord your God. Remember God's special day and keep it holy. Respect your father and your mother. Do not murder. Do not be unfaithful in marriage. Do not steal.***

***Do not tell lies about anyone. Do not want anyone else's house. Do not want anyone else's husband or wife, servants, animals or possessions.***

P: Knowing that we have failed to keep the law of God, let us confess our sins to God our Father, and ask him, for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ, to forgive us.

P: Our help is in the name of the Lord.

***C: He made heaven and earth.***

P: I said I will confess my sins to the Lord.

***C: Then he forgave the guilt of my sin.***

P: I ask each of you in the presence of God who searches our hearts: Do you confess that you have sinned, and do you repent of your sins?

***C: I do.***

P: Do you believe that Jesus Christ has redeemed you from all your sins and do you desire forgiveness in his name?

***C: I do.***

P: Do you intend with the help of the Holy Spirit to live as in God's presence, and to strive daily to lead a holy life, even as Christ has made you holy?

***C: I do.***

## ***Forgiveness***

P: Therefore, upon your confession, I as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God to all of you and on behalf of our Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins, in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit. Peace be with you.

***C: And also with you.***

## ***We sing: Speak O Lord***

***Speak, O Lord, as we come to You  
To receive the food of Your Holy Word  
Take your truth, plant it deep in us  
Shape and fashion us in Your likeness  
That the light of Christ might be seen  
today  
In our acts of love and our deeds of faith  
Speak, O Lord, and fulfill in us  
All Your purposes for Your glory.***

***Teach us Lord, full obedience  
Holy reverence, true humility  
Test our thoughts and our attitudes  
In the radiance of Your purity  
Cause our faith to rise, cause our eyes  
to see  
Your majestic love and authority  
Words of pow'r that can never fail  
Let their truth prevail over unbelief.***

***Speak, O Lord, and renew our minds  
Help us grasp the heights of Your plans for us  
Truths unchanged from the dawn of time  
That will echo down through eternity  
And by grace we'll stand on Your promises  
And by faith we'll walk as You walk with us  
Speak, O Lord, till Your church is built  
And the earth is filled with Your glory***

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## **The Greeting**

P: The Lord be with you.

***C: And also with you.***

## **Today's Prayer**

***C: Merciful God, we thank you for sending your Son to announce the coming of your kingdom. Make us ready to hear his call, to turn away from our sins, and to believe his good news. Amen.***

## **First Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:18-25**

*Christ crucified – God's power and wisdom*

For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written,

"I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will frustrate.

"Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scholar? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of the proclamation, to save those who believe. For Jews ask for signs and Greeks desire wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to gentiles, but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength. This is the Word of the Lord.

***C: Thanks be to God.***

## **Gospel: John 2:13-22**

*Jesus cleanses the temple and gives a sign*

The Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. In the temple he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves and the money changers seated at their tables. Making a whip of cords, he drove all of them out of the temple, with the sheep and the cattle. He also poured out the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables.

He told those who were selling the doves, "Take these things out of here! Stop making my Father's house a marketplace!" His disciples remembered that it was written, "Zeal for your house will consume me." The Jews then said to him, "What sign can you show us for doing this?" Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up." The Jews then said, "This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and will you raise it up in three days?" But he was speaking of the temple of his body. After he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this, and they believed the scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

***C: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.***

## **The Apostles' Creed:**

***C: I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried.***

***He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven, and sits at the right hand of God, the Father Almighty, from thence he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.***

## **We sing the Offering Song:**

*Jesus keep me near the cross*

**Jesus, keep me near the cross,  
There a precious fountain,  
Free to all—a healing stream,  
Flows from Calv'ry's mountain.**

Chorus: In the cross, in the cross,  
Be my glory ever;  
Till my raptured soul shall find  
Rest beyond the river.

Near the cross, a trembling soul,  
Love and mercy found me;  
There the Bright and Morning Star  
Sheds its beams around me.

Near the cross! O Lamb of God,  
Bring its scenes before me;  
Help me walk from day to day,  
With its shadow o'er me.

Near the cross I'll watch and wait,  
Hoping, trusting ever,  
Till I reach the golden strand,  
Just beyond the river.

Offering Prayer:

***C: Thank you, Lord, for Christ crucified, as your wisdom and the power that saves us. Help us to have no other gods but you, and to live our lives fully committed to you, obeying your commandments and loving and serving other people. Amen.***

Sermon

We sing LH#807: *Lift high the cross*

Chorus: ***Lift high the cross,  
the love of Christ proclaim  
Till all the world adore his sacred name.***

***1. Come Christians, follow  
this triumphant sign,  
The hosts of God  
in unity combine:***

***3. O Lord, once lifted  
on the glorious tree,  
as thou hast promised  
draw the world to thee:***

***2. Each newborn servant  
of the Crucified,  
bears on the brow  
the seal of Him who died:***

***4. So shall our song  
of triumph ever be:  
Praise to the crucified  
for victory!***

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We pray for ourselves, the Church and the World:

***C: Heavenly Father, cleanse and purify your Church. Make it into a house of prayer for all people. Use it to draw all people to yourself.***

***Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.***

***C: Bless your Church, that it may never be overcome by bitterness or despair, but may be a beacon of your saving love in a sin-darkened world.***

***Lord, in your mercy, Hear our prayer.***

***C: Encourage the members of St Mark's to be eager for your house, so that we may worship you joyfully; care for one another kindly; and proclaim your Word boldly.***

***Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.***

***C: Guide the rulers of the nations to seek your will, and give them the strength to do it. Give wisdom and prudence to our elected leaders and grant us your peace.***

***Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.***

***C: You are the strength of all who suffer and the joy of all who are sorrowful. Be present with your merciful care to all whose need is great, especially Fay Hupfeld, Daphne Smith and Pearl Harvey. Give them, and all who love them, grace to trust in Christ Jesus. He alone is their life, health, hope, and salvation.***

***Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.***

**C: Gracious heavenly Father, comfort all who grieve. Keep our hearts firmly fixed on your forgiving love; and our eyes forever focused on the Cross of Christ Jesus, until you bring us safely into your welcoming embrace and eternal home.**

**Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.**

**C: For these things, and for whatever else is needful, dear Father, we pray in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

**We sing: Behold the Lamb**

**Behold the Lamb who bears our sins away,**

**Slain for us: and we remember:**

**The promise made that all who come in faith**

**Find forgiveness at the cross.**

**So we share in this Bread of life,**

**And we drink of His sacrifice,**

**As a sign of our bonds of peace**

**Around the table of the King.**

**The body of our Saviour, Jesus Christ,**

**Torn for you: eat and remember**

**The wounds that heal, the death that brings us life,**

**Paid the price to make us one.**

**So we share in this Bread of Life,**

**And we drink of His sacrifice**

**As a sign of our bonds of love**

**Around the table of the King.**

**The blood that cleanses every stain of sin,  
Shed for you: drink and remember  
He drained death's cup that all may enter in  
To receive the life of God.**

**So we share in this Bread of Life,**

**And we drink of His sacrifice,**

**As a sign of our bonds of grace**

**Around the table of the King.**

**And so with thankfulness and faith**

**We rise to respond: and to remember**

**Our call to follow in the steps of Christ**

**As His body here on earth.**

**As we share in His suffering,**

**We proclaim: Christ will come again!**

**And we'll join in the feast of heaven**

**Around the table of the King.**

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**The Lord's Supper:**

**P: The Lord be with you.**

**C: And also with you.**

**Holy, Holy, Holy:**

**C: Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of hosts; heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

**The Lord's Prayer:**

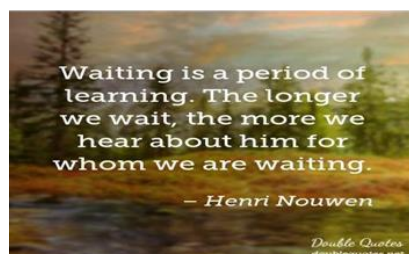
**C: Our Father in Heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours now and for ever. Amen.**

**The Words Of Institution:**

**The Peace:**

**P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.**

**C: Amen.**



### **The Lamb Of God:**

**C: Jesus, Lamb of God, have mercy on us. Jesus, bearer of our sins, have mercy on us. Jesus, Redeemer of the world, grant us your peace. Amen.**

### **Communion Distribution**

#### **Communion Dismissal:**

P: The body of our Lord Jesus Christ and his holy precious blood strengthen you and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting.

Go in peace.

**C: Amen.**

#### **Prayer after Communion:**

**C: Lord God, our strength, the battle of good and evil rages within and around us. Through this holy meal, strengthen our faith in your Son, and when we fall, raise and restore us. Amen.**

#### **Blessing:**

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look with favour upon you and give you His peace.

**C: Amen.**

**We sing LH#164: Love divine, all loves excelling (vv 1,3)**

**1. Love divine, all loves excelling,  
Joy of heav'n, to earth come down!  
Fix in us your humble dwelling,  
All your faithful mercies crown.  
Jesus, source of all compassion,  
Love unbounded, love all-pure;  
Visit us with your salvation,  
Let your love in us endure.**

**3. Finish then your new creation,  
Pure and spotless, gracious Lord;  
Let us see your great salvation,  
Perfectly in you restored  
Changed from glory into glory,  
Till in heav'n we take our place,  
Till we sing before the Almighty,  
Lost in wonder, love, and praise.**

words by Charles Wesley music by R H Prichard

## **NOTICES**

### **COMING EVENTS**

**Worship service every Sunday: 9.00am. Holy Communion**

Please stay for Morning Tea and welcome new friends.

**Wednesday, 6 March** – Ladies Fellowship @ 9am – Church

**Thursday, 7 March** – Cuppa & Chat @ 10am at Bosco's, IRT Woodlands

**Saturday, 23 March** – Working Bee @ 8am at Church

### **LENTEN OFFERING**

- Australian Lutheran World Service – Gifts of grace: there are brochures at the welcome desk.
- The loan on the church manse – Balance is \$190,732.00.



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