



## THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

25<sup>th</sup> January 2026  
10:00 a.m.

*Before the service, speak with God; during the service, let God speak to you; after the service, speak to one another.*

Dear parishioners and friends of St Bartholomew's,

Today we are on the eve of Australia day observed tomorrow the 26<sup>th</sup> January. Australia day remains a day of mixed emotions and controversy. For many in the community it is called Invasion Day when our indigenous people with many others see it stolen by Europeans and claimed for England. For many emotions run high and the failure of the Voice referendum has added to their pain and call for compensation and greater recognition of their claims. Others celebrate the day with pride focusing on our achievements and freedoms. Any future Australia should however seek reconciliation with our indigenous brothers and sisters, acknowledging the mistakes of the past and address a new way forward calling for harmony and social cohesion for all.

I have been asked on a few occasions about a study program for Lent. In short, I am proposing each Wednesday night in Lent beginning the 18<sup>th</sup> February to have an evening Eucharist using the Order of Service from the Iona community followed by a short reflection study on Matthew's Gospel. On Ash Wednesday there will be a Eucharist at 7.30pm.

Fr Ray



## **INTROIT HYMN, AM 324 Jesus Calls us over the tumult**

### **SENTENCE.**

Jesus went through Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom of God and curing every disease and every sickness among the people

### **COLLECT FOR THE DAY.**

Loving God, the light of the minds that know you, the light of the souls that love you, and the strength of the hearts that serve you: help us so to know you that we may truly love you, and so to love you that we may faithfully serve you, whose service is perfect freedom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

### **1<sup>st</sup> READING, Isaiah 9.1-4**

Nevertheless the dimness shall not be such as was in her vexation, when at the first he lightly afflicted the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, and afterward did more grievously afflict her by the way of the sea, beyond Jordan, in Galilee of the nations.

The people that walked in darkness have seen a great light: they that dwell in the land of the shadow of death, upon them hath the light shined.

Thou hast multiplied the nation, and not increased the joy: they joy before thee according to the joy in harvest, and as men rejoice when they divide the spoil.

For thou hast broken the yoke of his burden, and the staff of his shoulder, the rod of his oppressor, as in the day of Midian.

For the word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

## **Psalm 27.1-10**

*Response: Do not be afraid, I am with you; I have called you by your name, you are mine; I have called you by name you are mine.*

The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?  
The Lord is my life's refuge;  
of whom shall I be afraid? (Response.)

One thing I ask of the Lord, this I seek:  
To dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life,  
That I may gaze on the loveliness of the Lord and contemplate his temple. (Response.)

Hear, O Lord, the sound of my call; have pity on me, and answer me.  
Your presence, O Lord, I seek.  
Hide not your face from me. (Response.)

I believe that I shall see the bounty of the Lord in the land of the living. Wait for the Lord with courage; be stouthearted, and wait for the Lord. (Response.)

## **SECOND READING 1 Corinthians 1.10-18**

<sup>10</sup> Now I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you should be in agreement and that there should be no divisions among you, but that you should be united in the same mind and the same purpose.

<sup>11</sup> For it has been reported to me by Chloe's people that there are quarrels among you, my brothers and sisters.\*

12 What I mean is that each of you says, 'I belong to Paul', or 'I belong to Apollos', or 'I belong to Cephas', or 'I belong to Christ.'

13 Has Christ been divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul?

14 I thank God\* that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius,

15 so that no one can say that you were baptized in my name.

16 (I did baptize also the household of Stephanas; beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else.)

17 For Christ did not send me to baptize but to proclaim the gospel, and not with eloquent wisdom, so that the cross of Christ might not be emptied of its power.

18 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 the word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

**Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**  
**Alleluia Alleluia Alleluia**

Jesus preached the Good news and the Kingdom and healed all who were sick.

**Alleluia Alleluia, Alleluia**

The Lord be with you.

**And also, with you.**

A reading from the Gospel according to Matthew 4.12-25

**\* Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ**

12 Now when Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee.

13 He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the lake, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali,

14 so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled:

15 'Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali,  
on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles—

16 the people who sat in darkness

have seen a great light,

and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death

light has dawned.'

17 From that time Jesus began to proclaim, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.\*'

18 As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the lake—for they were fishermen.

19 And he said to them, 'Follow me, and I will make you fish for people.'

20 Immediately they left their nets and followed him.

21 As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them.

22 Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed him.

23 Jesus\* went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news\* of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people.

24 So his fame spread throughout all Syria, and they brought to him all the sick, those who were afflicted with various diseases and pains, demoniacs, epileptics, and paralytics, and he cured them.

25 And great crowds followed him from Galilee, the Decapolis, Jerusalem, Judea, and from beyond the Jordan

For the Gospel of the Lord:

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

## **INTERCESSIONS**

*FOR THE NEEDS OF THE WORLD:* Peace in the Middle East, Sudan, Congo Venezuela and Ukraine for the Jewish community for the Richmond Churches Food and for all organizations that provide safety and relief during this summer season and all those in need.

*FOR THE SICK, RECOVERING, AND THOSE WHO GRIEVE* Bruce, Sharon, Carol, Jack, Nanette and Liam, Craig, Helen,

*FOR THOSE RECENTLY DECEASED:*

*FOR THOSE WHOSE YEAR'S MIND OCCURS THIS,* Andy Blair, Simon Mckenzie Coulter, Hugh Bond, Ronald Brown, Elaine Salvin, John Wilson, Jean Coish, Alan Patton, James Rigneand and Jamess Pollard,

**Offertory Hymn: AM 740 O changeless Christ forever new**

**Recessional Hymn: AM 584 All my hope on God is founded**

## Rosters

### **25<sup>th</sup> January**

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading** Martyn Smith  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading** Prue Borthwick  
**Intercessions** Michael McGirr  
**Euch. Assist** Jonathon Harrison  
**Welcomers** Megan Harrison

**Hospitality** Martyn Smith

### **1<sup>st</sup> February**

Jenny Scott  
Evan Costello  
Prue Borthwick  
Kim Ricketts  
Megan Harrison & Anne Czech

Evan Costello & Helen Mc Donald

### 29<sup>th</sup> January Thursday 10am Eucharist

Back to Church Sunday today the 25<sup>th</sup> January including pub lunch. If you did not put your name down last week, still come today. The more the merrier.

### Next Sunday Candlemass 10am

Lent is not far away. Ash Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> February Evening mass at 7.30pm