



**Diocese of Wangaratta**  
Holy Trinity Parish, Wangaratta  
Holy Trinity Cathedral.



Choral Evensong for the  
Fourth Sunday in Lent  
*Mothering Sunday*  
**5.00pm, Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> March 2025**

Welcome to Holy Trinity Cathedral as we gather for worship today. We're glad you are joining us today, and to have your company in prayer. As we gather we acknowledge that Holy Trinity Cathedral stands on Bangerang country. We acknowledge the Bangerang people, offer respect to their elders, and recognize their continuing care for land, waters, and sky country in this place.

Music is led by the Holy Trinity Cathedral Singers.

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## Prelude

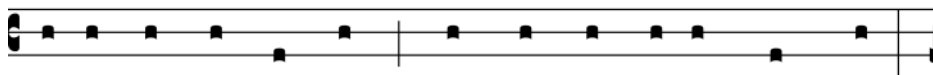
*Fantasia Chromatica* — Otto Olsson

### Office Hymn

1. Now is the healing time decreed  
for sins of heart and word and deed,  
when we in humble fear record  
the wrong that we have done the Lord:
2. Who, always merciful and good,  
has borne so long our wayward mood,  
nor cut us off unsparingly  
in our so great iniquity.
3. Therefore with fasting and with prayer,  
our secret sorrow we declare,  
with all good striving seek his face,  
and lowly-hearted plead for grace.
4. Cleanse us, O Lord, from every stain,  
help us the gifts of grace to gain,  
till with the angels, linked in love,  
joyful we tread thy courts above.
5. We pray thee, holy Trinity,  
One God, unchanging Unity,  
that we from this our abstinence  
may reap the fruits of penitence. Amen.

*Words: Latin, tr T.A. Lacey (1853-1931)*

*Tune: Jena— later from of melody from Vulpius's Gesangbuch, 1609*



☩.Open our lips, O Lord; ☩and we shall declare your praise.



☩.O God, make speed to save us. ☩.O Lord, make haste to help us.

✠.Glory to God; Father, Son, and Holy Spirit:  
 ✠.as in the beginning, so now, and for e-ver. Amen.

✠.Let us praise the Lord. ✠.The Lord's name be praised.

### Psalm 125

1. Those who trust in the Lord are like Mount Zion,  
which cannot be moved, but stands fast for ever.
2. The hills stand about Jerusalem;  
so does the Lord stand round about his people,  
from this time forth for evermore.
3. The sceptre of the wicked shall not hold sway  
over the land allotted to the just,  
so that the just shall not put their hands to evil.
4. Show your goodness, O Lord, to those who are good  
and to those who are true of heart.
5. As for those who turn aside to crooked ways,  
the Lord will lead them away with the evildoers;  
but peace be upon Israel.

*All stand*

Glory to the Father, and | to the | Son, \*  
and | to the | Holy | Spirit:

As it was in the be-|ginning, is | now, \*  
and | will be for-|ever. A-|men.

*Please be seated*

## A reading from the book Judges, the fourth chapter, beginning at the fourth verse

4. 4-10

At that time Deborah, a prophetess, wife of Lappidoth, was judging Israel. She used to sit under the palm of Deborah between Ramah and Bethel in the hill country of Ephraim; and the Israelites came up to her for judgement. She sent and summoned Barak son of Abinoam from Kedesh in Naphtali, and said to him, 'The Lord, the God of Israel, commands you, "Go, take position at Mount Tabor, bringing ten thousand from the tribe of Naphtali and the tribe of Zebulun. I will draw out Sisera, the general of Jabin's army, to meet you by the Wadi Kishon with his chariots and his troops; and I will give him into your hand."' ' Barak said to her, 'If you will go with me, I will go; but if you will not go with me, I will not go.' And she said, 'I will surely go with you; nevertheless, the road on which you are going will not lead to your glory, for the Lord will sell Sisera into the hand of a woman.' Then Deborah got up and went with Barak to Kedesh. Barak summoned Zebulun and Naphtali to Kedesh; and ten thousand warriors went up behind him; and Deborah went up with him.

*Here ends the first reading.*

*Please stand*

### **Magnificat**

MY soul doth magnify the Lord:  
and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour.  
For he hath regarded: the lowliness of his hand-maiden.  
For behold, from henceforth:  
all generations shall call me blessed.  
For he that is mighty hath magnified me: and holy is his Name.  
And his mercy is on them that fear him: throughout all generations.  
He hath shewed strength with his arm:  
he hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.  
He hath put down the mighty from their seat:  
and hath exalted the humble and meek.  
He hath filled the hungry with good things:  
and the rich he hath sent empty away.  
He remembering his mercy hath holpen his servant Israel:  
as he promised to our forefathers,  
Abraham and his seed, for ever.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son: and to the Holy Ghost;  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be:  
world without end. Amen.

Setting: *Evening Service in C* — Charles Villiers Stanford (1852-1924)

**A reading from the seventh chapter of the  
Gospel According to Luke,  
beginning at the twenty-fourth verse**

7. 24-30

From there Jesus set out and went away to the region of Tyre. He entered a house and did not want anyone to know he was there. Yet he could not escape notice, but a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit immediately heard about him, and she came and bowed down at his feet. Now the woman was a Gentile, of Syrophenician origin. She begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. He said to her, 'Let the children be fed first, for it is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs.' But she answered him, 'Sir, even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs.' Then he said to her, 'For saying that, you may go—the demon has left your daughter.' So she went home, found the child lying on the bed, and the demon gone. .

*Here ends the second reading.*

*All stand*

**Nunc Dimittis**

LORD, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace:  
according to thy word.

For mine eyes have seen: thy salvation;  
Which thou hast prepared:  
before the face of all people;  
To be a light to lighten the Gentiles:  
and to be the glory of thy people Israel.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son: and to the Holy Ghost;  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be:  
world without end. Amen.

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*The Apostles' Creed*

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.**

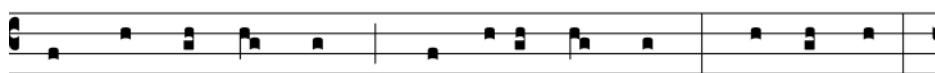
**On the third day he rose from the dead;  
he ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father;  
from there he will come to judge  
the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

**Sermon**

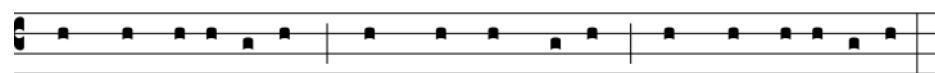
*The Rev'd. Lesley Lewis*

*The Prayers*



☩. The Lord be with you.    R̄. And al-so with you.    ☩. Let us pray.

*Please kneel or sit.*



☩. Lord, have mercy on us.    R̄. Christ, have mercy on us.    ☩. Lord, have mercy on us.

*Sung on one note*

**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.**

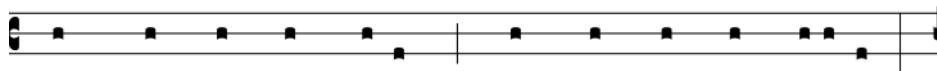
**Save us from the time of trial**

**and deliver us from evil.**

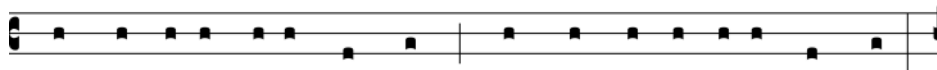
**For the kingdom, the power,**

**and the glory are yours**

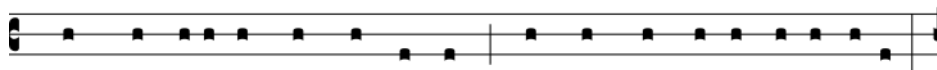
**now and for ever. Amen.**



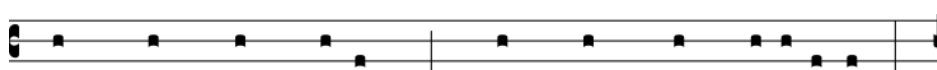
**℣.** Lord, show us your mercy, **℟.** and grant us your salvation.



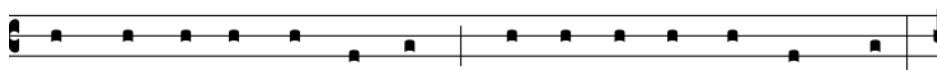
**℣.** Keep our nation under your care, **℟.** and guide us in justice and truth.



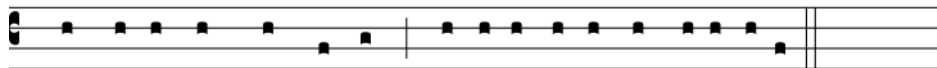
**℣.** Clothe your ministers with righteousness, **℟.** and make your chosen people joyful.



**℣.** Lord, save your people, **℟.** and bless your inheritance.



**℣.** Give peace in our time, O Lord, **℟.** for you are our help and strength.



**℣.** Create in us clean hearts, O God, **℟.** and renew us by your Holy Spirit.



*Collect of the Day*

God of compassion,  
whose Son, Jesus Christ, the child of Mary,  
shared the life of a home in Nazareth,  
and on the cross drew the whole human family to himself:  
strengthen us in our daily living that in our joys and sorrows  
we may know your presence to bind us together and to heal;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**



*The Collect for Peace*

O God, the author and lover of peace,  
in knowledge of whom stands our eternal life,  
whose service is perfect freedom;  
defend your servants in all assaults of our enemies,  
that, surely trusting in your defence,  
we may not fear the power of any adversaries,  
through the might of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*Evening Collect*

Lighten our darkness, Lord, we pray:  
and in your great mercy defend us  
from all perils and dangers of this night;  
for the love of your only Son our Saviour Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

**Anthem**

Ave Maria — Edward Elgar (1857-1924)

Ave Maria, gratia plena, Dominus tecum;  
benedicta tu in mulieribus,  
et benedictus fructus ventris tui, Jesus.  
Sancta Maria, Mater Dei, ora pro nobis peccatoribus,  
nunc et in hora mortis nostrae. Amen.

*Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee;  
blessed art thou among women,  
and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.  
Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners,  
now and at the hour of our death. Amen.*

*Prayers of Intercession*

We pray for the family of the Church and for the life of families around us, saying Father of all

**hear your children's prayer.**

Sovereign Lord, your Son has revealed you as our heavenly Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named. Father of all

**hear your children's prayer.**

You have made your Church a spiritual family, a household of faith. Through baptism we are reborn as the brothers and sisters of Christ; deepen our unity and fellowship in him. Father of all

**hear your children's prayer.**

You sent your Son to give his life a ransom for the whole human family. Give justice, peace and racial harmony to the world he died to save. Father of all

**hear your children's prayer.**

You gave your Son a share in the life of a family in Nazareth. Help us to value our families, to be thankful for them, and to live sensitively within them. Father of all

**hear your children's prayer.**

Your Son drew round him a company of friends. Bring love and joy to all who are alone. Help us all to find in the brothers and sisters of Christ a loving family. Father of all

**hear your children's prayer.**

You are the God of the dead as well as of the living. In confidence we remember those of the household of faith who have gone before us. Bring us with them to the joy of your home in heaven, where you are alive and reign now and for ever. **Amen.**

*Concluding prayer from the Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom*

Lord, you have given us grace to agree in these our prayers, and you have promised that when two or three ask together in your name you will grant their requests. Fulfil now, Lord, our desires and prayers as may be best for us. Grant us, in this life, knowledge of your truth and in the age to come, life eternal. **Amen.**

Hymn

1. **Light of the minds that know him,  
may Christ be light to mine!  
My sun in risen splendour,  
my light of truth divine;  
my guide in doubt and darkness,  
my true and living way,  
my clear light ever shining,  
my dawn of heaven's day.**
2. **Life of the souls that love him,  
may Christ be ours indeed!  
the living bread from heaven  
on whom our spirits feed;  
who died for love of sinners  
to bear our guilty load,  
and make of life's brief journey  
a new Emmaus road.**
3. **Strength of the wills that serve him,  
may Christ be strength to me,  
who stilled the storm and tempest,  
who calmed the tossing sea;  
his Spirit's power to move me,  
his will to master mine,  
his cross to carry daily  
and conquer in his sign.**
4. **May it be ours to know him  
that we may truly love,  
and loving, fully serve him  
as serve the saints above;  
till in that home of glory  
with fadeless splendour bright,  
we serve in perfect freedom  
our strength, our life, our light.**

Words: Timothy Dudley-Smith (b 1926)

Tune: Meirionydd — later from of melody by W. Lloyd (1785-1852)

**The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ,  
and the love of God,  
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,  
be with us all evermore. Amen.**

**Postlude**

*Cantilène (Op 29, No 2) — Gabriel Pierné*

*You are Invited to share some light refreshments  
at the Entrance to the Cathedral.*

## **A Prayer for Mothering Sunday**

**Loving God,  
Thank you for mums and children  
and for all the joy of family life.  
Be with those who are grieving  
because they have no mother;  
Be close to those who are struggling  
because they have no children;  
Be near to those who are sad  
because they are far apart from those they love.  
Let your love be present in every home,  
And help your church to have eyes to see  
and ears to hear the needs of all who come.  
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.**

