



# The Word WEEKLY BULLETIN



Parishes of Holy Spirit, St Anne & St Gerard.

**Third Sunday of Lent, 2-3 March 2024**

**Parish Priest: Fr. Arsenio Tuazon**

**Pastor Emeritus: Fr. John Dupuche**

**ST VINCENT DE PAUL \$2.00 COLLECTION WEEKEND**

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## **MASS TIMES:**

Wednesdays and Fridays 9:15am in Chapel

Saturdays 6pm in Church

Sundays 9am in Church and 5pm in Chapel

1st Saturday of the month 9:15am in Chapel

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## **Office Hours:**

THURS 9am—3pm

FRI 9am—3pm

## **Masses:**

Tuesdays 9am at St Gerard's Warrandyte

Sundays 10:30am—1st Sunday of the month at St. Anne's

Every other Sunday 10:30am at St Gerard's

## **ST ANNE'S SCHOOL PRINCIPAL**

Michael Edmonds—9876 1533

## **IN THE PEACE OF CHRIST—RECENTLY DECEASED:**

**ANNIVERSARIES OF DEATH:** Kath McKean, Paul Streefkerk, Anthony Hickey, Maria Romano, Desmond Meagher, Joe Dioguardi, Patrick O'Connor, David English and Peter Leonard

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING SICK:** Stella & family, Sean Hill, Valerie Mason, Adrian Ness, Carol Vallance, Chris Neate, Edna Danelutti, Helen, Justine, Christian Heskett, Will Laussen, Kerry McIntyre, Lyn Read, Heather Doy, Evelyn Reinecke, Melanie Saba, Arthur McConnell, Penny Mifsud, Patricia Higgins, Kellie Nagle, Barry Robbins, Jim Nippard, Barbara Delia, Daniel Leo, Ron Chamberlin

**Readings this week:** Exodus 20:1-17; 1 Cor 1:22-25; John 2:13-25

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## **Holy Spirit Parish Vision**

At Holy Spirit Parish, we are an inviting community inspired by the Holy Spirit; welcoming everyone to worship, grow, belong and serve together as Disciples of Christ.



**Holy Spirit is a child safe parish. At Holy Spirit we hold the care, safety and well being of children and young people as a central and fundamental responsibility of our parish.**

**EVENTS THIS COMING WEEK - 4th-10th March 2024**

**MONDAY**

**TUESDAY**

9.15-10.00 am Meditation, Holy Spirit Chapel  
7.15 pm Liturgy Meeting, Mary Bresnan Room  
7.30 pm RCIA via Zoom  
8.00 pm Charismatic Prayer Group, Holy Spirit Chapel

**WEDNESDAY**

9.15 am Mass, Holy Spirit Chapel followed by Rosary  
6.00 pm Rosary via Zoom  
7.30 pm Parish Pastoral Council Meeting, Mary Bresnan Room

**THURSDAY**

10.00 am Men's Chat Group, Mary Bresnan Room  
7.00 pm Holy Spirit School Dads' Social Night, Community Centre  
7:30pm Choir, Holy Spirit Chapel

**FRIDAY**

9.15 am Mass, Holy Spirit Chapel  
9:45 Rosary, Adoration & Stations of the Cross (during Lent)

**SATURDAY**

6.00 pm Vigil Mass, Holy Spirit Church

**SUNDAY**

**FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT**

9.00 am Mass, Holy Spirit Church  
4.00-5.00 pm High Spirits, Mary Bresnan Room  
5.00 pm Mass, Holy Spirit Chapel

**ROSTERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND 9th-10th March 2024**

**Mass Coordinators:**

6.00 pm: Terry Taffe

9.00 am: Don Schroder

**Lectors:**

6.00 pm: Ambrose Cornelio

9.00 am: David Heath

**Welcomers:**

6.00 pm: Jean Smith

9.00 am: Tina Toomey

**Ministers of Communion:** 6.00 pm: Barry Ward

9.00 am: Don Schroder and Jocelyn D'Souza

**Tea and Coffee:** 9.00 am: Chris and Vicki Morris

**BAPTISM INFORMATION MEETINGS** are held every second Tuesday of the month (except January) in the Parish House. Please call the Office on 7036 9395 to register your attendance/interest.  
Next meeting: Tuesday 13th March at 7.30 pm, Mary Bresnan Room.

**Holy Spirit Web Site - [www.holyspiritparish.org.au](http://www.holyspiritparish.org.au):**

Stay in touch with our parish website.

- "News, Events": ref menu
- "How we stay connected", online resources such as Masses, Prayers, Newsletters, Next Zoom: ref home page

**Parish Database Update** Please remember to advise the parish staff of any changes to phone and email details so we can update our database via email to [Ringwoodnorth@cam.org.au](mailto:Ringwoodnorth@cam.org.au) or phone 7036 9395.

**Tuesday Meditation** Tuesdays @ 9:15am in the Holy Spirit Chapel (not during School holidays).  
Please contact Len on 0401 519 727 if you have queries.

**Charismatic Prayer Group** Tuesdays @ 8pm in the Holy Spirit Chapel for prayer, praise and worship and fellowship. If interested, contact Jacek on 0490 884 914 or Ann on 0437 127 326.



**HOLY SPIRIT PARISH ZOOM ROSARY**

Wednesday evenings at 6:00pm—Meeting ID: 631 950 8706 Passcode: 2p7ssZ

Hosted by Ambrose & Philomena Cornelio

Prayer requests may be emailed to Ambrose: [acornelio@connecteast.com.au](mailto:acornelio@connecteast.com.au) for inclusion weekly.

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**Caritas**  
AUSTRALIA

## THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT



Samoa may be a country surrounded by water, but access to clean drinking water is scarce in some areas, with many families facing extreme hardship as a result.

Leaia lives with her five children, husband, brother and sister-in-law on the island of Upolu in Samoa. Not having access to a reliable source of clean water caused Leaia a lot of worry.

Their home is not connected to a piped water system, so they had to rely solely on rainwater collected in old fridges. When their water ran out, Leaia had to walk with her young children to collect water in buckets and containers from a neighbour down the street.

With the support of Caritas Australia's local partner, Caritas Samoa, a water tank was installed at Leaia's home. She and her family now have a steady supply of clean drinking water at home. Next year, they will also have a toilet built, with the support of Caritas Samoa, which will further improve their health and living conditions.

"We are very thankful and grateful for the water tank. It has helped us so much and made our daily life easier," Leaia said.

**Please donate to Project Compassion.**

Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow **for all future generations**.

You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes and envelopes available from your parish, by visiting [caritas.org.au/project-compassion](https://caritas.org.au/project-compassion) or by calling 1800 024 413.

Photo: Laura Womersley/Caritas Australia



**PROJECT  
COMPASSION**  
FOR ALL FUTURE GENERATIONS

## WEEKLY REFLECTION THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

Exodus 20:1–17 | 1 Corinthians 1:22–25 | John 2:13–25

Written by Michael McGirr

If the world is one great classroom, then God is a fantastic teacher. We have all had experience of this: the firm and gentle way that God opens our minds and helps us to understand.

Today's readings show three different ways that God tries to get through to us. In the first reading, God sets some clear expectations for behaviour. They are all based around respect, both for the teacher and for those with whom we share the class! At the same time, God reminds us 'I am the Lord your God who brought you out of the house of slavery.' In other words, these are not random rules. They are designed to protect our deepest freedom. Disregarding them sends us back into captivity.

In the Gospel, Jesus is annoyed by people who think they know everything but who have not properly understood the basic lesson about justice and reverence. 'Stop turning my father's house into a market.' Finally, St Paul speaks about wisdom. 'God's weakness is stronger than human strength.' This is another style again: inviting us into a mystery, almost using riddles to get us to think outside the box.

It is no surprise that the Catholic community has always valued education and done a great deal to make it accessible for people around the world. Just as God teaches us, so too do we try to share the wonderful gift of learning with others.

**HIGH SPIRITS** is back for 2024. Does your child attend a State Primary School and is interested in making their Sacraments at Holy Spirit? We are accepting new enrolments now. Classes run during school terms on a Sunday from 4.00-5.00 pm in the Mary Bresnan Room of the Parish House. The children then attend mass at 5.00 pm in the Chapel. If you would like further information or have any queries, please contact the High Spirits Coordinator, Elma Gama on 0413 231 871.



The next yearly set of **Thanksgiving Envelopes** are available for collection from the back of the Church. With the enormous rise in printing costs and as we head to a more cashless society, we have convenient Credit Card and Direct Debit facilities available through our website. For ad-hoc donations, we also have a \$10 tap and go machine by the Church front door for your convenience. Please consider one of these alternatives to the envelope system. If you do wish to change to electronic contributions, please advise the Parish Office of your intention so that we can make the necessary changes. Thank you for your ongoing financial support. It is greatly appreciated.

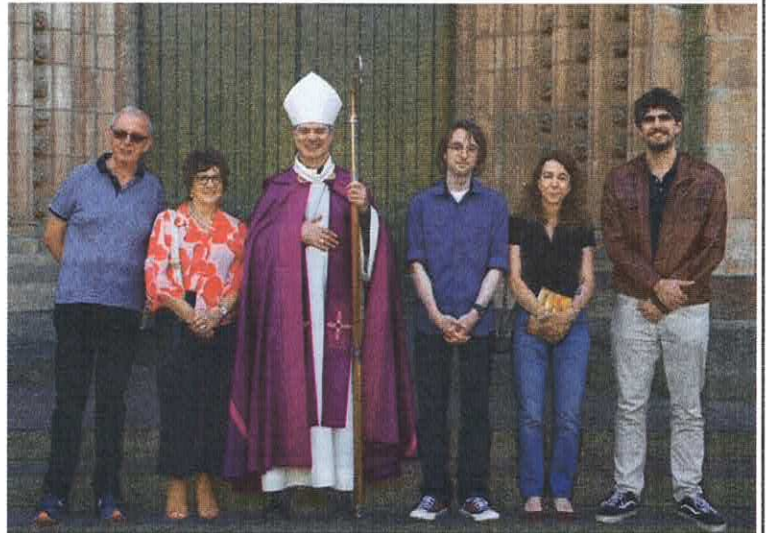
### Rite of Election – St. Patrick's Cathedral

On Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> February, we – Ryan (Catechumen), Nat (his Sponsor), Cathy (Ryan's mother), Lawrence and Tina (RCIA Team Members) ventured into Melbourne City for the 'Rite of Election' - a ceremony for those entering or renewing their Catholic faith. It was a beautiful warm and sunny day and the city was buzzing.

We saw many happy Taylor Swift fans excitedly walking, chatting and in high spirits. The ceremony at St Patrick's Cathedral was very moving and beautiful - a wonderful stepping stone towards the Easter Vigil. The ceremony had a tangible 'community' feeling about it – with representatives from parishes all over Melbourne.

Please keep Ryan in your prayers and say hello, if you see him at Mass. Thanks to Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne and Archbishop Comensoli for making everyone feel so welcome.

Peace and Blessings, Lawrence and Tina.



### **PALMS AUSTRALIA: *Mission: Transform Lives - theirs...and yours.***

Communities in Africa, Asia, Australia and the Pacific are looking for qualified and experienced Australians from ALL sectors to share their skills with those who have had little opportunity for formal training. You too will learn and grow within a most welcoming community. Experience the joy as you assist to change lives. Learn more: Join our [Mission Webinar](#) March 5th, 2024, 6:00 - 6:30 pm.

Learn Even More: Join our [two-week tour to Timor-Leste on 06/05/2024](#) to see Palms program participants our local partner communities in action together. Contact: 02 9560 5333

[palms@palms.org.au](mailto:palms@palms.org.au)



Applications are invited from suitably qualified and experienced people for the positions of:

#### **Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne**

- **Executive Support Officer-Proclaim, East Melbourne**
- **Aboriginal Catholic Ministry of Victoria (ACMV) Coordinator, Thornbury**

#### **Catholic Development Fund**

- **Relationship Manager, Catholic Development Fund**
- **Marketing Coordinator, Catholic Development Fund**
- **Communications Advisor, Catholic Development Fund**

#### **Parish Positions**

- **Parish Secretary- St John Bosco's Parish, Niddrie**
- **Ministry Coordinator, St Scholastica's Parish, Bennettswood**

#### **Other Positions**

- **Executive Assistant to the Provincial, Camberwell**
- **Fundraising Coordinator, Missionaries of God's Love Priests & Brothers, Melbourne, Sydney or Canberra**

Further details of the above positions can be found on the Archdiocese website at:

[Job vacancies | Melbourne Catholic](#)

Should you have any further questions please do not hesitate to contact Human Resources at [hadmin@cam.org.au](mailto:hadmin@cam.org.au)

**On the Journey this week:** Sr Katherine Stone MGL says that sometimes burdensome details can seem to overtake the relationship we have with God. Mother Hilda says not all obstacles in life are bad, some are God saving us from ourselves. Plus, Fr Tony Percy on the 10 commandments, and Fr's Sean Cullen and Chris Sarkis. Plus, more great music! Visit [www.jcr.org.au](http://www.jcr.org.au) or [www.itunes.jcr.org.au](http://www.itunes.jcr.org.au) where you can listen anytime



## EASTER SERVICE VOLUNTEERS

### YOUR PARISH NEEDS YOU!

As always, we are preparing some very special liturgies for each of our Easter Services so that everyone will experience and understand the significance of Easter.

In particular, we plan to reintroduce the large Cross to the Good Friday Service.

For this to happen, especially for the large number of people who join us to celebrate Easter, we need many more members of our parish/school community to help at each of the Masses.

We want everyone to feel welcome, to feel that they belong to an active, vibrant community, and to return home feeling they have experienced something truly moving and meaningful.

Please consider volunteering in some capacity at one or more of the services, by adding your name onto one of the lists at the back of the church or contacting the Parish Office on 70369395 or

[ringwoodnorth@cam.org.au](mailto:ringwoodnorth@cam.org.au)

#### Areas where you can help include:

Cross Carriers for Good Friday

Special Ministers

Offertory Procession

Readers

Collectors

Altar Servers (particularly Holy Thursday & Good Friday)

Welcomers

Clean-up/reset team after each Mass –

**We particularly need people to help set up on Saturday 23 March. Palms need to be put up & chairs need to be brought in from storage and set up.**

The Liturgy Team

#### Easter Services at Holy Spirit are:

**Palm Sunday, 23-24 March: Saturday 6pm, Sunday 9:00am & 5:00pm**

**Reconciliation 26 March: Combined Parishes service, 7:30pm @ Holy Spirit**

**Holy Thursday, 28 March: Mass of the Last Supper, 7:30pm**

**Good Friday, 29 March: Stations of the Cross, 10:00am**

**Celebration of the Lord's Passion, 3:00pm**

**Holy Saturday, 30 March: Easter Vigil: 7:30pm**

**Easter Sunday, 31 March: Easter Mass: 9:00am**

**PLEASE NOTE: THERE IS NO 5PM MASS ON EASTER SUNDAY**

#### PALM SUNDAY MASSES 23 & 24 March 2024

Palm Sunday Masses will commence with blessing of palm & olive branches on the lawn at the top of the stairs and a procession into the Church. Whilst we will have palm & olive branches available at each Mass, we encourage parishioners to bring branches if they can.

Thank you



All parishioners are invited to attend a session entitled: Exploring the Gospel of Mark

Hosted by St John's Parish in Mitcham, the session will be facilitated by Ria Greene. Ria Greene is a secondary school teacher and scripture scholar who speaks in a way that resonates with those who may not have a lot of experience in reading scripture. For further details please phone the St John's Parish Secretary on Manuela, on 9401 6366.





# FETE EDITION

WE 3 March 2024

[www.holyspiritfete.org.au](http://www.holyspiritfete.org.au)

## Join the Fete Committee

Are you passionate about making a difference in our community?

## Fete Committee Meetings

Anyone interested in joining the fete committee please contact Lauren Cefai.

## Sponsorship Opportunities

We would love to promote our Holy Spirit family business'.



## Contact Us

For all Fete enquires please email [fete@holyspiritparish.org.au](mailto:fete@holyspiritparish.org.au) or call Lauren Cefai on 0407 024 019.

## FETE TOY DRIVE

Parishioners and the wider community are invited to donate toys and leave with Parish House between Tuesday 27 February until Friday 1 March. We will accept late donations!

You are invited to donate a new or as new pre-loved toy (or maybe even regift ) to help make this year's Fete a fabulous success! These toys will be sold as part of the TOY Stall on Fete Day; Saturday 12th October 2024.

Any donation, big or small will be greatly appreciated. There will be another opportunity to donate closer to the Fete.

*The Fete Committee thanks for your continued support!*

### TOY DONATION

**Tues 27th Feb - Fri 1st March**

**Donate a new or great condition pre loved toy to make our Fete a fabulous success!**



## Sponsor Offers (New for 2024)

As a gift from 2024 Fete Sponsor Fernwood Mitcham please find a free 5 day pass as a gift to every Holy Spirit mum & special woman in our community.

Bring in the gift card below to claim your free 5 day pass to Fernwood Mitcham, or redeem the free pass via the link here:

<https://join.fernwoodfitness.com.au/5-day-pass/mitcham/>







- Secretary
- Social Media/  
Communications Coordinator
- Stalls Leader
- General Members

OUR COMMUNITY NEEDS YOU!

Join Now

## Join the Fete Committee and Make a Difference!

Are you passionate about making a difference in our community? We're excited to announce that we're still on the lookout for dedicated volunteers to fill important roles within our organization. Check out the opportunities below and become part of our incredible team:

**Secretary:** Help keep things organized and running smoothly behind the scenes.

**Social Media / Communications Coordinator:** Share our journey with the our community and engage with them through a vibrant online presence.

**Stalls Leader:** Coordinate our stalls, creating memorable experiences for our attendees.

Plus, we welcome individuals interested in contributing as general members, bringing their unique skills and enthusiasm to the table! If you're ready to make a meaningful impact and join a team dedicated to positive change, we'd love to hear from you. Together, let's create something extraordinary.

Interested? Reach out to Lauren Cefai for more details.

2024  
SPONSORS



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## Fete Committee Meetings

### Term 1 Meetings

Wednesday, 20th March 2024

### Term 2 Meetings

Wednesday, 17th April 2024

Wednesday, 15th May 2024

Wednesday, 19th June 2024

All meetings are held in the P&F & Fete Room at 7.30pm

### Next Meeting

Wednesday 20th March

7.30pm

P&F & Fete Room

FETE  
COMMITTEE  
MEETING







**We believe in the strength of community and collaboration, and we're excited about the prospect of partnering with families & businesses that share our values.**

We would love to promote our Holy Spirit family business'. If you are a family business and interested in sponsorship we would love to support you!

Advertising runs March 2024 through to February 2025 the following year. It's a perfect tax deduction so check with your accountant! Thank you for the support received over the years from our families and community.

Please let us know if you would like to take up an offer by contacting Belle Godfrey, Sponsorship & Marketing Manager on 0492 200 676 or email [admin@frontlinelocksmiths.com.au](mailto:admin@frontlinelocksmiths.com.au)



**Holy Spirit Community Fete**

**SATURDAY 12 OCTOBER 2024**

**If you are interested in:**

- ★ **Sponsoring our event**
- ★ **Donation of a Raffle prize**
- ★ **Silent Auction donations, vouchers & hampers**
- ★ **Becoming a Stall Coordinator**

**then please contact us by emailing  
[fete@holyspiritparish.org.au](mailto:fete@holyspiritparish.org.au)**



Fr Richard Rosse would like to invite you for an 14-day pilgrimage departing on 21st May 2024. This pilgrimage features Fatima, Valladolid, Lourdes, Nice, Siena, Rotondo and Rome for all-inclusive price of \$8190. The fare includes Return Economy Airfares + Local Transfers in Deluxe coaches + Stay in Premium Hotels + All Breakfasts & Dinners + Catholic Priest + English speaking professional guides. For enquiries & bookings call 03 8839 6615 or 1300 721 561 or email us [pilgrimage@magiholidays.com.au](mailto:pilgrimage@magiholidays.com.au).

### **REFLECTION: 3rd Sunday of Lent**

*"You shall not carve idols for yourselves in the shape of anything..." - Exodus 20:4*

How many "gods" do you put before God? "Idols" do not always take the shape of physical things, things we can touch and feel. Those are easy to recognize. Many times they take the form of things we cannot touch and are much harder to spot like pride, power, ego, time, comfort or health. Pray for God's help to prune our vices and to grow in virtue.

### **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION:**

#### ***Celebrant:***

*As we gather here, we are reminded of the freedom that Christ won for us by his death and resurrection. Trusting in God's wisdom and strength we bring our prayers to Him.*

#### **Reader:**

For the Church of God; that by her words, her worship and her actions, she may be seen as the body of Christ and the temple of God's Spirit.

**LORD HEAR US.**

For those who look to us, we pray that the poorer communities in the world whose vision of the future has been clouded by illness and hardship, know the hope of new life at Easter.

**LORD HEAR US.**

For those that cannot find God, or who feel they are beyond God's forgiveness; that they will be able to entrust themselves to the gentle mercy of Christ whose heart burns with love for us all.

**LORD HEAR US.**

For our community; that we may be inspired by the Holy Spirit to support our own parish family with patience and love.

**LORD HEAR US.**

For rulers of nations, for religious leaders, for all those in power; that they will strive to serve the people entrusted to their care and always seek the common good.

**LORD HEAR US.**

We pray that we will deepen our faith over the whole of our lives. May we be open to the many lessons God wants to teach us. Through Project Compassion, may we support the journey of all to fullness of life.

**LORD HEAR US.**

We pray for those who have died recently and those whose anniversaries of death occur about this time: Kath McKean, Paul Streefkerk, Anthony Hickey, Maria Romano, Desmond Meagher, Joe Dioguardi, Patrick O'Connor, David English and Peter Leonard.

May they rest in the loving arms and peace of Christ.

**LORD HEAR US.**

#### ***Celebrant:***

*Loving God. Your saving grace embraces all people in Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, our Saviour and brother. Hear these our prayers that we make to You through Christ our Lord. Amen.*



FIRST READING

Exodus 20.1-3, 7-8, 12-17  
*The law was given through Moses.*

A reading from the book of Exodus.

- 1 God spoke all these words:
- 2 I am the Lord your God,  
who brought you out of the land of Egypt,  
out of the house of slavery;
- 3 you shall have no other gods before me.
- 7 You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the Lord your God,  
for the Lord will not acquit anyone who misuses his name.
- 8 Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy.
- 12 Honour your father and your mother,  
so that your days may be long in the land  
that the Lord your God is giving you.
- 13 You shall not murder.
- 14 You shall not commit adultery.
- 15 You shall not steal.
- 16 You shall not bear false witness against your neighbour.
- 17 You shall not covet your neighbour's house;  
you shall not covet your neighbour's wife,  
or male or female slave, or ox, or donkey,  
or anything that belongs to your neighbour.

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 19.7, 8, 9, 10 (*R. Jn 6.68*)

- R.* Lord, you have the words of everlasting life.
- 7 The law of the Lord is perfect,  
reviving the soul;  
the decrees of the Lord are sure,  
making wise the simple. *R.*
- 8 The precepts of the Lord are right,  
rejoicing the heart;  
the commandment of the Lord is clear,  
enlightening the eyes. *R.*
- 9 The fear of the Lord is pure,  
enduring forever;  
the ordinances of the Lord are true  
and righteous altogether. *R.*
- 10 More to be desired are they than gold,  
even much fine gold;  
sweeter also than honey,  
and drippings of the honeycomb. *R.*



## SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 1.18, 22-25++

*We proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to some,  
but to those who are the called, the wisdom of God.*

A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Corinthians.

- 18 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.  
22 For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom,  
23 but 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.  
25 For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom,  
and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

The word of the Lord.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ, King of endless glory.**  
God loved the world so much, he gave us his only Son,  
that all who believe in him might have eternal life.  
**Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ, King of endless glory.**

## GOSPEL

John 2.13-25

*Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up.*

A reading from the holy gospel according to John.

- 13 The Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem.  
14 In the temple he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves,  
and the money changers seated at their tables.  
15 Making a whip of cords, he drove all of them out of the temple,  
both the sheep and the cattle.  
He also poured out the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables.  
16 He told those who were selling the doves,  
"Take these things out of here! Stop making my Father's house a marketplace!"  
17 His disciples remembered that it was written,  
"Zeal for your house will consume me."  
18 The people then said to him,  
"What sign can you show us for doing this?"  
19 Jesus answered them,  
"Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up."  
20 They then said,  
"This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and will you raise it up in three days?"  
21 But Jesus was speaking of the temple of his body.  
22 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.  
23 When he was in Jerusalem during the Passover festival,  
many believed in his name because they saw the signs that he was doing.  
24 But Jesus on his part would not entrust himself to them,  
because he knew all people  
25 and needed no one to testify about anyone; for he himself knew what was in everyone.

The gospel of the Lord.