



# The Word WEEKLY BULLETIN



Parishes of Holy Spirit, St Anne & St Gerard.

**5th Sunday of Lent, 25-26 March 2023**

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**Pastor Emeritus: Fr. John Dupuche**

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Saturday 6pm  
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TUES 1.30pm to 3.45pm

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FRI 12.30pm to 3.45pm

## **Masses:**

**Tuesdays**

**9am St Gerard's Warrandyte**

**Sundays**

**10:30am—1st Sunday of the month @ St Anne's, every other Sunday at St Gerard's.**

## **SCHOOL PRINCIPAL—St. Anne's**

Michael Edmonds—9876 1533

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

**ANNIVERSARIES OF DEATH:** Peter Brady, Kathleen Hine, Marisa Fantin, Carmel Cahill, Claude Swinson, Bunny Wilcox, Michael Sazenis, Giuseppina Dioguardi, Val Morphet, Caleb D'Alberto and Neil Hogan

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING SICK:** Angela Damora, Warren Darbyshire, Stella & family, Sean Hill, Valerie Mason, Adrian Ness, Dennis Price, Carol Vallance, Chris Neate, Edna Danelutti, Tyler, Helen, Justine, Dan Higgins, Christian Heskett, Will Laussen, Anne Burns, Darren Brock

**Readings this week:** Ezekial 37:12-14; Rom 8:8-11; John 11:1-45

The Word, Spirit Magazine and "Spirit Extra" are available online at [www.holyspiritparish.org.au](http://www.holyspiritparish.org.au)

## **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—27th March—2nd April 2023

<b>MONDAY</b>	7.00 pm St Vincent de Paul Meeting, Mary Bresnan Room
<b>TUESDAY</b>	9.15-10.00 am Meditation, Holy Spirit Chapel 8.00 pm Charismatic Prayer Group, Holy Spirit Chapel
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	9.15 am Mass with Grades 5/6, Holy Spirit Church 6.00 pm Rosary via Zoom followed by Stations of the Cross
<b>THURSDAY</b>	10.00 am Men's Chat Group, Mary Bresnan Room 7:30pm Choir Holy Spirit Church
<b>FRIDAY</b>	11.00 am Anointing Mass, Holy Spirit Church PLEASE NOTE THERE WILL BE NO 9.15 AM MASS THAT MORNING
<b>SATURDAY</b>	9.00 am Reconciliation, Holy Spirit Chapel 9.15 am Mass, Holy Spirit Chapel (First Saturday of the month only) 6.00pm Vigil Mass, Holy Spirit Church
<b>SUNDAY</b>	PALM SUNDAY 9.00 am Mass, Holy Spirit Church 5.00 pm Mass, Holy Spirit Chapel 4.00-5.00 pm High Spirits, Mary Bresnan Room ST VINCENT DE PAUL \$2.00 COLLECTION WEEKEND

### HOLY SPIRIT ROSTERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND 1st-2nd April 2023

Web: [www.cam.org.au/ringwoodnorth/Parish-Groups/Parish-Rosters](http://www.cam.org.au/ringwoodnorth/Parish-Groups/Parish-Rosters)

#### Mass Coordinators:

**6.00 pm:** Mary Ryan

**9.00 am:** Bill Lanigan

**5.00 pm:** Volunteer

#### Lectors:

**6.00 pm:** Ambrose Cornelio

**9.00 am:** Linda Parlee

**5.00 pm:** Volunteer

#### Welcomers:

**6.00 pm:** Dale Sebire

**9.00 am:** Nola Ryan

#### Tea and Coffee:

**9.00 am:** Nola Ryan and Norma Brown

### 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.

### **DAILY MASS BOOKS 2023**

Daily Mass Book 2023 are now available to purchase from the Parish House. (\$30 each)  
Please see Ruth or Jenny to get a copy.



### **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.

**Collection Notice** For information on the Parish's policies regarding information collection and privacy please refer to: [www.holyspiritparish.org.au/Collection-Notice](http://www.holyspiritparish.org.au/Collection-Notice)

### **LADIES MORNING TEA**

This months ladies morning tea at 10am on Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March has been cancelled as it coincides with the Anointing Mass and lunch. All ladies and friends of Holy Spirit Parish are welcome to join us for the Anointing Mass and a light lunch at 11am in the church.

If you are able to attend please contact the Parish Office on; 70369395 or [ringwoodnorth@cam.org.au](mailto:ringwoodnorth@cam.org.au) for catering purposes by the 22<sup>nd</sup> March.

**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.

**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.

**THANKSGIVING ENVELOPES** The next yearly thanksgiving envelopes for 2023/24 are available for collection from the back of the Church. As we are slowly becoming a cashless society, we also have convenient Credit Card and Direct Debit facilities which guarantees your regular contribution to the Parish. You may join the program on-line via our website or you can contact the Parish Office and we can arrange everything. Thank you to everyone who contributes financially to our wonderful Parish. It is very much appreciated.

All parishioners are invited to a **Mass of Anointing** followed by light lunch on Friday 31st March at 11am in the Church.  
Please note that 9:15am Mass will not be celebrated in the chapel on that day.  
For catering purposes, we will need to know numbers. Please fill in the sign up sheet on the word table or contact the Parish Office: ringwoodnorth@cam.org.au or 70369395 by Wednesday 22nd March.

*LORD, My God, I called to you for help and you healed me. Psalm 30:2*



### Volunteers needed

Our wonderful High Spirits leader Elma, is looking for volunteers to assist with the Religious Education of our children who attend non-Catholic schools. Elma has students ranging in year levels from year 3 to year 7. Classes are on Sunday afternoon from 4-5pm., followed by Mass in the Chapel. Volunteers need to have a current Working With Children check and sign a Safeguarding code of conduct. If you would be willing to lend a hand, please contact Elma via the parish Office (ringwoodnorth@cam.org.au)

**On the Journey this week:** Fr Mark De Battista says in the Gospel Jesus leads us into an explicit affirmation of faith in him and belief in his power and identity. Mother Hilda says the raising of Lazarus teaches us how to deal with grief. The Triumph Lenten series continues with Ken Bryant and Br Lewis Harwood. Plus, Fr Mike Delaney wonders if our relationship with our mobile phone is like our relationship with God, and 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.



### FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT



Project Compassion brings together Australian schools, parishes and supporters to raise funds for people in vulnerable communities across the world. This year, we introduced you to the story of four inspiring people whose lives have been transformed with your generous support: Laxmi, Tereesa, Priscilla and Thu.

Today, they are creating a better world for their families, their communities and for all future generations.

Project Compassion is a demonstration of the faith, empathy and generosity of our supporters. It is the lifeblood of Caritas Australia – without it, we could not do the vital work we do. Thank you for helping transform lives today and for all future generations

**Please donate to Project Compassion 2023**

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/envelopes available from your parish, by visiting [caritas.org.au/project-compassion](http://caritas.org.au/project-compassion), or by calling 1800 024 413.





### Combined Parishes Rite of Forgiveness

Tuesday 4 April at 7:30pm, St Anne's Church Park Orchards

Individual Reconciliation will be available to anyone after the service has been completed. All are welcome and encouraged to come.



### DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY 16th APRIL - HOLY SPIRIT CHURCH

This year Divine Mercy Sunday will be celebrated in the Holy Spirit Chapel from 2:00 - 4:30pm.

Confessions will be heard from 2:00pm.

Adoration and Rosary will continue until 3pm.

Divine Mercy Chaplet at 3:00pm followed by Mass at 3:15pm. NB: No 5pm Mass that day.

All are welcome.

Trace the journey of Jesus from the land of his birth to the way he carried his cross and gave the eternal sacrifice in this 14-day Holy Land pilgrimage to Jordan & Israel led by Fr Salas Muttathukattil MSFS. This pilgrimage features places from the Old & New Testament and includes Petra, Mt Nebo, Bethlehem, Nazareth, Sea of Galilee, Mt Sinai and Jerusalem for an all-inclusive offer of \$6,940 AUD. The fare includes Airfare + Local Transfers in Deluxe Coaches + Stay in Premium Hotels + All Breakfasts & Dinners + English speaking professional guides. Departure from Sydney and Melbourne on 21st May 2023. For inquiries & bookings call 1300 721 561 or email us [info@magiholidays.com.au](mailto:info@magiholidays.com.au)

# Fiat

A WEEKEND OF PRAYER  
24-26 MARCH 2023



Archbishop Peter A Comensoli has called for a weekend of prayer throughout the whole Archdiocese on Friday 24 to Sunday 26 March 2023. *Fiat – A Weekend of Prayer* coincides with the Feast of the Annunciation. As we continue to walk the journey of *Take the Way of the Gospel*, Archbishop Comensoli has asked us to begin the year in prayer together as one local Church community meditating on Mary's total 'yes' – as individuals, as parish communities and as a local Church of Melbourne.

Parishes, communities, and movements are invited to dedicate at least an hour of prayer across the weekend. **Holy Spirit parish will hold an hour of prayer on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> March 11:00am -12pm in the Chapel with Adoration and the Rosary** All are most welcome, please contact the parish office if you are able to attend for all or some of the hour. Email [ringwoodnorth@cam.org.au](mailto:ringwoodnorth@cam.org.au) or ph: 7036 9395.

### PALM SUNDAY MASSES 1 & 2 APRIL 2023

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



**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. 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 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 of the services, by adding your name onto one of the lists at the back of the church.

For further information contact the Parish House on 7036 9395.

**Areas where you can help include:**

- 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 for Palm Sunday as the palms need to be collected and put up on the Saturday morning.

Please consider offering to help make our Easter Services this year truly moving and meaningful celebrations. Add your name to the sign up sheets or contact the parish Office on 7036 9395

The Liturgy Team

**HOLY SPIRIT PARISH**  
**Celebrate Holy Week**  
**and Easter with us**  
**PALM SUNDAY MASSES**  
SATURDAY 1st April – 6.00 pm  
SUNDAY 2nd April – 9.00 am & 5.00 pm  
**THURSDAY 6th APRIL**  
7.30 pm – Mass of the Last Supper  
**FRIDAY 7th APRIL**  
10.00 am – Stations of the Cross  
3.00 pm – Solemn Celebration  
of the Lord's Passion  
**SATURDAY 8th APRIL**  
7.30 pm – Easter Vigil  
(including lighting of the Easter fire)  
**SUNDAY 9th APRIL**  
9.00 am – Easter Mass

## BISHOP ROBERT RABBAT 'S SYRIAN EARTHQUAKE APPEAL



### PLEASE DONATE NOW

The recent Syrian earthquake has hit people who were already displaced in a region that has been devastated by more than a decade of civil war. Yet again, we are seeing people fleeing and desperate for shelter in freezing winter conditions. We want to help provide that light in the deepest darkness, to get through this devastating disaster.

#### MCF DGR ACCOUNT

Ref: Syrian Appeal

BSB: 062784

Account: 100011493

All donations are Tax Deductible. For a receipt please email [mcf@melkite.org.au](mailto:mcf@melkite.org.au) or contact on (02) 9750 5514

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

#### Catholic Archdiocese Of Melbourne

Retail Shop Assistant – St Patricks Cathedral Shop

Discipleship Specialist - Marriage and Family Accompaniment

Executive Support Officer

Senior Creatives Officer

#### Catholic Development Fund

Finance, Risk and Administration Officer

Data Analyst

Senior Data Engineer

#### Parish Positions

Parish Secretary – St Dominic's Parish, Melton

Parish Administrative Coordinator - St Patrick's and St Kevin's Parishes, Murrumbidgee

Pastoral Worker – St Peter and Paul's Parish, Doncaster East




#### Other Positions

Digital Marketing and Fundraising Contractor - Carmel Impact

Maintenance Officer - Corpus Christi

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

<https://melbournecatholic.org/job-vacancies>



# EASTER Eggstravaganza

119 Eastfield Road, Croydon (interior of the trotting track)

Sunday 2nd April 2023  
11am - 2pm

Hop on over to our **FREE** community Easter carnival. Enjoy a fun-filled day with rides, delicious food trucks, mesmerizing magic shows, and meet Toby the T-rex. Don't miss out on the Easter games and other exciting activities. Bring the whole family and make some Easter memories at our carnival. See you there.

**Book Now** To secure a free ticket to our event.







Hello to all our wonderful previous

Winter Shelter Volunteers -

**WE ARE BACK for winter 2023!!!!**

Hoping you have you got a few spare hours to come back to volunteer with Winter Shelter this winter? We need YOU!!

As you are aware our program aims to provide basic facilities, hospitality and crisis accommodation to those who are experiencing homelessness in the city of Maroondah.

Our guests are offered "more than just a place to stay", they are provided with a wholesome dinner, showering facilities, overnight accommodation, breakfast and a packed lunch every night of the week, from 1st June - 17th September.

If you can chat, listen, cook meals, serve food, socialise, drive a minibus, transport our trailer between venues, help in the kitchen, etc we would love to have you back to be part of our 2023 WS team.

An Information Night will be held late April/early May (TBC)

To register for 2023 go directly to  
<https://wintershelter.org.au/volunteer>  
or use the QR code



Find us on Facebook or Instagram for more information or contact Maroondah Winter Shelter Program Coordinator



Gitta Clayton M: 0451 744 453 [gitta.clayton@croydonhills.care](mailto:gitta.clayton@croydonhills.care)  
or Beth - Volunteer Coordinator [boswalds1@gmail.com](mailto:boswalds1@gmail.com)

# Holy Spirit **WORKING BEE**



Sunday 26 March  
10.30am

Spare a few hours to help clear out the P&F Room and Stalls





# Holy Spirit Community Fete

**SATURDAY 7 OCTOBER 2023**

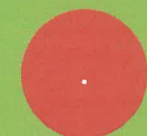


Fete Committee met Tuesday 21 March and it was great to see some new faces! Planning is underway for Toy Donation, Mystery Jar Day and Lob a Choc Days which our P&F help coordinate.

We are still on the search for committee members with at least 6 new volunteers required. This is a great year to dip your toe in and see what it is all about without the pressure of a specific role and to have fun!



We are on target to achieve our 2023 goal to exceed last year's sponsorship by \$5000.00



**31 March**  
Toy Donation & Free Dress



**9 June**  
Mystery Jars



**18 August**  
Lob A Choc Day





### 2023 Sponsorship & Donations

We are now taking donations and sponsorship offers for 2023. Marketing starts in March and runs through to February 2024. Offers close 30 June.

### Stall Holders Required

We are on the search for a new generation of stall holders to help continue our fete to operate.



### Stall Holder Positions

- Hot Chips
- Books
- Trash & Treasure
- Poffertjes
- Silent Auction
- Devonshire Tea
- Animal Farm

Next Meeting 9 May

For Sponsorship and  
Donations Offers contact:

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Marketing Manager

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www.holyspiritfete.org.au



## **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION:**

***Celebrant:***

***As we move towards the most sacred time of the Church's year, we place our prayers before our heavenly Father confident that as we accompany Jesus to Calvary, so we will also share in the hope of the resurrection.***

Reader:

For the Church; that we may strive with all our strength to do God's will even in the midst of our current uncertainty and difficulty. Lord hear us.

ALL: Lord hear our prayer.

For all who must bear the cross each day, especially those housebound and the terminally ill; that God's presence and strength will sustain them through the challenges of each day.

Lord hear us.

ALL: Lord hear our prayer.

For all who work for Caritas; we pray that they know the glad support that we give them and that God blesses them richly for their generous and creative service of so many people in great need. Lord hear us.

ALL: Lord hear our prayer.

For all who have experienced abandonment, for those who have been deserted by family or friends, for those who have been accused unjustly; that God's spirit will comfort them and help them to hold fast to the truth.

Lord hear us.

ALL: Lord hear our prayer.

We give thanks for all the people who fill our lives with love. We pray for all those who do not feel loved, especially those yet to appreciate the depth of God's love. May our support for Project Compassion be a sign to others of the love of God for all people.

Lord hear us.

ALL: Lord hear our prayer.

We pray for our Confirmation candidates here with us for their commitment weekend to pledge to become members of our Christian community. May their faith be sustained and deepened as they complete this profound step in their spiritual journey.

Lord hear us.

ALL: Lord hear our prayer.

We pray for those who have died recently and for those whose anniversaries of death occur about this time:

Peter Brady, Kathleen Hine, Marisa Fantin, Carmel Cahill, Claude Swinson, Bunny Wilcox, Michael Sazenis, Giuseppina Dioguardi, Val Morphet, Caleb D'Alberto and Neil Hogan.

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

Lord hear us.

ALL: Lord hear our prayer.

***Celebrant:***

***Heavenly Father. Hear our prayers and grant what we ask in faith, through Christ our Lord. Amen.***

## **REFLECTION: 5th Sunday of Lent**

*"Jesus said to her, 'Did I not tell you that if you believe you will see the glory of God?'" (John 11:40)*

Many of us say that we believe in God. We go to church on Sunday. We volunteer for events at our parish. But when life gets hard and the pressure is on, when things aren't going our way, do we really believe and put our trust in the Lord? When we live a life of gratitude, being thankful for the gifts we have been given, we really do see that God is providing all that we need. It opens our hearts to see God's active presence in our daily lives.



## FIRST READING

Ezekiel 37.12-14

*I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live.*

A reading from the book of the prophet Ezekiel.

**12** Thus says the Lord God:

"I am going to open your graves,  
and bring you up from your graves, O my people;  
and I will bring you back to the land of Israel.

**13** And you shall know that I am the Lord,  
when I open your graves,  
and bring you up from your graves, O my people.

**14** "I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live,  
and I will place you on your own soil;  
then you shall know  
that I, the Lord, have spoken and will act,"  
says the Lord.

The word of the Lord.

*A period of silence is observed after the reading.*

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 130.1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7b-8 (R.7b)

**R.** With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption.

**1** Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord.

**2** Lord, hear my voice! Let your ears be attentive  
to the voice of my supplications! **R.**

**3** If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand?

**4** But there is forgiveness with you, so that you may be revered. **R.**

**5** I wait for the Lord, my soul waits, and in his word I hope;

**6** my soul waits for the Lord more than those who watch for the morning. **R.**

**7** For with the Lord there is steadfast love, and with him is great power to redeem.

**8** It is he who will redeem Israel from all its iniquities. **R.**

## SECOND READING

Romans 8.8-11

*The Spirit of God who raised Jesus from the dead will give life  
to your mortal bodies.*

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans.

**8** Those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

**9** But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit,  
since the Spirit of God dwells in you.

Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him.

**10** But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin,  
the Spirit is life because of righteousness.

**11** If the Spirit of God who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you,  
he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also  
through his Spirit that dwells in you.

The word of the Lord.

*A period of silence is observed after the reading.*

## GOSPEL ACCLAMAT I O N

**I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord;  
whoever believes in me will not die for ever.**

A reading from the holy gospel according to John.

**3** The sisters of Lazarus sent a message to Jesus,  
"Lord, he whom you love is ill."

**4** But when Jesus heard this, he said,  
"This illness does not lead to death; rather it is for God's glory,  
so that the Son of God may be glorified through it."

**5** Accordingly, though Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus,  
**6** after having heard that Lazarus was ill,  
he stayed two days longer in the place where he was.

**7** Then after this he said to the disciples,  
"Let us go to Judea again."

**17** When Jesus arrived,  
he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days.

**20** When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him,  
while Mary stayed at home.

**21** Martha said to Jesus,  
"Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.

**22** But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him."

**23** Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again."

**24** Martha said to him,  
"I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day."

**25** Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life.  
Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live,

**26** and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die.  
Do you believe this?"

**27** She said to him,  
"Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world."

**33** Jesus was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved.

**34** He said, "Where have you laid him?"  
They said to him, "Lord, come and see."

**35** Jesus began to weep.

**36** So the Jews said, "See how he loved him!"

**37** But some of them said,  
"Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?"

**38** Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb.  
It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it.

**39** Jesus said, "Take away the stone."

Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him,  
"Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days."

**40** Jesus said to her,  
"Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?"

**41** So they took away the stone.

And Jesus looked upward and said,  
"Father, I thank you for having heard me.

**42** I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here,  
so that they may believe that you sent me."

**43** When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice,  
"Lazarus, come out!"

**44** The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth,  
and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Unbind him, and let him go."

**45** Many of the Jews therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what Jesus did believed in him.

The gospel of the Lord.