



# The Word WEEKLY BULLETIN



Parishes of Holy Spirit, St Anne & St Gerard.

**Palm Sunday, 9-10 April 2022**

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**St Vincent de Paul \$2 collection this weekend**

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Holy Spirit Parish  
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*Holy Spirit Parish  
Celebrating 50 years of Faith, Family & Friendship*

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Readings, Prayers of Intercession and a Gospel reflection are included in the word, which is available from the parish web site:

[www.holyspiritparish.org.au/The-Word-Newsletter](http://www.holyspiritparish.org.au/The-Word-Newsletter)

Recorded Masses available at: [www.holyspiritparish.org.au/Online-Resources](http://www.holyspiritparish.org.au/Online-Resources)

Important information, Spirit Extra, the Spirit Magazine and other Parish matters are available on the website:

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

**PLEASE NOTE NEW PHONE DETAILS FOR THE PARISH OFFICE: 70369395**

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

Please contact us via the new phone number or email if you have any enquiries.

**IN THE PEACE OF CHRIST— RECENTLY DECEASED:** Patrick Finnan

**ANNIVERSARIES OF DEATH:** Matthew Versteegen, Joyce Allen, Phil Dacy, Beryl Simpson, Anne Moylan, Frances Blyth, Maria Lombardo, Ernesto Martini and Dulcine Cornelio

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING SICK:** Ben Lobo, Angela Damora, Warren Darbyshire, Stella & family, Pauline Curlis, Sean Hill, Valerie Mason, Dominique, Paul Sanderson, Adrian Ness, Dennis Price, John Hogan, Christopher Woolley, Eve Foreman, Neville Benedict, Shirley Graham

**Readings this week:** Isaiah 50:4-7; Phil 2:6-11; Luke 22:66-23:49

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.

The Word: Please note in order to get the Parish email distributed each week, submissions for the word need to be received by 2pm Thursday. Thank you, Jenny.

### **EVENTS THIS COMING WEEK—11th-17th April 2022**

<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>SCHOOL HOLIDAYS TILL TUESDAY 26TH APRIL</b> 7.00 pm St Vincent de Paul Meeting, Mary Bresnan Room
<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>7.30 am Combined Parishes Forgiveness Service, Holy Spirit Church</b>
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	9.15 am Mass, Holy Spirit Chapel 7.00 pm Rosary via Zoom
<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>HOLY THURSDAY</b> 7.30 pm Mass of the Last Supper
<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>GOOD FRIDAY</b> 10.00 am Stations of the Cross 3.00 pm Solemn Celebration of the Lord's Passion, Holy Spirit Church
<b>SATURDAY</b>	7.30 pm Easter Vigil Mass, Holy Spirit Church
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>EASTER SUNDAY</b> 9.00 am Mass only, Holy Spirit Church ( <u>no 5.00 pm Mass</u> )

### **HOLY SPIRIT ROSTERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND 16th-17th April 2022** **Web: [www.cam.org.au/ringwoodnorth/Parish-Groups/Parish-Rosters](http://www.cam.org.au/ringwoodnorth/Parish-Groups/Parish-Rosters)**

#### **Mass Coordinators:**

**7.30 pm:** Yvette Collins                      **9.00 am:** Peter Parle                      **5.00 pm:** No Mass

#### **Lectors:**

**7.30 pm:** Liturgy Team                      **9.00 am:** Maryann Street                      **5.00 pm:**

#### **Welcomers:**

**7.30 pm:** Marita North-Coombes

**9.00 am:** Don Schroder

#### **Tea and Coffee:**

**9.00 am:** No tea or coffee—Easter Sunday

### **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



**HOLY SPIRIT PARISH ZOOM ROSARY**  
Wednesday evenings at 7:00pm  
**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)

Every day, more than 200 million children miss out on school, around 690 million people go hungry and 2.2 billion people cannot access clean drinking water. In recent years, COVID-19 has also devastated vulnerable communities already living in poverty, with the health and economic impacts to reverberate for years to come.

It's through the generous support of people like you, even amidst the COVID-19 pandemic, that we are able to continue to help lift vulnerable communities out of poverty – support that is needed now more than ever. Thousands of schools and Parishes in Australia have supported Project Compassion over the past year alone.

**Thank you** for your continued support for Project Compassion – past, present and future. Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow

**For All Future Generations.**

**Please donate to Project Compassion 2022 to help continue empowering vulnerable communities around the world lift themselves and their communities out of poverty.**

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 [lent.caritas.org.au](http://lent.caritas.org.au), or by calling 1800 024 413.

**YOU ARE INVITED TO ATTEND - The annual Mass of Chrism.....7:30pm Tuesday 12th April**

The Mass of Chrism, one of most solemn and significant liturgies of our Church, comes once a year to St. Patrick's Cathedral, Melbourne.. During Mass, Archbishop Peter Comensoli, will bless the oil of catechumens, the oil of the sick and the oil of chrism. The Mass of Chrism gathers the faithful of the diocese to prepare for celebrations of Christ throughout the year. Unfortunately this conflicts with our planned Forgiveness Service, so Fr Arsenio will be attending the Mass and Fr John will celebrate our Rite of Forgiveness. You are warmly invited to attend either of these important events of Holy Week.



**DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY 24th 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.**

**Vinnie's bin**

**Please note the Vinnie's donation bin has been permanently removed. Donations can be taken to the Vinnie's shop on Maroondah Highway.**

**SPIRIT MAGAZINE MARCH 2022**

The March edition of the Spirit magazine is now available for you take home or read on line via the parish website: [MASTER\\_Holy\\_Spirit\\_Mag\\_MARCH\\_2022\\_VERSION\\_2.indd](http://MASTER_Holy_Spirit_Mag_MARCH_2022_VERSION_2.indd) ([holyspiritparish.org.au](http://holyspiritparish.org.au)) Hope you enjoy it.

**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 Thank you.

**Charismatic Prayer Group** Please note: the prayer group will not meet on Tuesdays 12th and 19th April. Enquiries: Jacek 9870 7625 Ann 0437 127 326

**Tuesday Meditation** Tuesdays @ 9:15am in the Holy Spirit Chapel. Please contact Len on 0401 519 727 if you have queries.



## Combined Parishes Rite of Forgiveness

Tuesday 12 April at 7:30pm, Holy Spirit Church.

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



### 'Holy Spirit 50th Anniversary Celebration

Thank you to all who attended, who coordinated the Group Posters, authored your stories, memory cards, and supported this enjoyable day, and the many, many people who helped in any way at all.

We wanted to celebrate this day as a recognition of those who were here at the birth of our parish, and those who continue today, whose work in so many varied ways have helped to build the wonderful community that is Holy Spirit Community parish.

We acknowledge those who were not able to "make it" on the day, due to all the varied obstacles life places in our paths from time to time, please know you were missed, and, not forgotten.

For those interested and able to visit, the history posters of so many of our parish Groups and the memory cards will remain in the Centre for weekend Masses until Easter. This gives some who could not attend on the day, the opportunity to see and read some of them! I think you might need several days to read all of them!

We will be publishing all the histories and memories in some form at the end of the Golden Jubilee Year, but I'm sure you'll forgive us for not being able to contemplate just what format that may be right now!

We hope you enjoyed the day as much as we did and that you have re-connected with the many friends you have throughout the Holy Spirit community.

Best Regards

The 50th Team -"



Barry Kearney has made the photos he took last weekend available to parishioners via his website. Go to [barryphotos.com](http://barryphotos.com), click on the Portfolio tab, then Holy Spirit then use the password Holyspirit22.

The gallery of photos will then come up. Photos can be downloaded for free using the shopping cart (bottom right of page).

Thanks to Barry for his support of our special event!

**'Pondering Grief', Saturday 30 April 2022, 10am-3.30pm.** Facilitated by qualified Counsellor/ Supervisor/ Educator Linda Espie, this reflection day offers an invitation to reflect on and honour our inner life of change and transition. With creativity, space and gentle guiding support, this workshop offers a sacred place for the breadth of human experiencing and spirit to guide individual exploration. Heart of Life Centre for Spiritual & Pastoral Formation, Rear 41 Stanhope St, Malvern. Cost \$80 (Materials provided, BYO lunch).

Book& pay via [www.heartoflife.melbourne](http://www.heartoflife.melbourne), or email [info@heartoflife.melbourne](mailto:info@heartoflife.melbourne) or tel 9890 1101.

**On the Journey this week:** Fr Bernard Gordon and Mother Hilda give powerful reflections on the passion of Jesus. There's reflections for Holy Week from Fr Mark De Battista and Fr Sean Cullen, plus Huw from Alpha Australia. 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.

**The Alpha team at Holy Spirit Parish**  
are hosting  
**The Parenting Children Course**  
**Starting 15th May 2022**



**Are you a parent, grandparent or care-giver looking after children aged 0-10 years?**  
**Are you looking for practical support to strengthen your family relationships?**

Over five sessions, the course will help you to:

- **build strong foundations,**
- **meet your children's needs and**
- **teach healthy relationships.**

The course emphasises the role of the family, and acknowledges that there is no instant recipe for bringing up children. However, some general principles apply to all families, and there is great value in discussions with other parents.

**When:** Sunday evenings 7.30 – 9.30pm

**Where:** In your own home – Online via Zoom

**Dates:** May 15th, 22nd, 29th, June 5th & 12th

**Bookings essential:** [www.holyspiritparish.org.au/alpha](http://www.holyspiritparish.org.au/alpha)

For more information contact:

Sharon (0414 346 223) or Maryann (0429 876 434)

or send an email to: [alpharsvp@holyspiritparish.org.au](mailto:alpharsvp@holyspiritparish.org.au)

All parishioners are invited to a **Mass of Anointing** followed by light lunch on Wednesday 18th May at 11am in the Church.

**Please note: 9:15am Mass will not be celebrated in the chapel on that day.**

For catering purposes, we will need to know numbers. Please either fill in the RSVP slip attached, fill in the sign up sheet or contact the Parish Office: [ringwoodnorth@cam.org.au](mailto:ringwoodnorth@cam.org.au) or 70369395 by Friday 13th May.

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



*Mass of Anointing Wednesday 18th May 11am.*

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Contact number:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Number attending:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Dietary requirements:** \_\_\_\_\_



## YOUR DONATION CAN HELP!



Caritas Australia's partner Caritas Ukraine has called for support and assistance as it continues to support the country's most vulnerable as the crisis escalates.

Millions of Ukrainians are now living through air raids and attacks, on top of three million people already in need of humanitarian assistance after eight long years of conflict in eastern Ukraine.

In addition to the needs of displaced families, children in Ukrainian residential institutions – particularly those in close proximity to the front line and nearby shelling – are at risk of physical harm and immense trauma.

Caritas Ukraine is one of the few agencies who are directly on the ground, supporting people in need during this unfolding humanitarian crisis.

"The events which began [on 24th February] will inevitably lead to a colossal humanitarian catastrophe. It is impossible to believe that in the 21st century in the centre of Europe people have to wake up at 5 am from explosions and the sound of air raid sirens." said Tetiana Stawnychy, President of Caritas Ukraine, from her base in Kyiv.

Ukraine is a country already suffering. After eight years of conflict, violence and insecurity have loomed large in the lives of Ukrainians. Over one million people were already displaced and a staggering three million already relied on humanitarian assistance. This escalation in conflict will have dire consequences for all Ukrainians, particularly the most vulnerable.

As the situation continues to worsen, the need for humanitarian support has also increased, furthering the restriction of people's movements, disrupting essential public services including water, power, transport and banking, and damaging vital infrastructure and homes.

"Over the years there has been extensive damage to water, gas and electricity infrastructure. We are especially worried about the reports of attacks on water facilities – there is already a water shortage and this will only make things worse," said Ms Robertson.

Humanitarian priorities include basic food and hygiene kits, access to clean drinking water and fuel to vulnerable households to survive the cold weather condition.

Caritas Australia is working closely with our partner Caritas Ukraine to provide much-needed support in the form of food security, water, sanitation and hygiene and emergency shelter.

Caritas Ukraine is also working to provide transportation and accommodation to displaced families, as well as setting up Child Friendly Spaces for children to heal from trauma.

Your urgent support today will provide immediate assistance to vulnerable communities impacted by this crisis. Please donate now to make a real difference to the lives of people in Ukraine.

To donate, please go to: <https://www.caritas.org.au/project-compassion/donate-today/>

*The funds raised through this appeal will be used to provide immediate and longer-term humanitarian assistance to communities affected by crises in Ukraine*



## Winter Shelter Community Meals Program Update

At this stage we **still require more volunteers to fill the gaps in the rosters** to cook meals for Friday nights in Ringwood, to provide baked goods on Wednesday or Friday nights

Please read the details below to see how you can assist or maybe have a friend, neighbour, family member or colleague you know of who may be interested in cooking or baking for Winter Shelter providing meals for those in need in our local community.

If you are able to assist please go online (links below) and find a date to suit you and fill in that slot, that would be very much appreciated.

Your involvement will be much appreciated. We are expecting to provide 50 to 60 meals per night.

Each cook needs to:

- \* Select a suitable time on the online roster to cook
- \* Provide 6 to 8 meals from each cook in single serve containers.
- \* Containers are provided if needed, or available from North Ringwood Uniting Church any week before you are rostered to cook, or let us know and we can drop them around to you. If you are happy to buy your own, you can do that too!
- \* The meals need to be fresh (not frozen), but not necessarily hot.
- Complete the online food handling course. If you haven't completed the course here is the link:
- <http://dofoodsafely.health.vic.gov.au/index.php/en/then> email a copy of the certificate to [boswalds1@gmail.com](mailto:boswalds1@gmail.com).

If you feel you have capacity to prepare more than 6 to 8 meals, please just fill in multiple slots. One vegetarian meal a week would be appreciated. Others are providing soup, bread, fruit and dessert, so you don't need to supply those.

- Meals can be dropped off on Fridays to North Ringwood Uniting Church 14 Dickson Cres, Ringwood North between 3:30 and 4:30pm. We'll then transport the meals to Urban Life for distribution, or you can deliver your meals directly to:

Urban Life (143 Maroondah Highway, Ringwood, opposite the clock tower) between 4:30 and 5pm.

When selecting a date on the roster please include your email address and phone number just in case we need to contact you. Also to help our drivers, when you sign up, as well as indicating what you are cooking, please specify where you will be dropping off ('NRUC' for North Ringwood Uniting Church or 'UL' for Urban Life) in the 'What I Plan to Bring' column.

If you have any queries, please contact either Rosemary Uren 0437 242 018 or Gitta Clayton 0451 744 453

If you have any issues with delivery/pickup of food, please call Marty on 0418 579 044.

Please fill in your preference on the online rosters - links below

[Winter Shelter Meals Roster #1](#)

[Winter Shelter Meals Roster #2](#)

[Winter Shelter Meals Roster #3](#)

**Bakers** - anyone interested in providing home baked goods on Fridays (weekly) and/or Wednesdays (fortnightly). It is easiest if small quantities of baked goodies are placed into labelled zip locked bags or small containers (e.g. chocolate slice, ANZAC biscuits, banana muffin, vanilla cupcakes, slices of nut loaf, etc).

Our guests really appreciate these treats!

If you haven't completed the online food handling course here is the link: <http://dofoodsafely.health.vic.gov.au/index.php/en/then> email a copy of the certificate to [boswalds1@gmail.com](mailto:boswalds1@gmail.com).

Please fill in your preference on the online rosters - links below

[Winter Shelter Baked Goods Roster 1](#)

[Winter Shelter Baked Goods Roster 2](#)

## **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION:**

*As we commence Holy Week, we place before the Lord our prayers and petitions, confident that He will hear and understand our innermost thoughts.*

For everyone in our Parish community; that we may never lose our faith in God's love, but with Christ, faithfully carry the holy cross of our daily commitment, care and love of others especially in times of trouble, uncertainty and difficulty. Lord hear us.

**Lord hear our prayer.**

For the bereaved in our community, those living with long term illness and those who are housebound; that their faith in the companionship of Christ will comfort them and strengthen their hope in his promise of eternal life. Lord hear us.

**Lord hear our prayer.**

For anyone who feels abandoned, lonely or in any way estranged from their family, friends or the community; that the grace of Christ's painful, lonely journey to the cross will inspire and strengthen them. Lord hear us.

**Lord hear our prayer.**

For all victims of injustice; all political prisoners, those falsely accused or wrongly arrested, imprisoned, refugees and asylum seekers; that they find freedom, justice and peace. Lord hear us.

**Lord hear our prayer.**

We pray for a renewal of our faith in Holy Week. Through works such as Project Compassion, may we walk alongside our brothers and sisters towards the new life of Easter. Lord hear us.

**Lord hear our prayer.**

We pray for those who have died recently, Patrick Finnan and for those whose anniversaries of death occur at this time: Matthew Versteegen, Joyce Allen, Phil Dacy, Beryl Simpson, Anne Moylan, Frances Blyth, Maria Lombardo, Ernesto Martini and Dulcine Cornelio. May they rest in the loving arms and peace of Christ. Lord hear us.

**Lord hear our prayer.**

## **SPIRITUAL COMMUNION**

**My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the most Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all things and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there, and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.**

**St. Alphonsus Liguori**



## **REFLECTION Palm Sunday**

*"...I tell you, Peter, before the cock crows this day, you will deny three times that you know me. "* (LUKE 22:34)

How many times have you heard someone make a disparaging comment about God or our Catholic faith? How did you react? Do you remain quiet not to cause a disturbance? Or, because you don't want people to think negatively about you? Or, because you don't think you know enough about the Catholic faith? Pray for the courage to speak up and enter into a respectful dialogue when the opportunity arises. Joyfully share your faith with others.



## FIRST READING

Isaiah 50.4-7

*I did not hide my face from insult and spitting.  
The Lord helps me, therefore I have not been disgraced.*

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

The servant of the Lord said:

4 “The Lord God has given me the tongue of a teacher,  
that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word.

Morning by morning he wakens—  
wakens my ear to listen as those who are taught.

5 “The Lord God has opened my ear,  
and I was not rebellious,  
I did not turn backward.

6 “I gave my back to those who struck me,  
and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard;  
I did not hide my face  
from insult and spitting.

7 “The Lord God helps me;  
therefore I have not been disgraced;  
therefore I have set my face like flint,  
and I know that I shall not be put to shame.”.

The word of the Lord.

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

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 22.7-8, 16-17, 18-19, 22-23 (R.1)

**R.** My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

7 All who see me mock at me;  
they make mouths at me, they shake their heads;

8 “Commit your cause to the Lord; let him deliver;  
let him rescue the one in whom he delights!” **R.**

16 For dogs are all around me;  
a company of evildoers encircles me.  
My hands and feet have shrivelled;

17 I can count all my bones. **R.**

18 They divide my clothes among themselves,  
and for my clothing they cast lots.

19 But you, O Lord, do not be far away!  
O my help, come quickly to my aid! **R.**

22 I will tell of your name to my brothers and sisters;  
in the midst of the congregation I will praise you:

23 You who fear the Lord, praise him!  
All you offspring of Jacob, glorify him;  
stand in awe of him, all you offspring of Israel! **R.**

## SECOND READING

Philippians 2.6-11

*Jesus humbled himself. Therefore God highly exalted him.*

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Philippians.

5 Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,  
6 who, though he was in the form of God,  
did not regard equality with God  
as something to be exploited,  
7 but emptied himself,  
taking the form of a slave,  
being born in human likeness.  
And being found in human form,  
8 he humbled himself  
and became obedient to the point of death,  
even death on a cross.  
9 Therefore God highly exalted him  
and gave him the name that is above every name,  
10 so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend,  
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,  
11 and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord,  
to the glory of God the Father.  
The word of the Lord.

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

## GOSPEL ACCLAMAT I O N

**Alleluia, Alleluia**

Christ became obedient for us even to death, dying on the cross.  
Therefore God raised him on high and gave him a name above all other names.

**Alleluia**

## GOSPEL

Luke 22:66-23:49

The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke

66 When day came, the assembly of the elders of the people,  
both chief priests and scribes, gathered together, and they brought Jesus to their council.  
67 They said, "If you are the Messiah, tell us."  
Jesus replied, "If I tell you, you will not believe;  
68 and if I question you, you will not answer.  
69 But from now on the Son of Man will be seated at the right hand of the power of God."  
70 All of them asked, "Are you, then, the Son of God?"  
Jesus said to them, "You say that I am."  
71 Then they said, "What further testimony do we need?  
We have heard it ourselves from his own lips!"  
1 Then the assembly rose as a body and brought Jesus before Pilate.  
2 They began to accuse him, saying,  
"We found this man perverting our nation,  
forbidding us to pay taxes to the emperor,  
and saying that he himself is the Messiah, a king."  
3 Then Pilate asked Jesus, "Are you the king of the Jews?"  
He answered, "You say so."

4 Then Pilate said to the chief priests and the crowds,  
"I find no basis for an accusation against this man."

5 But they were insistent and said,  
"He stirs up the people by teaching throughout all Judea,  
from Galilee where he began even to this place."

6 When Pilate heard this, he asked whether the man was a Galilean.

7 And when he learned that he was under Herod's jurisdiction,  
he sent him off to Herod,  
who was himself in Jerusalem at that time.

8 When Herod saw Jesus, he was very glad,  
for he had been wanting to see him for a long time,  
because he had heard about him  
and was hoping to see Jesus perform some sign.

9 Herod questioned him at some at some length,  
but Jesus gave him no answer.

10 The chief priests and the scribes stood by, vehemently accusing him.

11 Even Herod with his soldiers treated him with contempt and mocked him;  
then he put an elegant robe on him, and sent him back to Pilate.

12 That same day Herod and Pilate became friends with each other;  
before this they had been enemies.

13 Pilate then called together the chief priests, the leaders, and the people,  
14 and said to them,  
"You brought me this man as one who was perverting the people;  
and here I have examined him in your presence  
and have not found this man guilty of any of your charges against him.

15 Neither has Herod, for he sent him back to us.  
Indeed, he has done nothing to deserve death.

16 I will therefore have him flogged and release him."

17 Now Pilate was obliged to release someone for them at the festival.

18 Then they all shouted out together,  
"Away with this fellow! Release Barabbas for us."

19 (This was a man who had been put in prison  
for an insurrection that had taken place in the city, and for murder.)

20 Pilate, wanting to release Jesus, addressed them again;  
21 but they kept shouting, "Crucify, crucify him!"

22 A third time he said to them, "Why, what evil has he done?  
I have found in him no ground for the sentence of death;  
I will therefore have him flogged and then release him."

23 But they kept urgently demanding with loud shouts  
that he should be crucified;  
and their voices prevailed.

24 So Pilate gave his verdict that their demand should be granted.

25 He released the man they asked for,  
the one who had been put in prison for insurrection and murder,  
and he handed Jesus over as they wished.

26 As they led Jesus away, they seized a man, Simon of Cyrene,  
who was coming from the country,  
and they laid the cross on him,  
and made him carry it behind Jesus.

27 A great number of the people followed him,  
and among them were women  
who were beating their breasts and wailing for him.

28 But Jesus turned to them and said,  
“Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me, but weep for yourselves and for your children.  
29 For the days are surely coming when they will say,  
‘Blessed are the barren, and the wombs that never bore, and the breasts that never nursed.’  
30 Then they will begin to say to the mountains, ‘Fall on us,’  
and to the hills, ‘Cover us.’  
31 For if they do this when the wood is green, what will happen when it is dry?”  
32 Two others also, who were criminals, were led away to be put to death with Jesus.  
33 When they came to the place that is called The Skull,  
they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left.  
34 Then Jesus said, “Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing.”  
And they cast lots to divide his clothing.  
35 And the people stood by, watching; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying,  
“He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!”  
36 The soldiers also mocked Jesus, coming up and offering him sour wine,  
37 and saying, “If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!”  
38 There was also an inscription over him,  
“This is the King of the Jews.”  
39 One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying,  
“Are you not the Messiah?  
Save yourself and us!”  
40 But the other criminal rebuked the first, saying,  
“Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation?  
41 And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds,  
but this man has done nothing wrong.”  
42 Then he said,  
“Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.”  
43 Jesus replied,  
“Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise.”  
44 It was now about noon,  
and darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon,  
45 while the sun’s light failed;  
and the curtain of the temple was torn in two.  
46 Then Jesus, crying with a loud voice, said,  
“Father, into your hands I commend my spirit.”  
Having said this, he breathed his last.  
47 When the centurion saw what had taken place,  
he praised God and said, “Certainly this man was innocent.”  
48 And when all the crowds who had gathered there for this spectacle  
saw what had taken place,  
they returned home, beating their breasts.  
49 But all his acquaintances,  
including the women who had followed him from Galilee,  
stood at a distance, watching these things.

