



*Key Notes: Easter 2023*



Jill and I had a lovely holiday in NZ these last two weeks. The weather was lovely (sometimes even hot!) and so we managed to do some fun outdoor things (like going on an electric scooter safari with our grandson.) We did *not* fall off and were both impressed with how quickly you could get around town. I can even see the rector zooming around Southport on an e-scooter..!

Sincere thanks to **Fr John Pinson, Fr John Dougherty**, and **Fr Patrick Duckworth** for looking after St Peter's so well in my absence. Your support is deeply appreciated.



**Easy Riders.** Well, here you have a picture (taken by our grandson) of two intrepid e-scooter riders. It was a lot of fun, but we were tripped up by the fact that there were certain places where the scooters just turned themselves off. Yes, that's right, they came to a grinding halt for reasons we could not initially discern. No, it was not something obvious like flat batteries. Rather, it was because they were programmed to shut down near the river and to go slower in the city square. Restricted riverside access presumably stopped vandals from throwing the e-scooters into the river. (Enforced slower speed around the city square did actually make sense though.)

**Music** is such a vital part of our worship here at St Peter's. Yes, our 'style' could be seen as traditional, but this is a choice we make to enhance our liturgy and to glorify God. We have much to be grateful to Luke and Maddie Sharp for, since our church music is very special. If you would like to join the choir to be part of this special ministry please make yourself known to Maddie, Luke or Christine.

**Easter approaches.** Please do encourage your family and friends to join us at this high feast. Our **Easter Eve service at 7:00 pm** is one of the most special services of the year. May I give this service a special mention as its deep symbolism is a powerful 'introit' to Easter. This has not been a well-supported service over the years. Why not come this year?

*The Lighting of the first light of Easter*



# Cross-talking

In the last edition of the *Key Notes*, I introduced the theological notion of ‘Atonement.’ My point then (as now) was not complicate the sorts of questions that we should be contemplating about the cross this Eastertide. Rather, let’s just ask one simple and profound question: why the cross? It features everywhere in our faith and is so familiar to us that we take it all for granted. To keep it simple let’s pretend we have a person sitting next to us in church who has never darkened the door of a church before. Like so many of this generation, he’s heard bits and pieces about Christianity but really can’t make any sense of it. Yet, for reasons that he doesn’t understand he feels drawn to this holy place and the questions he puts to us after church seem genuine enough. Let me give a hint here: our answers are really going to show our notions of ‘Atonement’ (humanity getting right with God) even if we never knew it. Now, to the post-worship questions of our genuine inquirer.

***So why are there crosses everywhere in this church, what do they mean?***

*We pause for a moment and try this answer:*  
“Well, we believe that although Jesus was crucified and died on a cross (a particularly gruesome form of ancient Roman torture) he rose from the dead three days later. We call that ‘the resurrection.’ These crosses that you see are a symbolic reminder of our faith in that resurrection.” *(We feel pleased with ourselves because, as we’re saying this, it sounds right.)*

***Yes, I’ve heard of that. What I don’t get though, is why did it all have to happen in the first place? What’s the point – it all seems so violent and bloody. If this is about God, why couldn’t he just have bypassed all of this to achieve what was needed?***

At this point we wish we’d just headed away for a coffee. We’re here now, so we need to press on with the best answer we can muster. “Truly, I’ve wondered the same thing myself from time to time.”

It’s just that every time I receive communion, you know, the bread and wine, the body and blood of Christ, I’m transported back to the last supper. Remember, Jesus commanded us to do this. It’s like he was offering us a meal instead of some sort of complex theological theory. It was the night before he died – so it must have been important. O.K. I sense that this meal – if that’s what you can call it – is important. But again, it seems to involve some strange ancient sacrifice – what on earth has this got to do with the cross?

“Well, I’ve always thought that the two are linked, since they happened so close together, and Jesus himself identifies with the lamb sacrificed annually at the Passover Feast. This ancient feast that commemorated the Hebrews hurried departure and escape from slavery in Egypt...”

***Hold on. You seem to be saying that Jesus is taking an ancient feast – the Passover – and reinterpreting in a way that makes him the lamb that was part of the sacrifice? I think I can understand this – but what has this got to do with the forgiveness of sins in general and my sins in particular?***

“I’m no expert on this, but in Jesus day there appears to have been three quite distinct expectations. The first of these revolved around observing the *Passover Feast* carefully and in detail every year. It was like looking back on the original act of liberation – being freed from bondage in Egypt. As I said already, given the significance of this feast it surely can’t be a coincidence that Jesus chose to begin his journey to the cross at this point. Secondly, the other notable feast was the *Day of Atonement*. This spoke directly to the forgiveness of sins. Sure, it had little in common with Passover (other than that they both took place initially in the temple in Jerusalem.) Yet there is clear evidence that for many in Jesus’ day there was an expectation of a great event that would combine these two: liberation *and* freedom from sin. Centuries before Jeremiah had spoken of a “new covenant” in which sins would be forgiven (Jer 31:31-34). The expectation that a figure come back in a whole new way was promised in Isaiah 52.



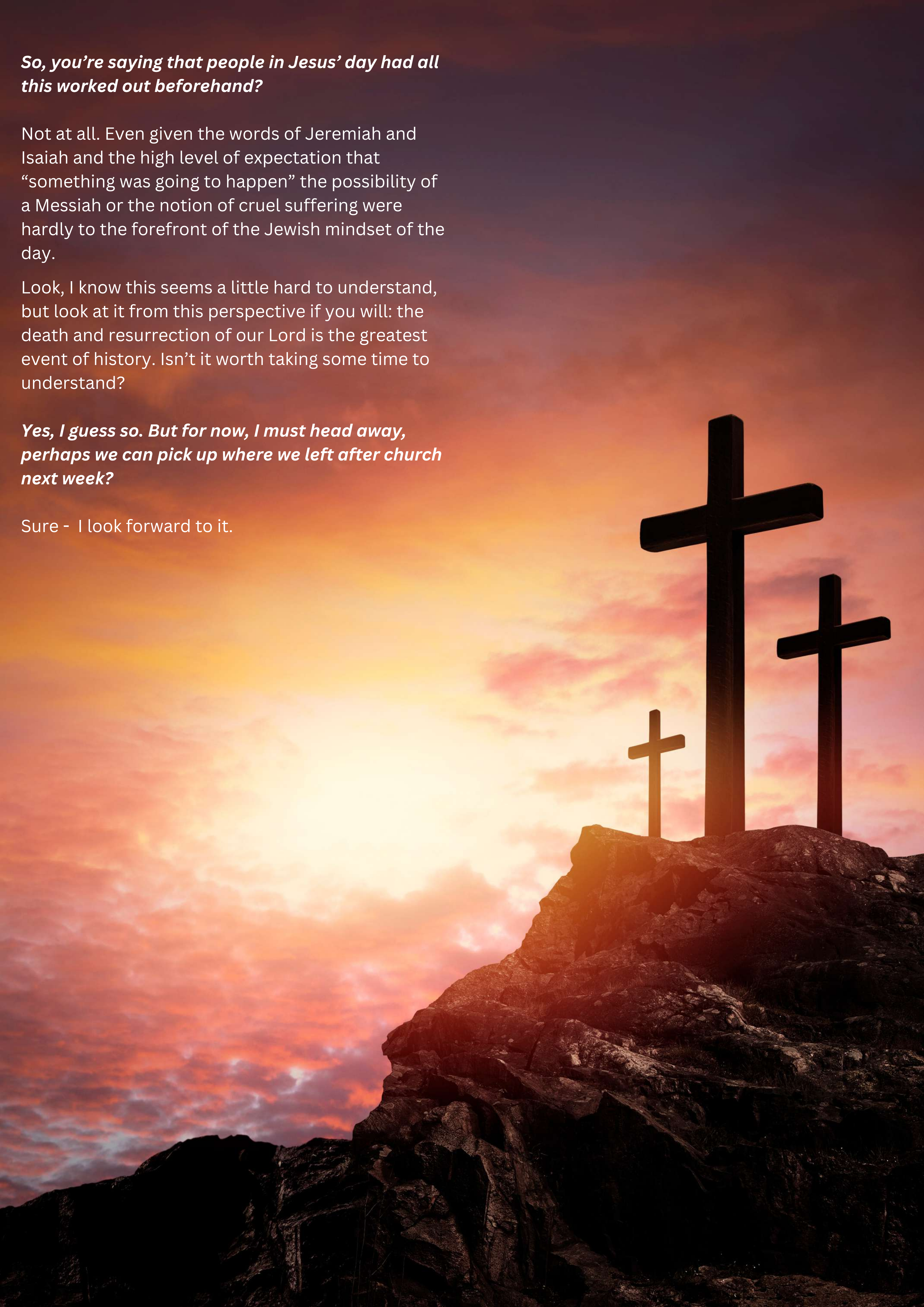
***So, you're saying that people in Jesus' day had all this worked out beforehand?***

Not at all. Even given the words of Jeremiah and Isaiah and the high level of expectation that “something was going to happen” the possibility of a Messiah or the notion of cruel suffering were hardly to the forefront of the Jewish mindset of the day.

Look, I know this seems a little hard to understand, but look at it from this perspective if you will: the death and resurrection of our Lord is the greatest event of history. Isn't it worth taking some time to understand?

***Yes, I guess so. But for now, I must head away, perhaps we can pick up where we left after church next week?***

Sure - I look forward to it.





# Meeting your Parish Council for 2023



**Ken Lister** is **Chairman of Parish Council**. Ken has been a member of Parish Council since the early 1980's and has witnessed many significant events over his time. He has been a Parish Nominator, People's Warden and Rector's Warden. He is a Liturgical Assistant at the 7 am Sunday Services on roster. Ken spent some 10 years as Chairman of a Parish Committee which developed the Moore House Respite Centre, located in the church grounds and now operated by Anglicare. Ken attended St Peter's Sunday School in the old Labrador Memorial Hall and was confirmed in the old St Peter's Church in 1957. Ken and Sandra were married in the new St Peter's Church in 1966. Sandra is the leader of an enthusiastic group of ladies who look after the flower arrangements in our church.



**Dr Jason Zagami** is an academic at Griffith University in the School of Education and Professional Studies, has been a teacher at St Hilda's School (1995 - 1999) and St Aidan's Anglican Girls' School (1999 - 2007), a liturgical assistant at St Peter's, Southport (1997 - 1999); St David's, Chelmer (1999 - 2007); on parish councils for St Peter's, Southport (1996 - 1999, 2015 - current) and St David's, Chelmer (1999 - 2007); on the Southern Diocesan Regional Council (2004 - 2006), a member of the general synod of the Brisbane Diocese (2002 - 2007, 2017 - current), has led catechumenate programmes (2001 - 2005) and taught religious studies in Anglican schools (1998 - 2006). Jason is married to Debbie and they have a Japanese Spitz 'Edelweiss' and a Japalier 'Freckles'.



**Luke Sharp** has been the Music Coordinator, Organist and a parishioner at St Peter's since 2017. Since joining the council, he has been appointed as Portfolio Manager for Music and Streaming at St Peter's. Since beginning my journey at St Peter's, I have graduated from both a Bachelor and Masters of Music at the Queensland Conservatorium Griffith University and have been baptized and confirmed into the Anglican faith. In my new role on the parish council, I hope to bring further input into the development of music making at St Peter's and continue to improve our online streaming services for those at home.





**Dr Russell Manfield** is a mechanical engineer and currently an academic in the Faculty of Business, Economics & Law at the University of Queensland. He teaches a range of courses covering entrepreneurship, innovation & strategy at undergraduate & postgraduate levels and researches in the domains of entrepreneurial strategy, organizational capabilities and the construction of epistemic stances. He has been a warden of St Peter's since 2017, a lay canon for the Cathedral Chapter since 2013 and a diocesan examining chaplain since 2018. Russell is **Parish Treasurer, Parish Warden, Synod Representative and Parish Nominator** (pewhew!)



**Allen Peters** has been a member of St Peter's for 48 years and a Parish Councillor for 25 years. Allen has been the **Rector's Warden** for 15 years and Garden and Groundskeeper for 10!



**Madison Sharp** has been with St Peter's as Cantor since 2017. During this time she has also assisted with the reestablishment of the Church Choir, and Children's Choir within the SPARK Program. Outside the church she has also become a Music Teacher at A. B. Paterson College. Joining the Parish Council in 2021 Madison has been appointed to head the Social Media and Online Presence Portfolio. She looks forward to continuing the Choral Program, with our amazing choristers, here at St Peter's and she is excited to work in the Social Media area (with *Falon Cobcroft* our Parish Social Media Coordinator) to encourage the St Peter's online congregation.



**Christine Corroy** moved to the Gold Coast with her husband and two sons in 1980 and has been a parishioner at St Peter's since 1981. In the early years she was involved with the Youth Group and served on Parish Council. Christine is a **Parish Warden** and has been **Parish Administrator** since 2014



## *Our newly appointed Parish Nominators*



***Renny Alcott***



***Kym Rohrs***

*Welcome Renny and Kym. As Parish Nominators you are automatically on parish council. Your job is an easy one, insofar as you only have a job to do when there is a vacancy in the parish. So my job is not to look 'vacant' - Fr Don*

*~ 26th March ~*

*The candles in the church are given in loving memory by the families of*



*Pamela Hadlow  
&  
John Hill*

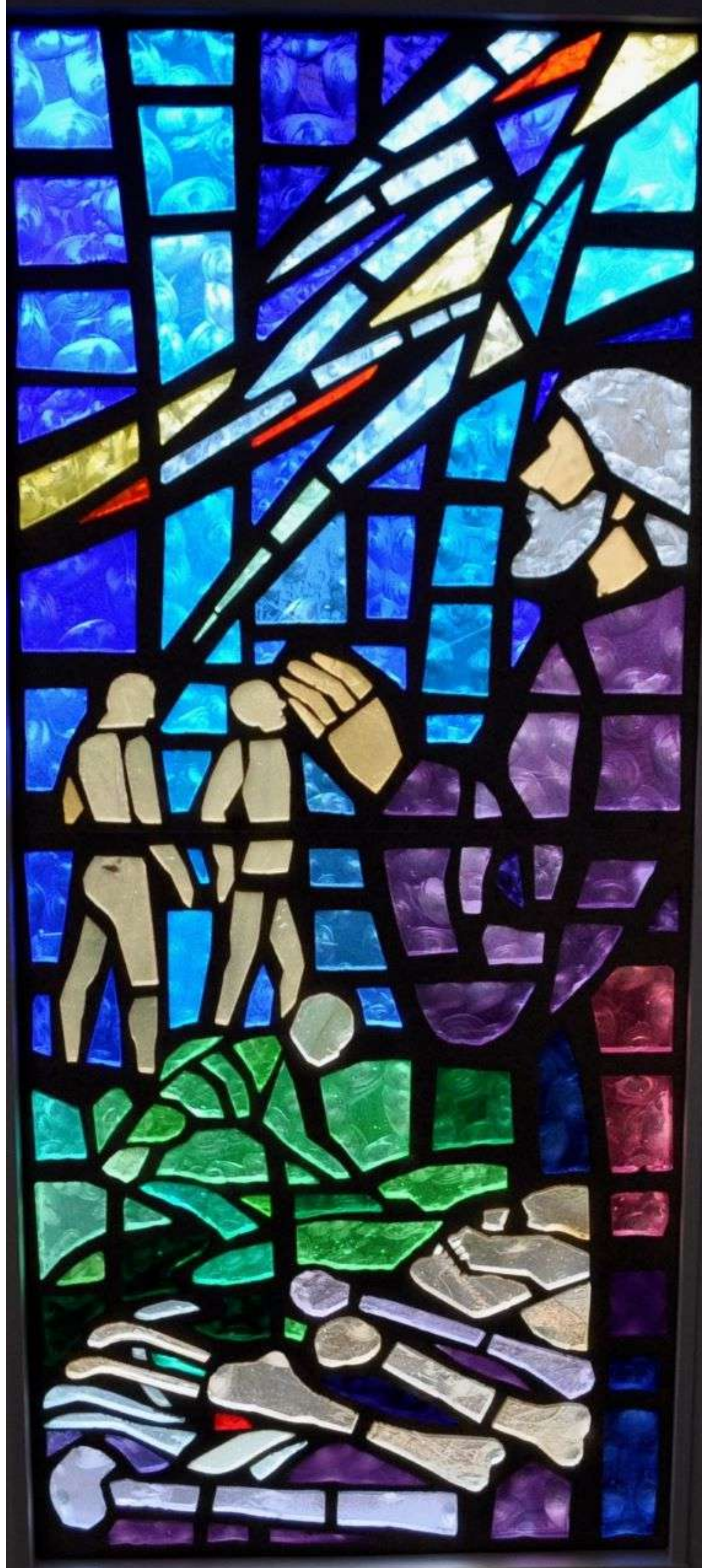


# *Collect & Readings for Lent V*

## *(Sunday 25 March)*

### **Ezekiel 37: 1-14**

1 The hand of the Lord came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the Lord and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. 2 He led me all round them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. 3 He said to me, 'Mortal, can these bones live?' I answered, 'O Lord God, you know.' 4 Then he said to me, 'Prophecy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the Lord. 5 Thus says the Lord God to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. 6 I will lay sinews on you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live; and you shall know that I am the Lord.' 7 So I prophesied as I had been commanded; and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. 8 I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them; but there was no breath in them. 9 Then he said to me, 'Prophecy to the breath, prophecy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord God: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live.' 10 I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude. 11 Then he said to me, 'Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, "Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely." 12 Therefore prophecy, and say to them, 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.'





## Psalm 130

**R** With the Lord there is mercy and plenteous redemption.

1 Out of the depths have I called to you, O Lord;  
Lord, hear my voice;  
let your ears consider well the voice of my  
supplication. **R**

2 If you, Lord, were to note what is done amiss,  
O Lord, who could stand?

3 For there is forgiveness with you;  
therefore you shall be feared. **R**

4 I wait for the Lord; my soul waits for him;  
in his word is my hope.

5 My soul waits for the Lord,  
more than the watchmen for the morning,  
More than the watchmen for the morning. **R**

6 O Israel, wait for the Lord,  
for with the Lord there is mercy;

7 With him there is plenteous redemption,  
and he shall redeem Israel from all their sins. **R**

## The Collect of Lent V

*Life-giving God,  
your Son came into the world  
to free us all from sin and death:  
breathe upon us with the power of your Spirit,  
that we may be raised to new life in Christ,  
and serve you in holiness  
and righteousness all our days;  
through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. Amen.*

## Romans 8: 6-11

6 To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. 7 For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law—indeed it cannot, 8 and 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 him 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.



## John 11: 1 - 45

1 Now a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. 2 Mary was the one who anointed the Lord with perfume and wiped his feet with her hair; her brother Lazarus was ill. 3 So the sisters sent a message to Jesus, 'Lord, he whom you love is ill.' 4 But when Jesus heard it, 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.' 8 The disciples said to him, 'Rabbi, the Jews were just now trying to stone you, and are you going there again?' 9 Jesus answered, 'Are there not twelve hours of daylight? Those who walk during the day do not stumble, because they see the light of this world. 10 But those who walk at night stumble, because the light is not in them.' 11 After saying this, he told them, 'Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I am going there to awaken him.' 12 The disciples said to him, 'Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will be all right.' 13 Jesus, however, had been speaking about his death, but they thought that he was referring merely to sleep. 14 Then Jesus told them plainly, 'Lazarus is dead. 15 For your sake I am glad I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him.' 16 Thomas, who was called the Twin, said to his fellow-disciples, 'Let us also go, that we may die with him.' 17 When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb for four days. 18 Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, some two miles away, 19 and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them about their brother. 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.' 28 When she had said this, she went back and called her sister Mary, and told her privately, 'The Teacher is here and is calling for you.' 29 And when she heard it, she got up quickly and went to him. 30 Now Jesus had not yet come to the village, but was still at the place where Martha had met him. 31 The Jews who were with her in the house, consoling her, saw Mary get up quickly and go out. They followed her because they thought that she was going to the tomb to weep there. 32 When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, 'Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.' 33 When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he 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 for 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 upwards 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.





# Collect & Readings for Palm Sunday (Sunday 2 April)

## Isaiah 50: 4-9a

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 backwards.  
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;  
8 he who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me.  
9 It is the Lord God who helps me; who will declare me guilty? All of them will wear out like a garment; the moth will eat them up.

## Psalm 31.9-16

**R Have mercy on me, O God.**

9 Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I am in trouble; my eye is consumed with sorrow, and also my throat and my belly.  
10 For my life is wasted with grief, and my years with sighing; my strength fails me because of affliction, and my bones are consumed. **R**  
11 I have become a reproach to all my enemies and even to my neighbours, a dismay to those of my acquaintance; when they see me in the street they avoid me.  
12 I am forgotten like the dead, out of mind; I am as useless as a broken pot. **R**  
13 For I have heard the whispering of the crowd; fear is all around; they put their heads together against me they plot to take away my life.  
14 But as for me, I have trusted in you, O Lord I have said, “You are my God. **R**  
15 My times are in your hand; rescue me from the hand of my enemies, and from those who persecute me.  
16 Make your face to shine upon your servant, and in your loving-kindness save me.” **R**





## Philippians 2: 5-11

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 also 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.

## St Matthew 26: 14 - 27: 66

26 14 Then one of the twelve, who was called Judas Iscariot, went to the chief priests  
15 and said, ‘What will you give me if I betray him to you?’ They paid him thirty pieces of silver. 16 And from that moment he began to look for an opportunity to betray him.

17 On the first day of Unleavened Bread the disciples came to Jesus, saying, ‘Where do you want us to make the preparations for you to eat the Passover?’ 18 He said, ‘Go into the city to a certain man, and say to him, “The Teacher says, My time is near; I will keep the Passover at your house with my disciples.” ’ 19 So the disciples did as Jesus had directed them, and they prepared the Passover meal.

20 When it was evening, he took his place with the twelve; 21 and while they were eating, he said, ‘Truly I tell you, one of you will betray me.’ 22 And they became greatly distressed and began to say to him one after another, ‘Surely not I, Lord?’ 23 He answered, ‘The one who has dipped his hand into the bowl with me will betray me. 24 The Son of Man goes as it is written of him, but woe to that one by whom the Son of Man is betrayed! It would have been better for that one not to have been born.’ 25 Judas, who betrayed him, said, ‘Surely not I, Rabbi?’ He replied, ‘You have said so.’

26 While they were eating, Jesus took a loaf of bread, and after blessing it he broke it, gave it to the disciples, and said, ‘Take, eat; this is my body.’ 27 Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks he gave it to them, saying, ‘Drink from it, all of you; 28 for this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins. 29 I tell you, I will never again drink of this fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father’s kingdom.’





30 When they had sung the hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives. 31 Then Jesus said to them, 'You will all become deserters because of me this night; for it is written,

"I will strike the shepherd,

and the sheep of the flock will be scattered."

32 But after I am raised up, I will go ahead of you to Galilee.' 33 Peter said to him, 'Though all become deserters because of you, I will never desert you.' 34 Jesus said to him, 'Truly I tell you, this very night, before the cock crows, you will deny me three times.' 35 Peter said to him, 'Even though I must die with you, I will not deny you.' And so said all the disciples.

36 Then Jesus went with them to a place called Gethsemane; and he said to his disciples, 'Sit here while I go over there and pray.'

37 He took with him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, and began to be grieved and agitated.

38 Then he said to them, 'I am deeply grieved, even to death; remain here, and stay awake with me.' 39 And going a little farther, he threw himself on the ground and prayed, 'My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from me; yet not what I want but what you want.'

40 Then he came to the disciples and found them sleeping; and he said to Peter, 'So, could you not stay awake with me one hour?

41 Stay awake and pray that you may not come into the time of trial; the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.'

42 Again he went away for the second time and prayed, 'My Father, if this cannot pass unless I drink it, your will be done.'

43 Again he came and found them sleeping, for their eyes were heavy.

44 So leaving them again, he went away and prayed for the third time, saying the same words.

45 Then he came to the disciples and said to them, 'Are you still sleeping and taking your rest? See, the hour is at hand, and the Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners.

46 Get up, let us be going. See, my betrayer is at hand.'

47 While he was still speaking, Judas, one of the twelve, arrived; with him was a large crowd with swords and clubs, from the chief priests and the elders of the people. 48 Now the betrayer had given them a sign, saying, 'The one I will kiss is the man; arrest him.' 49 At once he came up to Jesus and said, 'Greetings, Rabbi!' and kissed him.

50 Jesus said to him, 'Friend, do what you are here to do.' Then they came and laid hands on Jesus and arrested him. 51 Suddenly, one of those with Jesus put his hand on his sword, drew it, and struck the slave of the high priest, cutting off his ear. 52 Then Jesus said to him, 'Put your sword back into its place; for all who take the sword will perish by the sword. 53 Do you think that I cannot appeal to my Father, and he will at once send me more than twelve legions of angels?

54 But how then would the scriptures be fulfilled, which say it must happen in this way?'

55 At that hour Jesus said to the crowds, 'Have you come out with swords and clubs to arrest me as though I were a bandit? Day after day I sat in the temple teaching, and you did not arrest me.

56 But all this has taken place, so that the scriptures of the prophets may be fulfilled.' Then all the disciples deserted him and fled.

57 Those who had arrested Jesus took him to Caiaphas the high priest, in whose house the scribes and the elders had gathered.

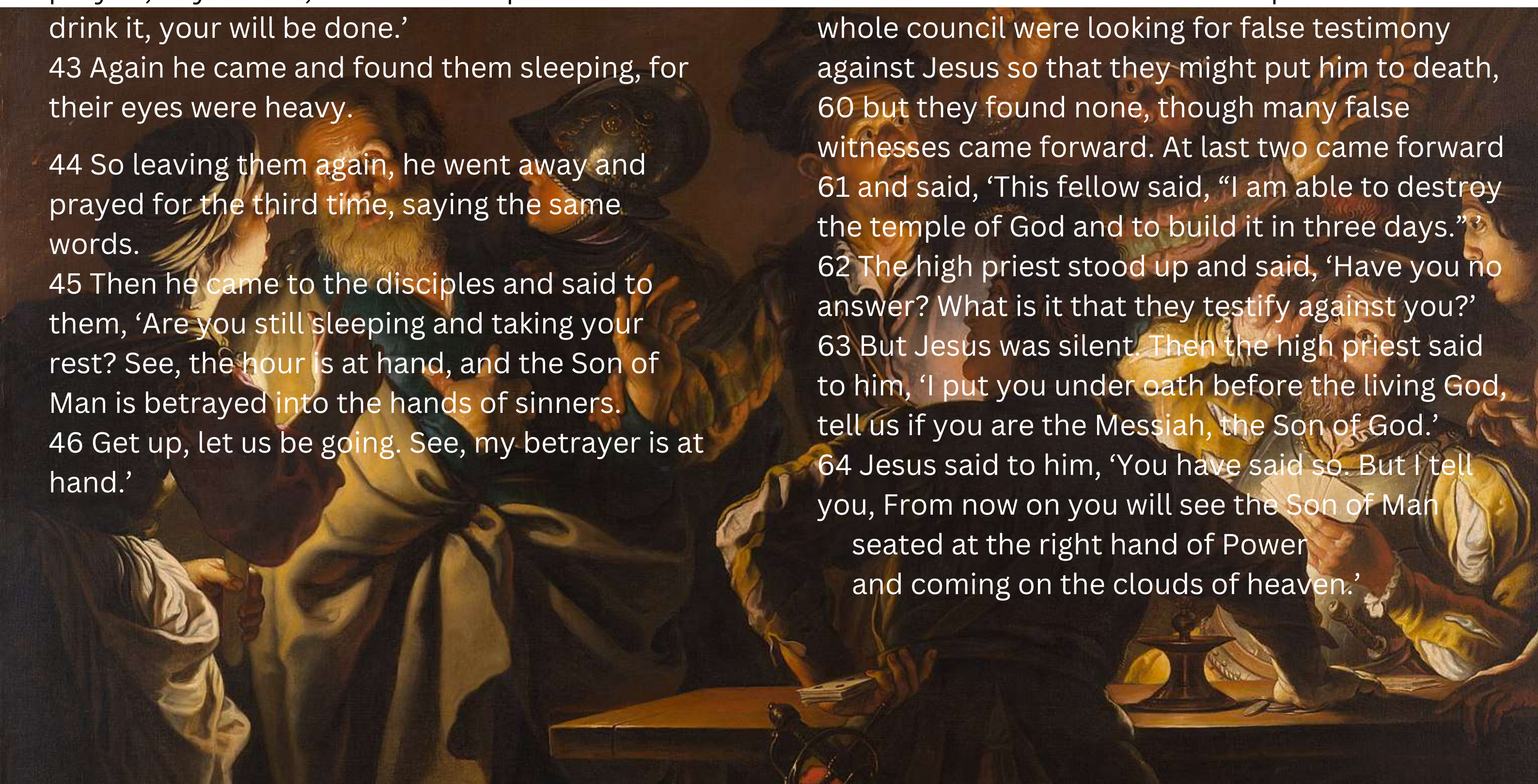
58 But Peter was following him at a distance, as far as the courtyard of the high priest; and going inside, he sat with the guards in order to see how this would end. 59 Now the chief priests and the

whole council were looking for false testimony against Jesus so that they might put him to death, 60 but they found none, though many false witnesses came forward. At last two came forward 61 and said, 'This fellow said, "I am able to destroy the temple of God and to build it in three days."'

62 The high priest stood up and said, 'Have you no answer? What is it that they testify against you?'

63 But Jesus was silent. Then the high priest said to him, 'I put you under oath before the living God, tell us if you are the Messiah, the Son of God.'

64 Jesus said to him, 'You have said so. But I tell you, From now on you will see the Son of Man seated at the right hand of Power and coming on the clouds of heaven.'





65 Then the high priest tore his clothes and said, 'He has blasphemed! Why do we still need witnesses? You have now heard his blasphemy. 66 What is your verdict?' They answered, 'He deserves death.' 67 Then they spat in his face and struck him; and some slapped him, 68 saying, 'Prophecy to us, you Messiah! Who is it that struck you?'

69 Now Peter was sitting outside in the courtyard. A servant-girl came to him and said, 'You also were with Jesus the Galilean.' 70 But he denied it before all of them, saying, 'I do not know what you are talking about.' 71 When he went out to the porch, another servant-girl saw him, and she said to the bystanders, 'This man was with Jesus of Nazareth.' 72 Again he denied it with an oath, 'I do not know the man.' 73 After a little while the bystanders came up and said to Peter, 'Certainly you are also one of them, for your accent betrays you.' 74 Then he began to curse, and he swore an oath, 'I do not know the man!' At that moment the cock crowed. 75 Then Peter remembered what Jesus had said: 'Before the cock crows, you will deny me three times.' And he went out and wept bitterly.

27: 1 When morning came, all the chief priests and the elders of the people conferred together against Jesus in order to bring about his death.

2 They bound him, led him away, and handed him over to Pilate the governor. 3 When Judas, his betrayer, saw that Jesus was condemned, he repented and brought back the thirty pieces of silver to the chief priests and the elders.

4 He said, 'I have sinned by betraying innocent blood.' But they said, 'What is that to us? See to it yourself.' 5 Throwing down the pieces of silver in the temple, he departed; and he went and hanged himself. 6 But the chief priests, taking the pieces of silver, said, 'It is not lawful to put them into the treasury, since they are blood money.'

7 After conferring together, they used them to buy the potter's field as a place to bury foreigners.

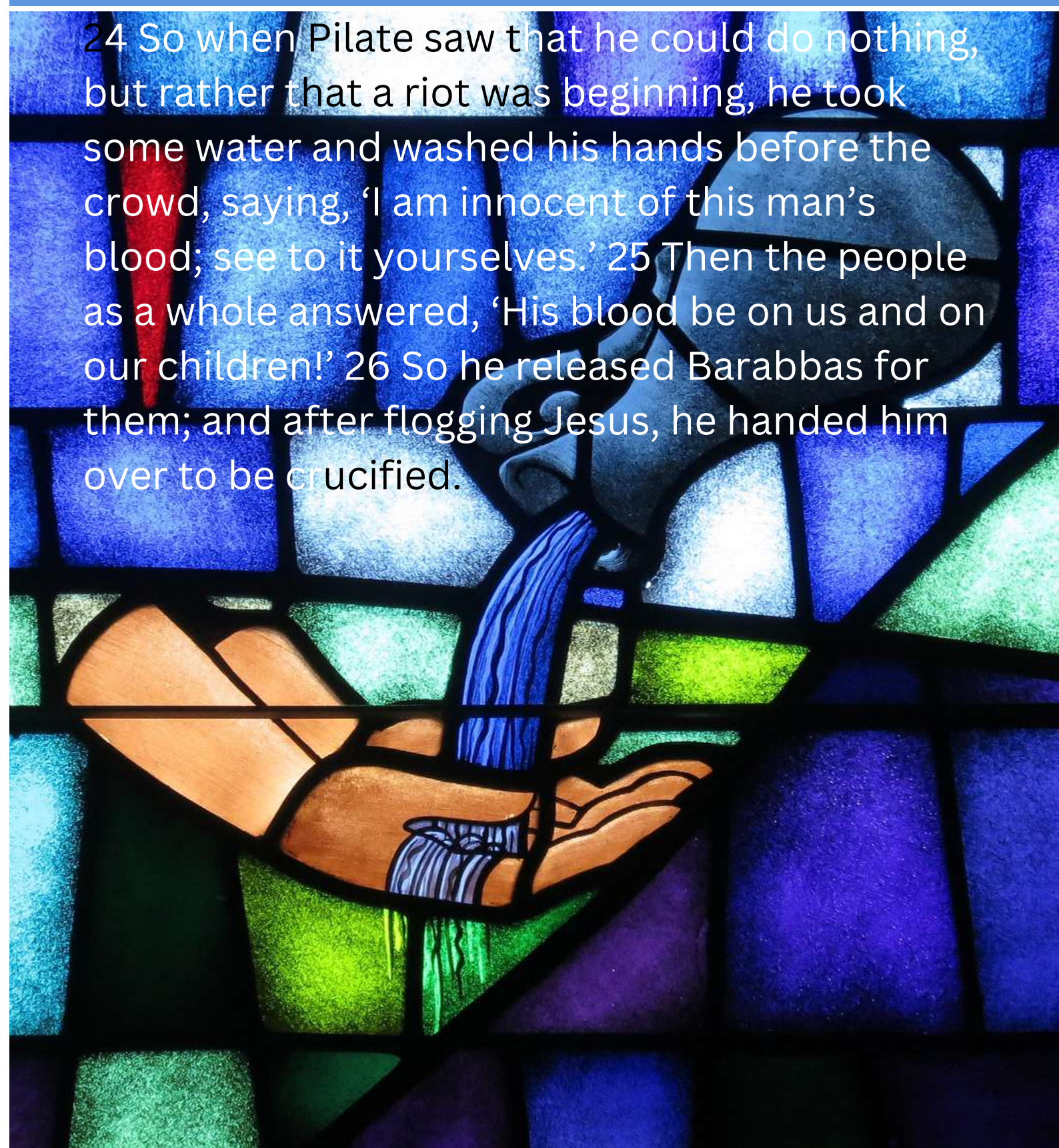
8 For this reason that field has been called the Field of Blood to this day. 9 Then was fulfilled what had been spoken through the prophet Jeremiah, 'And they took the thirty pieces of silver, the price of the one on whom a price had been set, on whom some of the people of Israel had set a price, 10 and they gave them for the potter's field, as the Lord commanded me.'

11 Now Jesus stood before the governor; and the governor asked him, 'Are you the King of the Jews?' Jesus said, 'You say so.' 12 But when he was accused by the chief priests and elders, he did not answer. 13 Then Pilate said to him, 'Do you not hear how many accusations they make against you?' 14 But he gave him no answer, not even to a single charge, so that the governor was greatly amazed.

15 Now at the festival the governor was accustomed to release a prisoner for the crowd, anyone whom they wanted. 16 At that time they had a notorious prisoner, called Jesus Barabbas. 17 So after they had gathered, Pilate said to them, 'Whom do you want me to release for you, Jesus Barabbas or Jesus who is called the Messiah?' 18 For he realized that it was out of jealousy that they had handed him over.

19 While he was sitting on the judgement seat, his wife sent word to him, 'Have nothing to do with that innocent man, for today I have suffered a great deal because of a dream about him.' 20 Now the chief priests and the elders persuaded the crowds to ask for Barabbas and to have Jesus killed. 21 The governor again said to them, 'Which of the two do you want me to release for you?' And they said, 'Barabbas.' 22 Pilate said to them, 'Then what should I do with Jesus who is called the Messiah?' All of them said, 'Let him be crucified!' 23 Then he asked, 'Why, what evil has he done?' But they shouted all the more, 'Let him be crucified!'

24 So when Pilate saw that he could do nothing, but rather that a riot was beginning, he took some water and washed his hands before the crowd, saying, 'I am innocent of this man's blood; see to it yourselves.' 25 Then the people as a whole answered, 'His blood be on us and on our children!' 26 So he released Barabbas for them; and after flogging Jesus, he handed him over to be crucified.





27 Then the soldiers of the governor took Jesus into the governor's headquarters, and they gathered the whole cohort around him.

28 They stripped him and put a scarlet robe on him, 29 and after twisting some thorns into a crown, they put it on his head. They put a reed in his right hand and knelt before him and mocked him, saying, 'Hail, King of the Jews!'

30 They spat on him, and took the reed and struck him on the head. 31 After mocking him, they stripped him of the robe and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him away to crucify him.

32 As they went out, they came upon a man from Cyrene named Simon; they compelled this man to carry his cross. 33 And when they came to a place called Golgotha (which means Place of a Skull), 34 they offered him wine to drink, mixed with gall; but when he tasted it, he would not drink it. 35 And when they had crucified him, they divided his clothes among themselves by casting lots; 36 then they sat down there and kept watch over him. 37 Over his head they put the charge against him, which read, 'This is Jesus, the King of the Jews.'

38 Then two bandits were crucified with him, one on his right and one on his left. 39 Those who passed by derided him, shaking their heads 40 and saying, 'You who would destroy the temple and build it in three days, save yourself! If you are the Son of God, come down from the cross.' 41 In the same way the chief priests also, along with the scribes and elders, were mocking him, saying, 42 'He saved others; he cannot save himself. He is the King of Israel; let him come down from the cross now, and we will believe in him. 43 He trusts in God; let God deliver him now, if he wants to; for he said, "I am God's Son." ' 44 The bandits who were crucified with him also taunted him in the same way. 45 From noon on, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. 46 And about three o'clock Jesus cried with a loud voice, 'Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?' that is, 'My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?' 47 When some of the bystanders heard it, they said, 'This man is calling for Elijah.' 48 At once one of them ran and got a sponge, filled it with sour wine, put it on a stick, and gave it to him to drink. 49 But the others said, 'Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to save him.' 50 Then Jesus cried again with a loud voice and breathed his last.

51 At that moment the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. The earth shook, and the rocks were split. 52 The tombs also were opened, and many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised. 53 After his resurrection they came out of the tombs and entered the holy city and appeared to many.

54 Now when the centurion and those with him, who were keeping watch over Jesus, saw the earthquake and what took place, they were terrified and said, 'Truly this man was God's Son!'

55 Many women were also there, looking on from a distance; they had followed Jesus from Galilee and had provided for him. 56 Among them were Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James and Joseph, and the mother of the sons of Zebedee. 57 When it was evening, there came a rich man from Arimathea, named Joseph, who was also a disciple of Jesus. 58 He went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus; then Pilate ordered it to be given to him. 59 So Joseph took the body and wrapped it in a clean linen cloth 60 and laid it in his own new tomb, which he had hewn in the rock. He then rolled a great stone to the door of the tomb and went away.

61 Mary Magdalene and the other Mary were there, sitting opposite the tomb.

62 The next day, that is, after the day of Preparation, the chief priests and the Pharisees gathered before Pilate

63 and said, 'Sir, we remember what that impostor said while he was still alive, "After three days I will rise again."'

64 Therefore command that the tomb be made secure until the third day; otherwise his disciples may go and steal him away, and tell the people, "He has been raised from the dead", and the last deception would be worse than the first.'

65 Pilate said to them, 'You have a guard of soldiers; go, make it as secure as you can.'

66 So they went with the guard and made the tomb secure by sealing the stone.



# *Easter at St Peter's*



## HOLY WEEK

PALM SUNDAY (2 April)

7:00 am, 9:30 am & 5:45 pm ~ Holy Eucharist  
9:00 – 10:00 am "Teddy the Donkey & Palms"



MONDAY IN HOLY WEEK (3 April)

7:00 am ~ Holy Eucharist



WEDNESDAY IN HOLY WEEK (5 April)

7:00 am ~ Holy Eucharist  
7:00 pm ~ "Tenebrae" – All Saints Orchestra



MAUNDY THURSDAY (6 April)

7:00 am ~ Holy Eucharist  
Midday ~ Holy Eucharist  
7:00 pm ~ "Foot Washing"



GOOD FRIDAY (7 April)

7:00 am ~ "A Service of Reflection" ~ Holy Communion  
9:30 am ~ Holy Communion  
Midday ~ "Stations of the Cross"

## EASTER

"CHRIST IS RISEN!"

### EASTER EVE ~ EASTER VIGIL

(Saturday 8 April)

"Easter Vigil & Service of First Light"  
7:00 pm



### EASTER SUNDAY

(9 April)

7:00 am Holy Eucharist (1928)  
9:30 am Holy Eucharist  
5:45 pm Holy Eucharist





# Palm Sunday

*Meet 'Teddy'*

Teddy joins us on

## Palm Sunday (Sunday 2 April)

*Teddy will be with us from 9:00 - 10:00 (and will be part of our 9:30 procession.)*

*This is a special experience and we do encourage families to join us for this.*





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PRESENTS



Easter Services for Holy Week 2023 featuring *Stabat Mater* by G.B. Pergolesi performed by All Saints Camerata and selected singers. Free admission.

**TUESDAY 4 APRIL 7PM, ALL SAINTS ANGLICAN SCHOOL CHAPEL**

Highfield Drive, Merrimac

**WEDNESDAY 5 APRIL 7PM, ST PETER'S ANGLICAN CHURCH**

83 Nerang Street Southport



# *Easter Vigil ~ Sat 8 April*

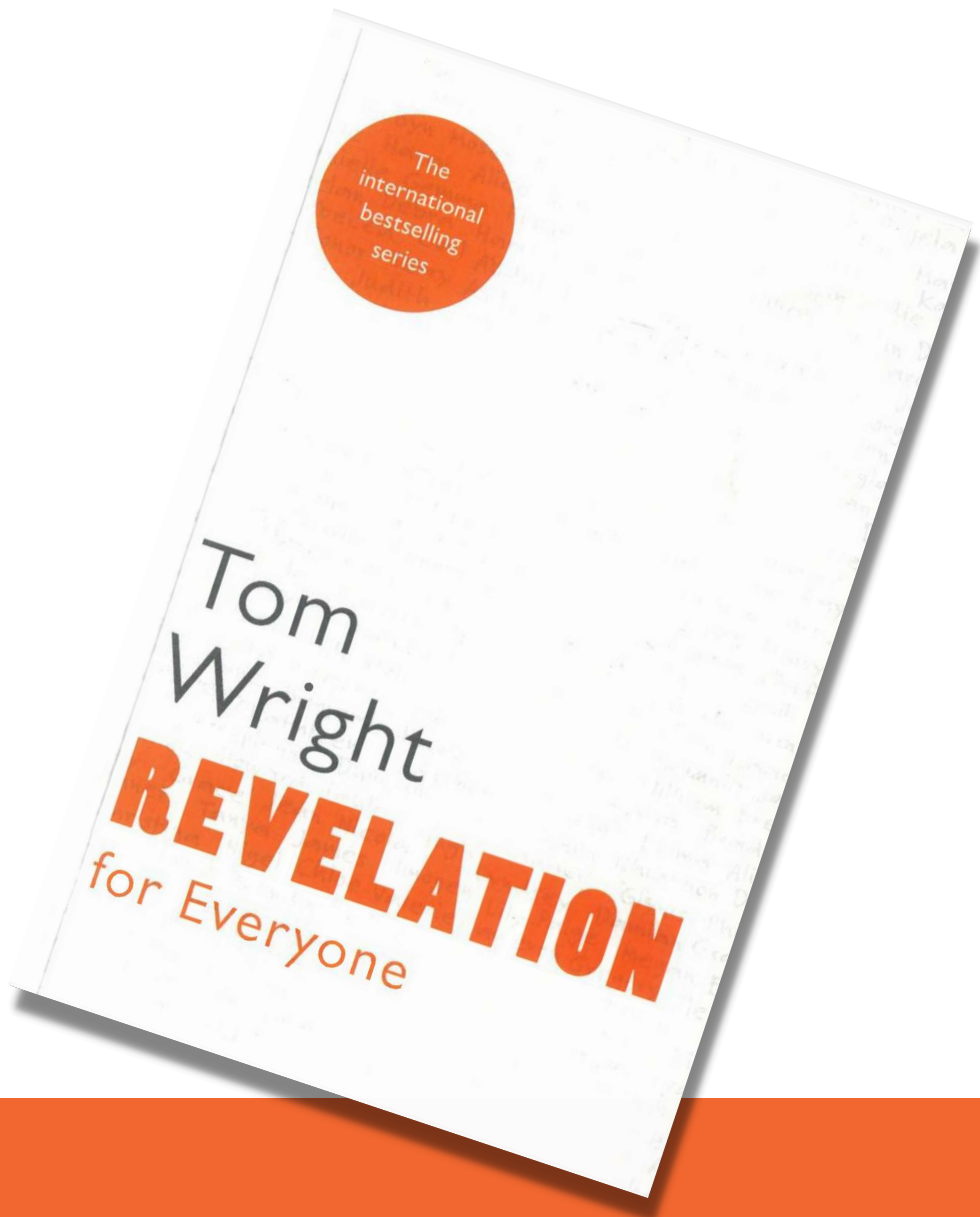
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*Service of First Light*

*& The Renewal of Baptismal Vows*







# *Wednesday Bible Study*

Wednesdays at 11:00 am

(following our 10:00 am Holy Eucharist)

**The Book of Revelation.**

Join us in person (in the Parish Centre) or Zoom online

*– just let us know and we'll send a Zoom invite*



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Conductor - Marco Bellasi

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Sunday - 14th May 2:30pm  
Murwillumbah Civic Centre  
10-14 Tumbulgum Rd  
Murwillumbah

## CONCERT 2

Sunday 21st May 2:30pm  
Basil Sellers Theatre  
University Drive  
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