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Mission Statement: **To love God and to love our neighbours and become an increasingly relevant presence in our community.**

PALM SUNDAY, APRIL 5, 2020:



**Due to Australia's COVID-19 restrictions,
all Church Services are cancelled indefinitely.**

Prayer of the Day: *God of all, You gave Your only-begotten Son to take the form of a servant, and to be obedient even to death on a cross: give us the same mind that was in Christ Jesus that, sharing in His humility, we may come to be with Him in His glory, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.*

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Rev Mandy's All Saints March 29 service video link: <https://youtu.be/BOAFebtu08k>

APRIL 5, 2020 – PALM SUNDAY, 6th SUNDAY of LENT:

Isaiah 50: 4-9a

Psalms 31: 9-18

Phil 2:5-11

Matt 26:14 – 27: 66

ABM Pew Sheet Reflection 2020: *"In the longer version of the Passion, we read about Jesus being betrayed. How have we betrayed ourselves, others & Jesus? Have we been panic buying? Have we been endangering others by going out instead of staying home? Have we given up caring for the elderly who are in isolation? Have we abandoned worshipping with others despite the existence of many online options? As GK Chesterton prayed, 'Smite us and save us all.'"*

- **Pray that** as we shout Hosanna (literally, Save [us] now) today, we may be forgiven our many betrayals.

FROM MANDY: *"This week we move toward Palm Sunday & Holy Week. We remember the cries of adulation & how quickly they turned into cries of "Crucify him! Crucify him!"*

We remember Jesus riding a humble beast of burden as a sign of peace; a donkey, not a horse of war as kings so often rode. As the King of Kings, he chooses to come as a servant, to turn the values of the world upside down.

May he enter our hearts anew, turning our values away from earthly pursuits, to God's heart of loving service.

*Jesus' coming death and resurrection was completed for us so that we too can be reborn spiritually & face with courage the terrible affliction that engulfs the world. Draw close to him as Sunday approaches, focus on the good that can come from these present challenges, **remember that God redeems good from evil & victory from defeat.***

Here, in Narooma & Bodalla we are supporting each other in every way we can, just as we did during the bushfires. Like Christians all over the world, we sometimes face ridicule & hostility in a very secular world but, by our words & deeds, we can 'shine as a light in the world' to show all that there remains a very important place in this modern world for the Creator God in Whom we believe & Jesus whom we follow, our Christ & Saviour.

Let us pray: *Thanks be to you, my Lord Jesus Christ for all the blessings you have given me, for all the sufferings & shame you have endured for me. O most merciful Lord, friend & brother, may I know You more clearly, love You more dearly & follow You more nearly, day-by-day. Amen."* Love and blessings, Mandy.

(Available on our website, & on: <https://youtu.be/bdtxuKzFOqg>)

Holy Monday, April 6, 2020: **Isa 42.1-9 Ps 36.5-11 Heb 9.11-15 John 12.1-11.**

ABM Pew Sheet Reflection 2020 – *"In today's gospel reading Judas complains about the cost of the ointment that Mary Magdalene uses to anoint Jesus' feet. Many of us have already been complaining about the cost that isolation has placed on our lives. Judas could not see that Mary was offering the best she could afford to God. May we be able to see that isolating ourselves as much as possible during this pandemic is the best gift we can give to the Body of Christ.*

- **Pray that** your heart will overflow with love & concern for others as Covid-19 runs its course.

Holy Tuesday, April 7: Isa 49.1-7 Ps 71.1-14 1 Cor 1.18-31 John 12.20-36.

ABM Pew Sheet Reflection 2020 – *“Though anxious, Jesus knows that he must follow God’s plan for him right to the end. Even though we are all anxious in this unusual time, we must also do what must be done in order to defeat death.*

- **Pray that** as the pandemic continues you will be able to do all you can to stop its spread.
- **Give thanks** for the work and witness of the Church of the Province of Myanmar.

Holy Wednesday, April 8: Isa 50.4-9a Ps 70 Heb 12.1-3 John 13.21-32.

ABM Pew Sheet Reflection 2020 – *“Today we read about the Last Supper. For us eating out with others is a thing which we have had to put on hold for the time being. May we remember all of the restaurants, cafés and catering firms who are struggling at this time, their owners, and their workers, particularly those who have had to be stood down, and their families.*

- **Pray for** those whose livelihood is based on providing food to others,
- **Give thanks** for the work and witness of the Church of the province of Central Africa, particularly in Zambia where ABM works.

Maundy Thursday: Ex 12:1-4, 11-14; Ps 116:1-2, 11-18; 1 Cor 11:23-26; Jn 13:1-17, 31b-35

ABM Pew Sheet Reflection 2020 – *“Love one another, by staying at home, so that the essential services can stay healthy outside the home. Love one another, by checking up on those who are in isolation or quarantine. Love one another by buying only what you actually need. Love one another by listening to children’s fears and reassuring them. Love one another by doing all you can to beat the virus.”*

- **Pray that** love radiates from within your heart so you can serve others during this difficult time
- **Give thanks** for the work and witness of the Anglican Church of Papua New Guinea.

Good Friday, April 10: Isa 52:13 – 53: 12 Ps 22 1 Cor 1: 18-31 John 18: 1– 19: 42

ABM Pew Sheet Reflection 2020 – *“Many people around the world today are grieving because their loved ones have succumbed to the coronavirus. Today we join them in their mourning, grieving that our Lord, who once raised Lazarus from the dead, is slain.”*

- **Give thanks** for the work and witness of the Episcopal Church in the Philippines.
- **Give thanks** for the work and witness of the Anglican Church of Melanesia.
- **Give thanks** for the Anglican Church in Aotearoa, NZ & Polynesia, remembering especially the Church’s Decade of Mission, 2016-2025.

Holy Saturday: The Easter Vigil – April 11, 2020

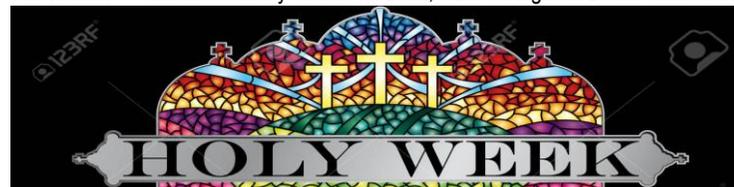
Exodus 14: 10-31; 15.20-21

Romans 6.3-11

Matthew 28.1-10.

ABM Pew Sheet Reflection 2020 – *“Today is that liminal day, stuck hanging between life and death. And that is where we find ourselves, terrified like the disciples, waiting for God to act.*

Lord, heal your world!” – all reflections by Robert McLean, ABM © Anglican Board of Mission, 2020



- **Pray that** God will heal the world, ridding us of the Covid-19 virus, and that we may be agents of that healing in whatever way we can.
- **Remember** all those who have died recently, and pray for their souls, their families and friends. May they see our Lord in paradise today.
- **Give thanks** for the work & witness of Holy Cross Cathedral, Geraldton (Diocese of North West Australia) & for St Saviour’s Cathedral, Goulburn (Diocese of Canberra and Goulburn).
- **Give thanks** for the work and witness of the Episcopal Church of Jerusalem and the Middle East, remembering especially the ministry of St George’s Cathedral, the Church of the Holy Sepulchre and all other churches in Jerusalem. Rob. McLean, ABM © Anglican Board of Mission, 2020
- **Pray for** Selva, Julyat, Lawrence & Marya, **following the suspending of their appeal again.**
- **Pray for** the Tingle family, our link missionaries in Chiang Mai.
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- **Give thanks for the rains, pray healing** for our virus, drought, fire, & flood affected nation.
- **Prayer for selection of a new incumbent:** (APBA p.212) *“Bountiful God, give to this parish a faithful pastor who will faithfully speak Your word & minister Your sacraments; an encourager who will equip Your people for ministry & enable us to fulfil our calling. Give to those who will choose, wisdom, discernment & patience, & to us give warm & generous hearts, for Jesus Christ’s sake. Amen.”*
- **“Let all peoples use His name in blessing; all nations call Him blessed.”** Ps 72:19 (APBA)

“SEW ‘n SEWS will be in recess while CV19 is around. However, when we do resume we should all have lots of projects for “show and tell”! We crafters are fortunate that we can always find something to do – Praise the Lord.” Libby.

“Worrying is carrying tomorrow’s load with today’s strength – carrying two days at once. It is moving into tomorrow ahead of time. Worrying doesn’t empty tomorrow

of its sorrow, it empties today of its strength". Corrie ten Boom – (thanks Libby!)