

**THE AUSTRALIAN EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH (AELC)  
BETHLEHEM TOOWOOMBA, OUR SAVIOUR LOWOOD, ST JOHNS AUBIGNY,  
ST PAULS GREENWOOD, TRINITY MARBURG, TRINITY OAKEY**

**15 March 2026**

**Fourth Sunday in Lent**

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**A warm welcome to all those who are worshipping with us today!**

**In preparation of worship, please prepare by praying one of the prayers found on page 308 in your LSB hymnbook and have a Order of Service Booklet.**

*People endure debilitating disabilities—blindness, deafness—and these ailments are not punishment for sin. Without intervention, people in darkness and utter silence remain isolated. Jesus attends wholeheartedly to those who live in darkness and silence. He illuminates minds and hearts with faith, so that people would confess Him as Lord. He heals the blind so that people would see who He is! Christ's amazing miracles confound the arrogant and enlighten the repentant.*

**Hymns (LSB): 436 566 914 689 619 692**

**Introit: Psalm 142**

<sup>1</sup>With my voice I cry out to the Lord;

with my voice I plead for mercy to the Lord.

<sup>2</sup>I pour out my complaint before him;

I tell my trouble before him.

<sup>3</sup>When my spirit faints within me,

you know my way!

In the path where I walk

they have hidden a trap for me.

<sup>4</sup>Look to the right and see:

there is none who takes notice of me;

no refuge remains to me; no one cares for my soul.

<sup>5</sup>I cry to you, O Lord;

I say, "You are my refuge, my portion in the land of the living."

<sup>6</sup>Attend to my cry,

for I am brought very low!

Deliver me from my persecutors,

for they are too strong for me!

<sup>7</sup>Bring me out of prison,

that I may give thanks to your name!

The righteous will surround me,

for you will deal bountifully with me.

## The Gradual

Hebrews 12:2

[O come, let us fix our eyes on] Jesus,  
the founder and perfecter of our faith,  
who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame,  
and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.

### Collect:

**Almighty God, our heavenly Father, Your mercies are new every morning; and though we deserve only punishment, You receive us as Your children and provide for all our needs of body and soul. Grant that we may heartily acknowledge Your merciful goodness, give thanks for all Your benefits, and serve You in willing obedience; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen**

### The First Reading

Isaiah 42:14–21

<sup>14</sup>For a long time I have held my peace;  
I have kept still and restrained myself;  
now I will cry out like a woman in labour;  
I will gasp and pant.  
<sup>15</sup>I will lay waste mountains and hills,  
and dry up all their vegetation;  
I will turn the rivers into islands,  
and dry up the pools.  
<sup>16</sup>And I will lead the blind  
in a way that they do not know,  
in paths that they have not known  
I will guide them.  
I will turn the darkness before them into light,  
the rough places into level ground.  
These are the things I do,  
and I do not forsake them.  
<sup>17</sup>They are turned back and utterly put to shame,  
who trust in carved idols,  
who say to metal images,  
“You are our gods.”  
<sup>18</sup>Hear, you deaf,  
and look, you blind, that you may see!  
<sup>19</sup>Who is blind but my servant,  
or deaf as my messenger whom I send?  
Who is blind as my dedicated one,  
or blind as the servant of the Lord?

<sup>20</sup>He sees many things, but does not observe them;  
his ears are open, but he does not hear.

<sup>21</sup>The Lord was pleased, for his righteousness' sake,  
to magnify his law and make it glorious.

## **The Second Reading                      Ephesians 5:8–14**

<sup>8</sup>For at one time you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light <sup>9</sup>(for the fruit of light is found in all that is good and right and true), <sup>10</sup>and try to discern what is pleasing to the Lord. <sup>11</sup>Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. <sup>12</sup>For it is shameful even to speak of the things that they do in secret. <sup>13</sup>But when anything is exposed by the light, it becomes visible, <sup>14</sup>for anything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says,

“Awake, O sleeper,  
and arise from the dead,  
and Christ will shine on you.”

## **The Gospel Reading:   John 9:1–7, 13–17, 34–39**

<sup>1</sup>As [Jesus] passed by, he saw a man blind from birth. <sup>2</sup>And his disciples asked him, “Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?” <sup>3</sup>Jesus answered, “It was not that this man sinned, or his parents, but that the works of God might be displayed in him. <sup>4</sup>We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming, when no one can work. <sup>5</sup>As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world.” <sup>6</sup>Having said these things, he spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva. Then he anointed the man’s eyes with the mud <sup>7</sup>and said to him, “Go, wash in the pool of Siloam” (which means Sent). So he went and washed and came back seeing. . . .

<sup>13</sup>They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. <sup>14</sup>Now it was a Sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. <sup>15</sup>So the Pharisees again asked him how he had received his sight. And he said to them, “He put mud on my eyes, and I washed, and I see.” <sup>16</sup>Some of the Pharisees said, “This man is not from God, for he does not keep the Sabbath.” But others said, “How can a man who is a sinner do such signs?” And there was a division among them. <sup>17</sup>So they said again to the blind man, “What do you say about him, since he has opened your eyes?” He said, “He is a prophet.” . . .

<sup>34</sup>They answered him, “You were born in utter sin, and would you teach us?” And they cast him out.

<sup>35</sup>Jesus heard that they had cast him out, and having found him he said, “Do you believe in the Son of Man?” <sup>36</sup>He answered, “And who is he, sir, that I may believe in him?” <sup>37</sup>Jesus said to him, “You have seen him, and it is he who is speaking to you.” <sup>38</sup>He said, “Lord, I believe,” and he worshiped him. <sup>39</sup>Jesus said, “For judgment I came into this world, that those who do not see may see, and those who see may become blind.”

## Sermon

# WHAT SHALL I DO WITH JESUS WHO IS CALLED CHRIST

Sermon for Confirmation Sunday, 2026

Matthew 27:22

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all. Amen.

The text for our sermon today is Matthew 27:22 **Pilate said to them, “Then what shall I do with Jesus who is called Christ?”**

Lord God, heavenly Father, sanctify us through Your truth, Your Word is truth. Amen.

Dear friends in Christ,

Confirmation is a public rite of the church preceded by a period of instruction designed to help baptised Christians identify with the life and mission of the Christian community. Confirmation is not a sacrament but rather shows publicly that the one being confirmed is now, after receiving instruction, prepared to receive the body and blood of the Lord.

Today, after being through instruction, Paige and Toby will make a promise to their Lord and receive the Lord’s Supper for the first time. Paige and Toby, this is a joyous occasion for you and for us also because we rejoice that our Lord is your Lord and that our confession is your confession.

We live in a time of history when it appears there is a large falling away from the faith. It’s almost at that stage here in Australia that Christianity has died. People have given up on the one true God and have followed others. Even those we consider Christian barely darken the inside of the house of the Lord anymore. This is concerning because, as the Lord says, “*For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also*” (Matt. 6:21). The heart will dwell on whatever a person treasures most.

But before we go further into this, I want you all to picture Jesus standing before Pilate shortly before His crucifixion. Pilate is there sitting on a raised platform, while next to him are the representative rulers of the Jews. You can see the expression of utmost contempt for Christ on their faces. Jesus stands before Pilate, His hands firmly bound, while a Roman soldier is beside Him, keeping Him in check. The crowd that has gathered are all shouting out, “*crucify Him, crucify Him!*”

Here you have Jesus, the almighty Son of God, to whom all power and majesty belong, standing there and *being treated as an outcast*. One word from His mouth and the tables would be turned. And then you have Pilate, the one to whom earthly authority had been given by none other than God Himself, the one to whom had been given the power and authority to release Jesus, becoming more and more agitated.<sup>1</sup> Even though Pilate had the power and authority to do as he pleased, he still had to ask the crowd: “... **what shall I do with Jesus who is called Christ?**”

We know what Pilate tried to do. John tells us in his Gospel that Pilate tried to release Him, but the Jews cried out, “*If you release this man, you are not Caesar’s friend. Everyone who makes himself a king opposes Caesar*” (John 19:12). So, Pilate had Jesus sent to King Herod, who in turn sent Him back. Pilate then went outside to the Jews and told them, “*I find no guilt in Him. But you have a custom that I should release one man for you at the Passover. So do you want me to release to you the King of the Jews?*” They cried out again, “*Not this man, but Barabbas!*” (John 18:38-40). So Pilate still had Christ on his hands. “**Pilate said to them, “Then what shall I do with Jesus who is called Christ?”**”

That was a critical moment in Pilate’s life, and Paige and Toby, this is a critical moment in your lives. As truly as Jesus stood before Pilate, so He stands before you. And He is not a stranger to you. You have completed a course of Christian instruction, where you have heard exactly the same thing that the true Christian church here on earth has been preaching and proclaiming for so many years now—that Jesus is the Christ, and that salvation can be found in no one else. You were joined to His death and resurrection in baptism and have heard of Jesus since you were a little child. You have come into His house, where you have heard His Word. But now the time has come for you, as an individual, to ask yourself, “...**what shall I do with Jesus who is called Christ?**”

Of course, you know what we would have you do with Him. Continue to trust in Him as your Saviour, because there is no salvation, peace of conscience, or acceptance with God in any other.

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<sup>1</sup> John 19:11

Unfortunately, though, and this is a warning for all of us today, many believe they can earn salvation. They believe that their good works will bring them to heaven. Therefore, the question “**What shall I do with Jesus who is called Christ?**” doesn’t matter. If you honestly think you can get to heaven without Jesus, then He is of no worth. But tell me, when do you know you have done enough? Is there a stage when you know you have done enough and have peace of conscience? Well, no, not if you’re fair dinkum. For “*all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God*” (Rom. 3:23), and no amount of works will ever get you to heaven. In fact, the true and proper teaching of salvation is that works are the *result* of faith, not the other way around.

No, let me tell all of you: works do not save; only the work of Jesus has delivered you from a verdict of damnation. You know that Jesus has suffered and died for you. You know that three days later, He rose again, having defeated death and the devil. You also know that you have not come to this realisation on your own. No, you have been given the gift of faith, and therefore you have peace—true peace of conscience, and acceptance with God through that Man who stood on trial before Pilate on that day.

Another reason for trusting Jesus is that, put simply, life without Jesus is not life at all. Life is simply not worth living without Jesus.

Sure, I know that people will think they can get along very nicely throughout life without Him, but until they experience the love and grace of Christ, they do not know what true and real happiness is. For example, how many people today do you find trying to seek joy and happiness in the pursuit of wealth? But let me tell you that there has never been a single man or woman in the world’s history who has found it there. Sure, they might want to disagree, but no. As Jesus has said: “*For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world and forfeits his soul?*” (Matt. 16:26). Many people forfeit their souls as they strive to gain everything they possibly can in this world. But as Job of old once said, “*Naked I came from my mother’s womb, and naked shall I return*” (1:21). You cannot take your wealth or possessions with you when you die.

There are many things to which mankind will look to, to bring happiness, such things as music and art, science and philosophy, travel and literature, but none of these things, as commendable as they are, have ever bestowed, or can ever

bestow, deep and lasting happiness or sustain and uphold you whenever the going gets tough. It is only Christ and He alone who grants you everlasting peace.

Let's return to Pilate and his words: **“Then what shall I do with Jesus who is called Christ?”**

Deep in thought, trying to decide, Pilate had two opposing voices telling him what to do. Now, Pilate was not a believer, but since God's Law has been written on everyone's hearts, he still had a conscience, and that voice of conscience, of reason, of justice told him: *“Jesus is innocent. You know that. You have the authority. Let Him go!”* Yet Pilate did not release Jesus but pronounced the sentence that sent Him to the cross. Why? Because there was another voice, and that was the voice of cowardice which whispered: *“If you let Jesus go, the Jews will bring a complaint against you before the Emperor at Rome, and you will lose your position. Crucify Him.”* Pilate listened to that voice and carried through with the greatest miscarriage of justice for all time.

Sadly, many more, like Pilate before them, have listened to the voice of cowardice because they are more concerned about how the world sees them. They have heard the voice of Christ and have rejected Him. And being in the church does not protect you from this voice of cowardice. I mean, how many do you know who have in their younger days received Christian instruction, have come to their confirmation day, have made their promise to remain faithful to Christ, have eagerly received His body and blood for the forgiveness of all their sins and the strengthening of their faith, and over a period of time have grown slack, until finally they walk by the way side and listen to that voice which says: *“Jesus is of no importance. How you look in others' eyes is what matters. Do not trust in anything other than what you can achieve for yourself.”*

This is what happens when many wrongly think that confirmation marks the end of all study of God's Word, that they have somehow ‘graduated’ and that the Catechism can now sit on the shelf next to the Bible and collect dust. No, so many confirmed members of the church all throughout the ages have let the love of Christ grow dim in their hearts and lives because they are more concerned about the world. God forbid that this happens to any of you!

The rest of Pilate's life was miserable after he made the decision to crucify Christ. In fact, his political career ended in 36 AD following his dismissal by Emperor Vitellius. According to Eusebius, an early historian, Pilate was banished to south-eastern France. It is there, as the tradition goes, that Pilate committed suicide relatively soon after, following a series of unfortunate events.

You cannot make a decision for Christ, but you can decide to cast Him aside. But let me warn you, if you do, then you will be committing spiritual suicide, and your life will be miserable.

Dear Paige and Toby, dear everyone! Trust in Christ and confess Him! Follow Him and make Him the guide of your life. As Jesus Himself says, "*Be faithful unto death, and I will give you the crown of life*" (Rev. 2:10). It is of no good to you at all if you are faithful only for a time. Jesus wants nothing less than true faithfulness. To help you with this, He gives Himself to you to eat and to drink. He wants to do this, but He can't if you decide to live life without Him. As we said before, if Jesus wanted to, He could have turned the tables on Pilate and the crowd, but He didn't. He knew He was going the way of the cross for you. Again, if He wanted to, Jesus could force you to believe, but He doesn't. He simply asks you to trust Him, to let Him be your God, and to remain true to His Word and Sacrament and to His Church all the days of this earthly life, so that when He summons you to Himself, as your soul leaves this veil of tears, you may hear from the lips of your Saviour the gracious words, "*Whoever acknowledges Me before men, I also will acknowledge before My Father who is in heaven, but whoever denies Me before men, I also will deny before My Father who is in heaven*" (Matt. 10:32-33) while His hand places the crown of immortal life upon your sainted brow. Amen.

The peace of God which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus. Amen.

### **Prayer for the Fourth Sunday in Lent**

Great Physician, enlighten our eyes by Your blessed Gospel, and hide us in Your shelter in the day of trouble. Provide a home in Your Church for those cast out by this world, and unite them with us in the pure confession of Your name.

Lord of glory, You have gathered Your Church and sanctified us in Your truth. Guide and direct our pastor, elders and seminary student Matthew, and all who hold different positions across our parish. Preserve the AELC and send labourers into Your harvest and sustain those whom You have sent.

Almighty Father, uphold in mercy all authorities, especially parents and the civil servants of our nation. Strengthen our homes and keep families firm in the Christian faith. Preserve us from wickedness, and uphold order and justice for a peaceful life. Bring to an end all hostilities in the Middle East.

Lord God, You have promised that what we suffer does not condemn us, but instead displays Your glory. Sustain the afflicted in body or soul, that they would take heart, trust You for healing and find You even in the midst of their trials.

We thank You for the recent rain and pray that You would continue to sustain and keep us. Bless the work of all whose vocation it is to feed our nation.

Blessed, O Lord, is everyone who is not offended by Your Christ. Give us faith to believe His blessed testament, seek His Holy Supper when it is offered for the forgiveness of our sins, and confess Your truth with honest hearts in the communion of this altar.

O faithful and gracious Lord, today you are giving Paige and Toby the special joy of publicly confessing their faith and renewing their dedication to You, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Give them Your strength and courage to make this confession with sincerity, and to fulfil it in the days ahead. Remind them of their baptism and of the covenant You made with them on that day. Keep them faithful until the end of their lives, that they may obtain the heavenly crown. Keep them in Your grace. Make their hearts the dwelling place of the Holy Spirit, so that He may direct them in the paths of righteousness.

O Lord, those who wait for Your salvation have the promise that You will not forsake them. Lead those who wander in darkness through rough places, that they would find the way of righteousness and not be put to shame.

All these things, O heavenly Father, we pray in the name of Jesus Christ, asking You to grant our prayers not for our sake but for His sake alone. Teach our hearts to be content with Your will and to trust that You will answer with what is best for us and at the right time for our need. Graciously receive our prayers, deliver and preserve us, for to You alone we give all glory, honour and worship, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

## **Article: Six Lies from the Pit of Hell**

To know, love, and follow the Lord, it is crucial to distinguish between spiritual truth and spiritual lies. Jesus is “the Truth,” (John 14:6) and the devil is “the father of lies” (John 8:44). While some people create new lies every day, the following six lies actually originated from the pit of hell many centuries ago.

### **1. People earn their way into Heaven by their deeds**

People who believe this lie remain unconverted and lost in sin. They are not born again, saved, redeemed, justified, or forgiven. They are self-righteous and assume their personal righteousness will gain them entrance into heaven. But they will miss out on heaven unless they repent of their works righteousness and rely completely upon Christ alone and His death on the cross for salvation.

The Apostle Paul wrote, “*We know that a man is not justified by observing the Law, but by faith in Jesus Christ. So we, too, have put our faith in Christ Jesus that we may be justified by faith in Christ and not by observing the Law, because by observing the Law no one will be justified*” (Galatians 2:16).

### **2. Jesus Christ sinned while living on Earth**

This is a massive falsehood, and yet, surprisingly, many people believe it. But consider this for a moment: If Jesus had sinned even once, He would not be qualified to be anyone’s Saviour. Those who hold such a low view of the Saviour have a huge gap in their theology. This is not a minor biblical doctrine. It is essential to understanding and believing in the Christ of Scripture.

Those who believe this lie need to abandon their wicked opinion about Jesus and trust the Lord as their perfect Saviour from sin. Thankfully, “*He (Christ) committed no sin, and no deceit was found in His mouth*” (1 Peter 2:22).

### **3. The Bible was created by man and is unreliable**

Satan tempted Adam and Eve to doubt what God had told them in the Garden of Eden (see Genesis 3:1-7). Some unbelievers falsely believe that the Bible is merely a human invention and therefore cannot be trusted. In reality, “*All Scripture is God-breathed*” (2 Timothy 3:16). “*No prophecy of Scripture came about by the prophet’s own interpretation. For prophecy never had its origin in the will of man, but men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit*” (2 Peter 1:20-21). Those who reject God’s Word will themselves be rejected by God forever.

### **4. All religions lead to God**

Anyone who accepts this lie does not understand the Gospel. The Christian faith is entirely incompatible with other religions. The Gospel reveals what God did to save us by sending His only Son to be a sacrifice for our sins on the cross. The Apostle Paul wrote, *“If righteousness could be gained through the Law, Christ died for nothing”* (Galatians 2:21). Those who assume all religions lead to God do not understand what the New Testament clearly presents as the only path to Paradise. Jesus said, *“I am the Way and the Truth and the Life. No one comes to the Father except through Me”* (John 14:6).

### **5. Fornication and homosexual behaviour are not offensive to God**

Sexual sin hardens man’s heart toward God like almost no other sin. Those who believe sexual sin is not offensive to God are blind to the truth. In terms of numbers, significantly more people engage in fornication than in homosexual behaviour.

God’s Word declares: *“Marriage should be honoured by all, and the marriage bed kept pure, for God will judge the adulterer and all the sexually immoral”* (Hebrews 13:4). *“All other sins a man commits are outside his body, but he who sins sexually sins against his own body”* (1 Corinthians 6:18). *“Although they know God’s righteous decree that those who do such things deserve death, they not only continue to do these very things but also approve of those who practice them”* (Romans 1:32).

### **6. A person’s gender is fluid, which makes gender transitioning a good thing**

If you’re curious about why so many people have fallen for this lie, simply examine the five lies listed above. The further you stray from God and the Bible, the more you drift into the territory of corrupt doctrines and wicked behaviour. Most who believe this lie don’t actually identify as transgender themselves, but they accept transgenderism as healthy, and some even entice children into adopting this harmful ideology. If you find yourself believing this lie, or any of the five lies mentioned above, I encourage you to turn to God immediately and embrace the truth.

The word “repent” means “change of mind.” It means to turn away from ungodly beliefs and sinful actions. Call on the name of Jesus Christ to set you free from any false ideas. No matter how deep into sin you are today, Jesus endured the agony of the cross to redeem and rescue us from all our sins.

Believing Satan’s lies leads to terrible consequences. By the way, do you know why the devil is filled with so much rage? *“He is filled with fury because he knows that his time is short”* (Revelation 12:12). The devil’s future cannot be changed. *“And the devil, who deceived them, was thrown into the lake of burning sulphur, where the beast and the false prophet had been thrown. They will be tormented day and night forever and ever”* (Revelation 20:10).

Rejecting Jesus leads to eternal suffering in hell, whereas trusting Jesus to forgive you is the only way to be delivered from sin, death and hell. Let us never reject Jesus but receive Him with much joy and love!

**Verse of the Day**

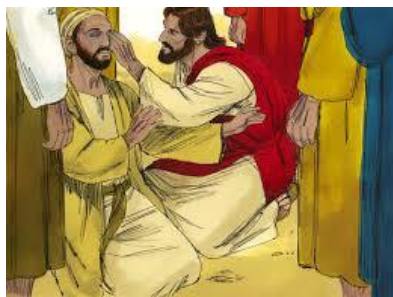
With you is the fountain of life; in your light do we see light.

**Psalms 36:9**

**Children's Address:**

What does it mean to be blind? Close your eyes. You can't see anything, can you? You're in darkness. There's no light. Okay, open your eyes. It would be hard to live that way, wouldn't it?

In our Bible story today, there was a man who had been born blind. That means he had never been able to see. From the moment he was born, he couldn't see a single thing. He had never seen his mother or father. He had never seen their smiles. He had never seen the sun or a tree or a dog. He could never see anything! His whole life was spent in darkness. There was no light.



Then one day, all of that changed. The blind man couldn't see anything, but Jesus saw him. And Jesus healed him. He put some mud on the man's eyes and told him to wash them in a nearby pool. The man did it. And when the man washed his eyes, he could see! For the first time ever, he could see things! You can imagine how happy he was! And you can also imagine how thankful he was to Jesus for healing him! Now he believed in Jesus!

But the religious leaders were not happy. They didn't like what Jesus did because they didn't believe what Jesus said. They could see just fine; their eyes worked. But even though they could see Jesus, they didn't believe in him.

Seeing with our eyes actually isn't the most important kind of seeing. Jesus wants to give us a different way to see Him. It's called faith. Believing in Jesus is a different way to see Him. It's the best way to see Him. It doesn't matter if your eyes work or if you're blind. It doesn't matter if your eyes are open or closed. You can't see Jesus with your eyes. He's not visible to our sight. But Jesus sees you.

And in God's Word, Jesus teaches you that different way to see Him. God's Word gives us faith. God's Word tells us how Jesus died for us on the cross and then rose again from the dead. God's Word forgives our sins and gives us eternal life.

Even though we can't see Jesus with our eyes, we can believe in Him. And one day, we shall see Jesus with our eyes. We shall open our eyes in heaven and see Jesus and live with Him forever.

*Dear Jesus, thank You for giving me faith, a different way to see you. Amen.*

### WEEKLY READINGS

<b>Sunday, March 15</b>	Leviticus 25 Revelation 3	<i>Luther's Small Catechism with Explanation (2017)</i> pp. 85-92, Christian Questions with their Answers 59 - 64
<b>Monday, March 16</b>	Leviticus 26-27 Revelation 4	
<b>Tuesday, March 17</b>	Daniel 1-2 Revelation 5	
<b>Wednesday, March 18</b>	Daniel 3-4 Revelation 6	
<b>Thursday, March 19</b>	Daniel 5-7 Revelation 7	
<b>Friday, March 20</b>	Daniel 8-10 Revelation 8	
<b>Saturday, March 21</b>	Daniel 11-12 Revelation 9	

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## SERVICE TIMES

<b>22 March 5 Lent</b>	<b>29 March Palm Sunday</b>	<b>5 March Easter Sunday</b>
8.30am OAK LR 9.00am TMBA LR 9.00am GRN LR 9.30am AUB LR MS 9.00am MARBURG HC & Bible Study	10.00am TMBA HC AELC Service  <b>Maundy Thursday</b> Wed 1 April: 7.30pm HC GRN Thurs 2 April: 7.00pm HC MARBURG  <b>Good Friday</b> 8.30am OAK LR MS 9.00am TMBA HC 9.00am GRN LR 10.45am AUB HC 9.00am LOWOOD LR	6.00am TMBA HC Easter Sunrise Service 8.30am OAK LR MS 9.00am GRN LR 9.30am AUB LR 9.00am MARBURG HC

<b>Sunday, 22 March</b>		
READINGS: Ezekiel 37:1-14;	Romans 8:1-11;	John 11:17-27, 38-53
HYMNS: 819 430 (tune 62 LH) 687 (608 623) 725		
<b>Sunday, 29 March</b>		
READINGS: Isaiah 50:4-9a;	Philippians 2:5-11;	John 12:12-19
HYMNS: 441 86 (LH) 347 573 622 921		
<b>Maundy Thursday</b>		
READINGS: Exodus 24:3-11;	Hebrews 9:11-22;	Matthew 26:17-30
HYMNS: 575 617 639 433 625 886		

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**DOWNS MID-WEEK LENTEN SERVICE:**

Wednesday, 18 March, 7.30pm at Trinity Oakey

HYMNS: 611 598 427

Sunday, 15 March, 1.00pm, for the members of TRINITY MARBURG: A meeting will be held at the church to discuss the reserving of plots in the cemetery. ALL members are asked to attend this meeting.

Saturday, March 21st, 7:00pm. Young Adults & Youth (YAY) for **Aubigny-Oakey-Greenwood** at St Johns Aubigny. The hall is open from 6:30pm. Please bring your Bible and a plate to share for supper. Any questions, please contact Matthew.

Sunday, 29 March. Parish AGM at Toowoomba after service.

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