

Notices

Women's Fellowship will meet in the church this Tuesday 11th at 1.30pm.

The Good Friday Service – 9:30 am. Morning tea with hot cross buns.

Come and hear the Merle Street Jazz Band

The concert is on the 30th April at 2.00pm in the hall.

Tickets are \$15 per head which includes afternoon tea.

The tickets are on sale from Eileen Comber, Beth and Alan Gibbs.

Come along and have an enjoyable afternoon.

Prayer requests –Beth Gibbs.

Prayers of the people

- Peta Foote has returned home.
- For Des Nelson remains at the Epworth Eastern, Box Hill where he is recovering from heart surgery. Joy has moved back to the Seventh Day Adventist hostel, Centre Road.
- For Des Andrews who has a leg ulcer which is persistently refusing to respond to treatment.
- For Peter Phyland and Trish as Peter receives on going care for his cancer.
- Pray for Des Melder for renewed strength and as he continues to undertake further medical tests.

Please pray for the work of Michael, Melanie & Aaron Viljoen – Wycliffe Bible Translators. And also for the ministry of Rev. Anne & Noel Nixon – BCA, Qld.

Sermon notes continued:

Father wants of him. Trusting in that love, trusting in the greater purpose of God which will result from his sacrifice, Jesus is able to pray: 'not my will be done, but our will be done.' (26:42) This account is no mere historical detail, but guidance and instruction for would be disciples of Jesus of every age, of what their calling will be and how they can overcome the flesh to obey the Father.

Welcome to St Edward's

Some of the proverbial sayings we use such as: 'Can a leopard change its spots?' (Jer13:23), or, 'Red sky at night, shepherds delight; red sky in morning, shepherds warning' (Matt 16:2-3), are taken from the Bible. Another is 'The spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak' (Matt 26:40-41), which is in our reading this Sunday. However, the context is often overlooked and this determines its meaning.

Jesus takes his three inner confidants from the Twelve disciples, Peter, James and John with him further into the Garden of Gethsemane. They have been asked to 'keep watch and pray' while Jesus faces the last temptation in his life: whether he will obey his Father's will and drink the 'cup of suffering and agony' or avoid it (Matt 26:39). Three times he faces this temptation and three times he overcomes it.

But the three disciples? They have fallen asleep! Just when Jesus is at his most vulnerable, facing the greatest test to his commitment to follow the will of the Father which will lead to the cross, the disciples have given into sleep. This proverbial saying by Jesus is not made to excuse human weakness, but is given as an example of how obedience to God's will is accomplished. If his disciples were only to recognise and acknowledge how weak they are, then they would be able to seek the strength they require, in God alone. And this this is what we see Jesus doing. Drawing near in his time of need, he implores the Father to release him from this path he has been called to take, but in resignation to his Father's will, he finds true meaning to his life and the satisfaction of knowing that this is what his

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Verse of the day

“During the days of Jesus’ life on earth, he offered up prayers and petitions with fervent cries and tears to the one who could save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. Although he was a Son, he learned obedience from what he suffered and once made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him.” (Hebrews 5:7-8)

Prayer of the day

**Everlasting God,
in your tender love for the human race
you sent your Son to take our nature,
and to suffer death upon the cross:
in your mercy
enable us to live in obedience to your will
and in the glorious victory of his resurrection;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. Amen.**

8 AM. Holy Communion, 1st Order, APBA, p.101)

Readings

Old Testament	Isaiah 50:4-9a	(p. 737)
Psalm	31:9-18	(APBA, p. 250)
Gospel	Matt 26:14-75	(p. 997)

Hymns

348 Ride on, ride on
349 In the cross of Christ
357 When his time was over

10 AM (Holy Communion, 2nd Order, APBA, p.119)

Gathering in God’s name

Verse of the Day

Hymn: 348 “Ride on, ride on”

Prayer of Preparation

(APBA, p, 119)

Prayer of the Day

Ministry of the Word

Old Testament	Isaiah 50:4-9a	(p. 737)
Psalm	31:9-18	(APBA, p. 250)
Gospel	Matt 26:14-75	(p. 997)
Sermon		
The Nicene Creed		(APBA, p. 123)

Hymn: 357 “When his time was over” (New)

Prayers of the people & the Lord’s Prayer (p. 124)

Confession and Absolution

Prayer of Approach	(p. 125)
Confession	(p. 126)
Absolution and Greeting of peace	(p. 127)

Hymn: 349 “In the cross of Christ”

Holy Communion – Preface: Holy Week (pp. 152, 128-129; 141.)

Prayer after communion: p. 153.

Notices

Hymn: 347 “We sing the praise of him who died” (Tune: 120 Fulda)

Sending out of God’s people.