

Mount Eliza Anglican Church
Lent 5 Holy Communion 29 March 2020

GREETING

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

OPENING PRAYER

**God of all our journeys
you call us out from where we are
into a wilderness
where everything longs to be restored and
held afresh.
Grant us the strength to complete this
Lenten journey.
Give us new hearts to discover
your promises along the roadway,
and a new calling to follow Jesus
in all of our wildernesses. Amen.**

CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

**Merciful God,
our maker and our judge,
we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
and in what we have failed to do:
we have not loved you with our whole
heart; we have not loved our neighbours
as ourselves;
we repent, and are sorry for all our sins.
Father, forgive us. Strengthen us to love
and obey you in newness of life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Almighty God,
who has promised forgiveness to all who
turn to him in faith:
pardon you and set you free from all your
sins, strengthen you in all goodness and
keep you in eternal life,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Jesus, receive our love and worship.
Show us how to give you what we have, for
nothing is too big or too small
for us to offer, or for you to use;
for you live and reign with the Father and
the Holy Spirit,
one God for ever. **Amen.**

FIRST READING – EXODUS 12:29-42
PSALM 130
GOSPEL READING – John 7:37-44

**SERMON (CLICK ON THE PODCAST ON THE
WEBSITE, A PDF WILL ALSO BE PROVIDED)**

**INTERCESSIONS – PROVIDED BY LIBBY
PATERSON**

Beloved God of Grace and Glory, You are One God, Creator, Renewer and Sustainer of all. Thank you for your merciful Love and grip on our very being, now and always. You are our salvation, the One we praise, the One we cherish, the One we long to cling to times of times of uncertainty and the unknown.

Jesus, during your ministry You showed your power and caring by healing peoples of all ages and stations of life from physical, mental and spiritual ailments. Be present now to people who need Your loving touch because of COVID-19. May they feel Your power of healing through the care of doctors and nurses and the healthcare system.

Comforting God: take away fear, anxiety, and feelings of isolation from people receiving treatment or under quarantine. Give them a sense of purpose in pursuing health and protecting others from exposure to the disease. Protect their families and friends and bring peace to all who love them.

Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving present your requests to God - Philippians 4:6 (NIV).

Merciful God: We pray for all world and local leaders responsible for making decisions about the coronavirus. We seek Your wisdom daily. Be with people making decisions that affect the lives and futures of our families, communities, country and the wider world. We pray that they communicate clearly, truthfully and calmly- with each other and with the public- and that their messages are received and heeded. May truth and empathy be the touchstones of people setting policies for our protection.

He has delivered us from such a deadly peril, and He will deliver us again. On Him we have set our hope that He will continue to deliver us, as you help us by your prayers... 2 Corinthians 1:10-11 (NIV)

Compassionate God: We pray for families facing financial distress and business owners. We give

thanks for Your faithfulness in how you have guided and equipped people in their jobs and have provided in the past. It can be scary and overwhelming not knowing how bills and obligations will be met or to not be able to provide for families. As people feel financial strain during uncertainty, bring them comfort and peace reminding them that You are there for them. Provide for them in their times of need.

Peace I leave with you: my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid - John 14: 27 (NIV)

Everlasting God: May we show and share our love for you wholeheartedly as we care and look out for one another. At this time may we be strong for others and show a confidence in You. May our behaviour to others reflect and mirror Your love for us. You are our refuge and our strength.

God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble. Therefore, we will not fear, though the earth give way and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea... - Psalm 46: 1-2 (NIV)

May the Christ who walked on wounded feet walk with us on the road.

May the Christ who serves with wounded hands stretch out our hearts to serve.

May the Christ who loves with wounded heart open our hearts to love.

LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us
from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory,
are yours now and for ever. Amen.**

GREETING OF PEACE [PRIEST]

We are the body of Christ.

His Spirit is with us.

The peace of the Lord be with you.

And also with you.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation. Through your goodness we have these gifts to share.

Accept and use our offerings for your glory and for the service of your kingdom.

Blessed be God for ever.

HOLY COMMUNION

O loving God, in union with Christian people throughout the world and across the centuries gathered to make Thanksgiving, hearing your holy Word and receiving the Precious Body and Blood of your dear Son, we offer you praise and thanksgiving. Even though we are dispersed from tasting the Bread of Heaven and drinking the Cup of Life we pray that you will unite us with all the baptised and with your Son who gave his life for us.

The Lord be with you,

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts;

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Almighty God, good Father to us all, your face is turned towards your world. In love you gave us Jesus your Son to rescue us from sin and death.

Therefore, we lift our voices to praise you, saying,

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.

And now we thank you for these gifts of bread and wine; may we who receive them, as Jesus said, share his body and his blood.

On the night he was betrayed, he took bread and gave you thanks.

He broke the bread and gave it to his friends, and said, 'Take and eat. This is my body given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.'

After supper he took the cup and gave you thanks. He shared the cup with them and said, 'This is my blood poured out so that sins may be forgiven. Do this in

remembrance of me.'

**Christ has died, Christ has risen,
Christ will come again.**

You have gathered us together to feed on
Christ and to remember all he has done for
us: Fill us with your Spirit
that we may follow Jesus in all we do and
say, working for justice and bringing your
peace to this world that you have made.
Accept our prayers through Jesus Christ
our Lord.

**Blessing and honour and glory and power,
are yours forever and ever. Amen**

THE BREAKING AND SHARING OF THE BREAD AND WINE

As this broken bread was once many grains,
which have been gathered together and
made one bread:

**so may your Church be gathered
from the ends of the earth into your
kingdom.**

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

God of mercy,
may we who have shared in this holy meal
know your forgiveness in our lives, bring
your reconciliation to others, and be a sign
of your wholeness in this broken world.

Father,
**we offer ourselves to you as a living
sacrifice through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Send us out in the power of your Spirit to
live and work to your praise and glory.**

BLESSING

Christ our Saviour draw you to himself,
that you may find in him crucified a sure
ground for faith, a firm support for hope,
and the assurance of sin forgiven,
and the blessing of God almighty, the
Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be
upon you and remain with you always.
Amen.

DISMISSAL

We go in peace of Christ. **Amen.**