



TOORAK
UNITING
CHURCH

We are a people who follow
the way of Jesus of Nazareth.
His words and actions
inform our living today.

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Order of Service

Sunday, 13 April 2025

10:15am Worship Service

Passion/Palm Sunday

Minister: **Rev Sylvia Akauola-Tongotongo**

Rev John Edwards

Director of Music: **Dylan Quinlan-Baskett**

**INVITATION
TO
RENEWAL**

Introit Hosanna to the Son of David

Luc Jakobs 1956—

Hosanna to the Son of David.

Blessed be He that comes in the name of the Lord.

Blessed be the King that comes in the name of the Lord.

Peace in heaven and glory in the highest heavens.

Hosanna in the highest heavens.

Welcome

Gathering for Worship

The waves of the ocean cry out in joy

The trees wave their branches in delight

The myriad birds burst forth in song, in the city and countryside

The lips of children shout sweet hosannas

For Christ the King of liberating truth is among the people

So humanly divine, we gather in faith to worship God.

Hymn 333 All Glory, Praise and Honour

Prayer

The 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 forever. Amen.

Hymn 353 The glory of our King

Reading Isaiah 50: 4-9a

Alexandra Legge

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.

The Lord GOD has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious,

I did not turn backwards. 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 or spitting. 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; he who

vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up

together. Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me. It is the

Lord GOD who helps me.

Anthem The Reproaches *(James) Healey Willan 1880-1968*

Reading The Passion According to Luke

Silent Reflection

Hymn 348 Ride on, Ride on in majesty

Reflection Invitation to Renewal

Voluntary Offering

Choir Ingrediente Domino—The Lord entered the holy city
George Malcolm 1917-1997

*When the Lord Jesus entered the holy city, all the Hebrew children declaring
the resurrection of life. With branches and palm leaves Hosanna crying in the
Highest, 'Hosanna in the highest'.*

*When all the people heard the cry that Jesus was coming in to Jerusalem,
they went forth to meet him. With branches and palm leaves Hosanna crying
in the Highest, 'Hosanna in the highest.'*

Offertory Prayer

***In gratitude for the blessings in our lives, we offer our gifts,
talents and resources to support and enhance the sharing of the
gospel. May our living and our giving continue to be agents and
channels of faith, hope and love in our communities. Amen.***

Community News

Hymn 351 Lift high the cross

Benediction

Go joyfully for Jesus the Christ walks with us. Go in faith, for in all our humanness, we are led by the Spirit.

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

Postlude Ride On, King Jesus—arranged by
Moses Hogan 1957-2003

Ride on, King Jesus, Ride on, the conquering king.

Oh ride on, King Jesus, ride on. No man no can a-hinder thee.

I was but young when I began.

But now my race is almost done.

King Jesus rides a milk white horse.

The river Jordan he did cross.

He's the king, and the Lord of all. He's the first and the last.

He's the Lord of Lords. Jesus is the Prince of Peace.

No man can a-hinder thee. Oh ride on King Jesus, Ride on just ride on Jesus.

Ride on, King Jesus, ride on, Just ride on, Jesus. Ride on, King Jesus.

TOORAK UNITING CHURCH INVITES YOU TO **SESQUICENTENARY**

A CONCERT CELEBRATING 150 YEARS

The program will consist of arias from opera, operetta and music theatre.

Featuring performers from Opera Su Presto: Amanda Stevenson, Dannielle O'Keefe, Bruce Raggatt, Stephen Coutts, Daniel Vigne and John Parncutt, with pianist David Ross-Smith

A donation will be made to **Uniting AgeWell's Music For David**, a music therapy program that supports people living with dementia and those caring for them.

The program was set up in memory of The Reverend David Hodges AM, a former minister of Toorak Uniting Church.

2PM SUNDAY

4 MAY 2025

REFRESHMENTS TO FOLLOW

\$30 ADMISSION

\$20 CONCESSION

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Toorak Uniting Church Newsletter

Update 13 April 2025

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Sunday services 9am & 10:15am

The deadline for Update submissions is 3pm on the Tuesday prior



The Renew 603 Project Update

The Renew 603 committee (Barbara McKinnon, Catriona De Vere, Rudi Doku and Chris Begg) have been meeting monthly with David Brown from Synod Property Services and Rev Jay Robinson from Presbytery to progress a plan for the long-term redevelopment of the TUC campus. We have been gathering information about the site, including statistics on current usage, a report from RBA Architects and Heritage consultants on the heritage status of Kinross House and most recently have commissioned a site survey. Proposals have been received from three architect firms to work on the site masterplan. The master planning stage will also explore options for the financing of any redevelopment.

The ultimate aim of the redevelopment is to upgrade our current facilities to be able to continue to meet the needs of our community at all stages of life in a suitable manner. At present, the costs of servicing the site facilities substantially exceeds the income from their use. In addition to caring for the community at all ages, we would like to incorporate housing on the site, housing which could include appropriate accommodation for a future minister and site caretaker.

A key ingredient for the development of the masterplan is the recently circulated survey of priorities that the congregation places on current and possible future uses of the site. The committee is looking forward to receiving your responses no later than this coming Sunday, 13th April.

Kinross House Update

A proposal has been put to Church Council to return the main part of Kinross House to use as a residence. We recently received a report from building surveyor, Neocheck, on the considerable scope of actions required to proceed with the necessary change of use application that would bring the current uses of Kinross House as a combined residence, gallery, artist studios and café into compliance under the building regulations.

Since receiving the report, our minister Rev Sylvia Akau'ola Tongotonto has confirmed a strong preference to live onsite, as part of her commitment to being actively present within the life of our church community. This joyful development has led to the proposal to return the main part of Kinross House to use as a manse. The care-taker's flat would continue to be a separate residence.

The studio licensees have been informed of the proposal which Church Council is currently deliberating. Options for relocation of current uses, in particular the café are being explored as well as the timing of any changes.

Church Council asks for your prayers for all concerned as we consider this new chapter in the life of our community, in particular for our studio artists and the Uniting Arts Toorak committee whose dedication and vision has so faithfully fostered our creative arts mission for the last twenty years.

2025 Federal Election and TUC Mini Fair!

TUC is a polling station for the 2025 Federal Election being held on **May 3. Voting opens at 8am and closes at 6pm.**

TUC will also hold a Mini Fair on the day. We will have our second-hand bookstall, a cake stall, and Kinross Café will be open. TUC's community groups have also been invited, as well as local Kooyong businesses.

Donations of books are welcome at the TUC Office, from now until May 2, or pick-up can be arranged for you. Donations of cakes and baked goods are also welcome, either to the office the day before, or on the day to the stall. Please ensure all baked good are labelled with your name and list of ingredients.

Please contact the office on **03 9829 0300** or email Jay at **office@toorakuc.org.au**, for more information.

TUC Office Closures

TUC Office will be closed on Good Friday (April 18), and Easter Monday (April 21). The Office will also be closed on ANZAC Day (April 25).

Kinross Café will also be **closed on Good Friday and the week of Easter Monday (April 21-25)** and will re-open as normal on Monday, April 28. We apologise for the inconvenience and thank you for your continued support!

April Diary Dates

Sun	13 Apr	9:00am	Worship in the Round	Rev Sylvia
Sun	13 Apr	10:15am	Worship Service	Rev Sylvia
Sun	13 Apr	11:15am	Morning Tea	Faichney Room
Sun	13 Apr	All Day	Vision and Priorities Surveys due	
Mon	14 Apr	9:30am	Pastoral Care Meeting	Faichney Room
Thu	17 Apr	7:00pm	Maundy Thursday Service	Rev John Edwards
Fri	18 Apr	8:30am	TUC Office Closed	Good Friday
Fri	18 Apr	10:00am	Good Friday Service	Rev Sylvia
Fri	18 Apr	11:30am	Ecumenical Walk	St John's Toorak
Fri	18 Apr	12:00pm	Ecumenical Morning Tea	Hall
Sun	20 Apr	10:15am	Easter Combined Worship (HC)	Rev Sylvia
Sun	20 Apr	11:15am	Special Morning Tea	Hall
Mon	21 Apr	8:30am	TUC Office Closed	Easter Monday
Mon	21 Apr	7:30am	Kinross Café Closed	Kinross Café



Scan this QR-code for the Zoom link to the 7:30pm Tuesday evening Discussion Group

HC—Holy Communion

TEM—Toorak Ecumenical Movement



The flowers in church this week are from Jean Macleod

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Welcome to Toorak Uniting Church

Toorak Uniting Church acknowledges and pays respect to the past, present and future Traditional Custodians and Elders of this nation and the continuation of cultural, spiritual and educational practices of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

We welcome all people irrespective of race, religion, political views, gender, marital status, sexual orientation, or age. Wherever you are on your faith journey, wherever you have come from and wherever you are going to; whatever you believe, whatever you do not believe, you are welcome here at Toorak Uniting Church.

Toorak Uniting Church has been a proud member of the Toorak Ecumenical Movement since signing the Ecumenical Agreement in 1980. We pray for our partner churches: St Peter's Roman Catholic Church, St John's Anglican Church and the Swedish Church.