



THE Anglican Parish of Woodend-Trentham

A member of the Central Highlands Cluster Ministry



HOLY SATURDAY

April 20th, 2019

We acknowledge the Jaara Jaara people,
the custodians of this land where we gather.

We pay our respects to their elders past and present and pray for
reconciliation.

We begin our service outside

A Fire is kindled

Dear friends in Christ, on this most holy night, when our Lord Jesus Christ passed from death to life, the Church invites believers throughout the world to come together in vigil and prayer.

This is the Passover of the Lamb, Jesus Christ. We remember his death and celebrate his resurrection, confident that we shall share his victory and live with him forever in God.

Holy God, you gave your name to Moses from the burning bush. By the blessing of this new fire, bring us to stand with awe on this holy ground, our eyes alight with the glory we have seen in Christ, and our hearts aflame with resurrection joy, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The four paschal candles one for each centre are held and the clergy trace a cross on them and mark the Greek letters Alpha and Omega and the four numbers of the current year, saying:

Christ yesterday and today, the Beginning and the End, Alpha and Omega; all time belongs to him and all ages.
To him be glory and power through every age and for ever. Amen.

Placing five nails at the extremities and centre of the cross, the following is said:

By his holy and glorious wounds may Christ the Lord guard us and keep us. **Amen.**

The candles are lit from the new fire saying:

May the light of Christ, rising in glory, dispel the darkness of our hearts and minds.

People light their votive candles, initially from the paschal candles, then passing the light around.

The lighted paschal candles are carried through the Church, the bearers pausing three times: at the door, in the middle of the nave, and finally within the sanctuary.

At each the following is sung:

The light of Christ!

Thanks be to God.

When the paschal candle is in place Fr Ian will sing the Exultet (Easter Proclamation)

The Lord be with you,

And also with you.

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

Mth Mel to lead

Dear friends in Christ, let us now listen attentively to the word of God, recalling how God saved humanity throughout history and, in the fullness of time, sent Jesus Christ to be our redeemer.

Lesson 1: Genesis 1:1-2:4 to be read by Alison Howarth

Creator God, you made us wonderfully in your own image, and yet more wonderfully restored the dignity of human nature: grant that, as your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, was made in human form, so we may be made partakers of divine life; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Lesson 2: Exodus 14.10-31; 15.20-21 to be read by Greg Donaldson

Lord God our redeemer, who heard the cry of your people and sent your servant Moses to lead them out of slavery: free us from the tyranny of sin and death; and, by the leading of your Spirit bring us to our promised land; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Lesson 3: Isaiah 55:1-11 to be read by Elizabeth Hannah

O God, by the power of your Word you have created all things, and by your Spirit you renew the earth: give now the water of life to those who thirst for you, that they may bring forth abundant fruit in your glorious kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Lesson 4: Ezekiel 36:24-28 to be read by Ray Carnovale

Living God, by the power of your Holy Spirit you give to your faithful people new life in the water of baptism. Guide and strengthen us by that same Spirit, that we who are born again may serve you in faith and love, and grow into the full stature of your Son Jesus Christ; who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Hymn: 703 As the deer pants for the water.

Mth Mel says

Christ is risen. Alleluia!

He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Jesus Christ is the light of the world.

A light no darkness can extinguish.

As the altar candles are lit and the lights switched on, the Gloria is sung for the first time since the start of Lent

A reading from Paul's letter to the Romans chapter 6 verses 3-11

Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life.

For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, and we might no longer be enslaved to sin. For whoever has died is freed from sin. But if we have died

with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. The death he died, he died to sin, once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn: 390 Alleluia, alleluia, give thanks to the risen Lord

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

The word of the Lord is alive

The word of the Lord is active

God has trusted us

With the news of redeeming love

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

+ *The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Matthew, chapter 28 beginning at the 1st verse*

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ

After the sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. And suddenly there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples, 'He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him.' This is my message for you." So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. Suddenly Jesus met them and said, "Greetings!" And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshiped him. Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me."

For the Gospel of the Lord,
praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ. Alleluia!

The Sermon

The Reverend Heather Vander Reest

RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL PROMISES

The ministers go to the font.

Dear friends, in baptism, through the mystery of Christ's death and resurrection, we also have died and been buried with Christ, so that we may rise with him to new life. Now that we have completed the observance of Lent, let us renew the promises made in our baptism, when we rejected the powers of evil, and promised to serve God faithfully as members of his one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.

Water is poured into the font.

We thank you, heavenly Father, for the gift of water. Your Holy Spirit moved over the waters in the beginning of creation. Through water you led the children of Israel out of slavery in Egypt into the land of promise. In water your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as Messiah.

We thank you for the water of baptism, in which we are buried with Christ in his death that we may share in his resurrection, and through which we are renewed by the Holy Spirit.

Therefore, in joyful obedience to your Son, we make disciples of all nations and baptise them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Brothers and sisters, I ask you to profess together the faith of the Church.

Do you believe and trust in God the Father?

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Do you believe and trust in his Son Jesus Christ?

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;**

**he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

Do you believe and trust in the Holy Spirit?

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.
Amen.**

Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in breaking the bread, and in the prayers?

With the help of God, I will.

Will you persevere in resisting evil and,
Whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

With the help of God I will.

Will you proclaim by word and example the good news of God in Christ?

With the help of God I will.

Will you seek and serve Christ in all people, loving your neighbour as yourself?

With the help of God I will.

Will you acknowledge Christ's authority over human society, by prayer for the world and its leaders, by defending the weak, and by seeking peace and justice?

With the help of God I will.

May Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given us a new birth by water and the Holy Spirit, and bestowed upon us the forgiveness of sins, keep us in eternal life by his grace, in Christ Jesus our Lord. **Amen.**

The congregation are sprinkled with water

We sing together

Springs of water, bless the Lord.

Give us glory and grace, forever and ever,

Alleluia

(Repeat three times)

The Greeting of Peace

Christ is risen! Alleluia, alleluia!

He is risen indeed. Alleluia, alleluia!

The peace of the Lord, crucified and risen, be always with you.

And also with you.

Offertory hymn: 156 Morning has Broken

We give thanks for the offered gifts

God our sustainer,
receive the gifts we bring before you,
and feed us continually with that bread which satisfies all hunger,
and the wine that quenches all thirst,
your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ. **Amen**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

We turn to page 154

....for ever praising you and singing

Holy, holy, holy Lord

**God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the Highest
Blessed is he who comes in the Lord's name
Hosanna in the Highest**

We turn back to page 128

**Dying you destroyed our death,
rising you restored our life.
Christ Jesus, come in glory.**

**Blessing and honour and glory and power
are yours for ever and ever. Amen.**

*With our hearts set on the kingdom and our hands open to serve,
we pray as Jesus taught us:*

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done,
on earth as it is 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.**

Alleluia!

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
Therefore let us keep the feast. **Alleluia!**
The disciples knew the Lord Jesus
in the breaking of the bread.

Be known to us, Lord Jesus, in the breaking of the bread.

The bread which we break, alleluia,
is the communion of the body of Christ.

Be known to us, Lord Jesus, in the breaking of the bread.

We are one body, alleluia,
for though many we share one bread.

Be known to us, Lord Jesus, in the breaking of the bread.

The gifts of God for the people of God,
Holy gifts for God's holy people.

Everyone is welcome to come to the Lord's table

THE SENDING OUT OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Notices

Let us pray.

At dawn on the first day of the week.
The women came to the tomb.
The angel asked them whom do you seek?
We seek Jesus of Nazareth who was crucified.
Why seek the living among the dead?
If you have taken my Lord away, tell me where you have laid him.
He is not here, he is risen as he promised.
We are witnesses to these things.

Risen Lord Jesus,
as Mary Magdalene met you in the garden
on the morning of your resurrection,
so may we meet you today and every day.

Speak to us as you spoke to her.
Reveal yourself as the living Lord.
Renew our hope and kindle our joy
and send us to share the Good News with others
For with the Father and the Holy Spirit
You live and reign, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Behold, I am with you always, to the end of time.
And I will come to reign among you in glory. **Alleluia!**

Final Hymn: 380 Yours be the Glory

Blessing

Almighty God,
who redeemed us through the resurrection of Christ,
who raised us to newness of life through the waters of baptism, and has
brought us out of slavery into everlasting freedom, give you joy and
peace in faith and bring you to your eternal inheritance;
and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy
Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia!
In the name of Christ. Amen. Alleluia, alleluia!



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