



THE Anglican Parish of Woodend-Trentham



Twenty First Sunday after Pentecost October 14th 2018

We acknowledge the Jaara Jaara people, of Dja Dja Wurrung language group,
the custodians of this land where we gather.

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

GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

Gathering Hymn – 613 Lord of all hopefulness

Sentence of the day

No one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields, for Jesus' sake, will not receive a hundredfold now in this age, with persecutions, and in the age to come eternal life.

Mark 10.29-30

The Lord be with you.

And also with you

*We pray the Prayer of preparation
(page 119 of the prayer book)*

Almighty God....

*The Shema
(page 120 of the prayer book)*

Hear, O Israel....

*The Confession and absolution
(page 120 of the prayer book)*

Let us confess our sins in penitence and faith, confident in God's forgiveness.

We take a moment of silent reflection

Merciful God...

*Knowing that we are forgiven, we sing The Gloria
(page 121 of the prayer book)*

Let us pray

Merciful God,
in your Son you call not the righteous but sinners to repentance:
draw us away from the easy road that leads to destruction,
and guide us into paths that lead to life abundant,
that in seeking your truth, and obeying your will,
we may know the joy of being a disciple of Jesus our Saviour;
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

MINISTRY OF THE WORD

A reading from the book of Job chapter 23 verses 1 to 17

“Today also my complaint is bitter;
his hand is heavy despite my groaning.
Oh, that I knew where I might find him,
that I might come even to his dwelling!
I would lay my case before him,
and fill my mouth with arguments.
I would learn what he would answer me,
and understand what he would say to me.
Would he contend with me in the greatness of his power?
No; but he would give heed to me.
There an upright person could reason with him,
and I should be acquitted forever by my judge.

“If I go forward, he is not there;
or backward, I cannot perceive him;
on the left he hides, and I cannot behold him;
I turn to the right, but I cannot see him.

God has made my heart faint;
the Almighty has terrified me;
If only I could vanish in darkness,
and thick darkness would cover my face!

For the word of the Lord **thanks be to God**

Psalm 22 verses 1 to 15

My God, my God, why have you forsaken me:
why are you so far from helping me
and from the words of my groaning?

**My God, I cry to you by day, but you do not answer:
and by night also I take no rest.**

But you continue holy:
you that are the praise of Israel.

**In you our forebears trusted:
they trusted, and you delivered them;**

To you they cried and they were saved:
they put their trust in you and were not confounded.

**But as for me, I am a worm and no man:
the scorn of all and despised by the people.**

Those that see me laugh me to scorn:
they shoot out their lips at me
and wag their heads, saying,

**‘He trusted in the Lord—let him deliver him:
let him deliver him, if he delights in him.’**

But you are he that took me out of the womb:
that brought me to lie at peace on my mother's breast.

**On you have I been cast since my birth:
you are my God, even from my mother's womb.**

O go not from me, for trouble is hard at hand:
and there is none to help.

**Many oxen surround me:
fat bulls of Bashan close me in on every side.**

They gape wide their mouths at me:
like lions that roar and rend.

**I am poured out like water,
and all my bones are out of joint:
my heart within my breast is like melting wax.**

My mouth is dried up like a potsherd:
and my tongue clings to my gums.

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews chapter 4 verses 12 to 16

Indeed, the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing until it divides soul from spirit, joints from marrow; it is able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart. And before him no creature is hidden, but all are naked and laid bare to the eyes of the one to whom we must render an account.

Since, then, we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast to our confession. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

For the word of the Lord **thanks be to God**

Gospel hymn - 595 O Jesus I have promised

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

Go to my brothers and sisters
and share the good news

Alleluia

*The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Mark, chapter 10
beginning at the 17th verse*

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ

As he was setting out on a journey, a man ran up and knelt before him, and asked him, "Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?" Jesus said to him, "Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. You know the commandments: 'You shall not murder; You shall not commit adultery; You shall not steal; You shall not bear false witness; You shall not defraud; Honour your father and mother.'" He said to him, "Teacher, I have kept all these since my youth." Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said, "You lack one thing; go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me." When he heard this, he was shocked and went away grieving, for he had many possessions.

Then Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, "How hard it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!" And the disciples were perplexed at these words. But Jesus said to them again, "Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God." They were greatly astounded and said to one another, "Then who can be saved?" Jesus looked at them and said, "For mortals it is impossible, but not for God; for God all things are possible."

Peter began to say to him, "Look, we have left everything and followed you." Jesus said, "Truly I tell you, there is no one who has left house or

brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields, for my sake and for the sake of the good news, who will not receive a hundredfold now in this age—houses, brothers and sisters, mothers and children, and fields, with persecutions—and in the age to come eternal life. But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first.”

For the Gospel of the Lord **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ**

The Sermon

Let us together affirm the faith of the church

Let us pray for the world, the church, and each other

The Greeting of Peace

We are the body of Christ
His Spirit is with us.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.
And also with you.

Offertory Hymn – 745 Seek ye first

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 128

...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 say together

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

...in songs of never-ending praise

**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 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**

Everyone is welcome to the table of the Lord.

The Sending out of God's people

Prayer after communion...

Living God,
in this holy meal you fill us with new hope.
May the power of your love,
which we have known in word and sacrament,
continue your saving work among us,
give us courage for our pilgrimage,
and bring us to the joys you promise.
Most loving God,
you send us into the world you love.
Give us grace to go thankfully and with courage
in the power of your Spirit.

The Notices

Final Hymn – 315 Mine Eyes

The Blessing and Dismissal

God of this ancient land,
through baptism you have given us an inheritance into one family,
give us grace to walk together in the unity of Christ Jesus;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the One who loves you,
the One who calls you,
and the One who makes you holy,
be upon you and remain with you always. **Amen**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

In the name of Christ. Amen.

****some thoughts from Rev. Mel.*

As a child I used to wonder at the idea of camels passing through needles, when I was searching for a picture to put on the cover of this week's booklet I came across this....



It is a little bit of silliness to go along with this parable, a most popular expression of Jesus.

Many of the things that we hear from Jesus feel impossible at first don't they? With a bit of prayer, extra reading, and meditation we can come to a better understanding of what it is that he is asking of us.

God is in no rush for us to do this. We have time and God is patient.

When the things that we ponder feel difficult God is always with us to love us through. We also have our family, the church, to support us as we grapple with the issues of life, and the best way to live out our Christian calling. I think it is less about getting camels through needles, and more about seeing the need of others around us.

Speaking of need....thanks to everyone who supported the refugee lunch last week. It was a great result and the fellowship and joy in hall was very evident.

Remember the Asylum Seeker Resource Centre is always looking for support in the form of food bank items, donations of money, and volunteers. <https://www.asrc.org.au/>

Blessings, Mel.

Pew Bulletin

Safe Church

There will be a safe church refresher workshop in Woodend in March next year. If it is three years since your first workshop then you'll need to book in. Details to come.

Parish Council

A special combined parish council meeting of the Woodend-Trentham and Kyneton parish councils will meet on October 23. Bishop Matt will be joining us.

Australian Anglican Church Calendar

If you have placed an order for a calendar it is time to pay for them. They will be ready to be distributed in the next few weeks. Rev. Mel will collect the money.

Trivia Night

Our annual trivia night, a major fun and fund raising event for our parish, will be held on Saturday October 20 this year. Please do what you can to help make this night as successful as it usually is for our parish.

News from the Guilds

St Mary's Guild:

The next knit and natter is October 17th.

St George's Guild

The Flower Show is on November 24th at 1pm.

Other Diary Dates

Fr Neil Fitzgerald will be presiding in Woodend-Trentham November 18
Bishop Matt will be visiting with us on December 16 to officially receive
Robyn Leeder into the Anglican Communion.

Christmas Carols in the garden at St Mary's on December 21

Christmas Carols in St George's on December 23

Intercessions – our prayers are asked for: Sam, Andrea,

Alison, Ethan, Kirsten, Carole, Wendy, Jeanette,

Trevor, Rudi, Trish, Hugh, Joshua and family, Alan,

Faye, Lynne, Kay, Don, Kristina and John, Linda, Carmela, Heath, Helen,
Jim, Judy and John.

Birthdays and anniversaries

Happy birthday to Gwen Justice this week

Years Mind and those who have died recently

On Monday our friend Pam Heyward died. We will celebrate her life and
her return home to God next Sunday at St Mary's after the service.

We remember Joyce white and John Martinson this week.



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