

THE Anglican Parish *of* Woodend-Trentham



Χριστος Ανεστη! Christ is Risen!

Third Sunday of Easter

April 15, 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 and present and pray for
reconciliation.

GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

Gathering Hymn – 360 Lights reddening dawn (verses 1,6,7 and 8)

The Lord be with you.

And also with you

Christ is risen Alleluia!

He is risen indeed Alleluia!

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

The confession and absolution

Christ our Passover Lamb has been offered for us, therefore we come to celebrate the festival.

Let us confess our sins in penitence and faith, with a sincere and true heart.

(page 120 of the prayer book)

*We sing The Gloria
(page 121 of the prayer book)*

Let us pray

Lord of life,
by submitting to death, you conquered the grave;

by being lifted upon the cross, you draw all peoples to you;
by being raised from the dead,
you restore to humanity all that was lost through sin:
be with us in your risen power,
that in word and deed we may proclaim
the marvellous mystery of death and resurrection.
For all praise is yours, now and throughout eternity. **Amen.**

MINISTRY OF THE WORD

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles chapter 3 verses 12 to 20

When Peter saw it, he addressed the people, “You Israelites, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we had made him walk? The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our ancestors has glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and rejected in the presence of Pilate, though he had decided to release him. But you rejected the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer given to you, and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. And by faith in his name, his name itself has made this man strong, whom you see and know; and the faith that is through Jesus has given him this perfect health in the presence of all of you.

“And now, friends, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. In this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, that his Messiah would suffer. Repent therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out, so that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord, and that he may send the Messiah appointed for you, that is, Jesus,

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

Psalm 4

Answer me when I call, O God of my righteousness:
when I was hard-pressed you set me free;
be gracious to me now and hear my prayer.

**Children of earth, how long will you turn my glory to
my shame:**

**how long will you love what is worthless
and seek after lies?**

Know that the Lord has shown me his wonderful kindness:
when I call to the Lord he will hear me.

Tremble, and do no sin:

commune with your own heart upon your bed and be still.

Offer the sacrifices that are right:
and put your trust in the Lord.

**There are many who say ‘Who will show us any good?:
the light of your countenance, O Lord, has gone from us.’**

Yet you have given my heart more gladness:
that they have when their corn, wine and oil increase.

In peace I will lie down and sleep:

for you alone, Lord, make me dwell in safety.

*A reading from the first letter of John chapter 2 verses 15 to 17 and
chapter 3 verses 1 to 6*

Do not love the world or the things in the world. The love of the Father is not in those who love the world; for all that is in the world—the desire of the flesh, the desire of the eyes, the pride in riches—comes not from the Father but from the world. And the world and its desire are passing away, but those who do the will of God live forever.

See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

Everyone who commits sin is guilty of lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. You know that he was revealed to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. No one who abides in him sins; no one who sins has either seen him or known him.

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

Gospel Hymn – 370 Christ the Lord

Halle halle halle, lu-i-a, Halle halle halle, lu-i-a
Halle halle halle, lu-i-a, Halleluia Halleluia
*Now Christ is raised from the dead,
He will never die again.
All who follow his Word, shall have life in him,
Halleluia Halleluia*

Halle halle halle, luia, Halle halle halle, luia
Halle halle halle, luia, Halleluia Halleluia

*The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Luke, chapter 24
beginning at the 36th verse*

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ

Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. He said to them, "Why are you frightened, and why do

doubts arise in your hearts? Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have.” And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, “Have you anything here to eat?” They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate in their presence.

Then he said to them, “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.” Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things.

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

The Sermon

*Let us together affirm the faith our church
by saying the words of the Creed
(page 123 of the prayer book)*

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 – 376 I know

We give thanks for the offered gifts

Blessed are you.....(*we give thanks for the bread and wine*)
Blessed be God forever

Blessed are you.....(*we give thanks for money and food offerings*)
Blessed be God forever

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The preface to the Great Thanksgiving prayer is on 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**

Then we return to page 128

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...

Eternal God, giver of life,
in the breaking of the bread we know the risen Lord.
May we who celebrate this holy feast walk in his risen light and bring
new life to all creation.
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 – 379 He is Risen

The Blessing and Dismissal

Almighty God, who redeemed us through the resurrection of Christ, who raised us to newness of life through the waters of baptism, and bought 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

Life is short and we do not have much time to gladden the hearts of those who travel with us, so be swift to love, make haste to be kind and go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia!

In the name of Christ. Alleluia!

****some thoughts from Rev. Mel*

It is finally raining!

As I write this the rain is hitting my office window and I can almost hear the relief of the garden.

We are discovering lovely little spots in our new home and garden as we settle in – like the little bird bath , left behind by someone in the history of this house, that sits under the low hanging canopy of one of the trees.

There is a sense of peace in this place – that may change when school goes back! At the moment though, the peace of the natural beauty is helping us to overcome the sound of the crowd of boxes calling to us to unpack them from the spare room!

Peace is a very special word – it can mean quiet, it can mean an absence of conflict, it can mean the sounds of nature. But the peace that Jesus brings to us is different.

When Jesus breathed his peace on the disciples in the gospel of John, and declares ‘Peace be with you’ in the gospel reading for this week, he knows that this peace is different. This is a peace that can sometimes bring us into conflict with our loved ones and with the world. As modern day Christians, to proclaim our faith can put us at odds with society....but sometimes that is ok.

An Easter church, like ours, needs to reflect the ministry of Jesus – it needs to be healing, proclaiming, and confronting, but most of all it needs to be based in love.

Over the past month or so we have seen footage coming from America of young people standing up for what they believe in. They are protesting in the streets and making some wonderfully articulate speeches concerning gun control. They have seen a need for healing in their world and they are doing everything they can to bring about change.

In order to live safe and peaceful lives they are proclaiming the need for change, and they are engaging in confrontation and conflict...but all while maintaining the peace that Jesus inspires in us. The peace that is driven by love, and love alone.

I have hope for the future of the country based on what I have been seeing and hearing from these inspiring young people.

Have a look at Naomi Wadler’s speech that she gave at March For Our Lives....she’s 11 years old!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=F2ZPUcywvUE>

With my hope that we all live love based peaceful lives, Mel.

Pew Bulletin

Conversation/Australis Group

The conversation group will resume on Tuesday to continue our work through the final session of unit 1 of the Australis Certificate.

St George's Day

Next week we will celebrate our Patron St George!

Pop Up Market

We are hosting a Pop Up Market on April 28th from 9-5 for local businesses to showcase their goods and services. The guild will be selling scones and tea, as well as their street stall products.

The parish will also have a table inviting people to come to church on Sundays. If you can volunteer to assist for an hour on the day it would be very much appreciated. Please see Rev. Mel if you can help.

News from the Guilds

St Mary's Guild:

Knit and Natter is on this Wednesday the 18th. Everyone is welcome. BYO lunch.

Diary Dates

*Rev. Mel will be attending the clergy conference in Echuca from April 30-May 2, and then will be on leave from May 7 to 18.

*Bishop Matt will be visiting us for the first time on May 20, which is Pentecost Sunday. Details to come closer to the date.

*Synod this year will be on May 25 and 26 this year in Bendigo.

Intercessions – our prayers are asked for: John, Sam, Jim, Andrea, Alison, Ethan, Kirsten, Carole, Wendy, Judy, Jeanette, Trevor, Rudi, Trish, Hugh, Joshua and family, Alan, Sheila, Faye, Lynne, Kay, Don, Norm, Kristina and John, Linda, Carmela, Steven, Del and Heath.

Birthdays

Happy birthday on Tuesday to Elizabeth McInnerney

Years Mind and those who have died recently

We give thanks for the life of Catherine Adams, Patricia Dunstan, and Jo Clancy and we pray for their family and friends who mourn them.

Today we remember Thomas Walter Smart Sperring, on Wednesday
Maurice Reginald (Reg) Bickerdyke and Saturday Kay Elliot
May they rest in peace and rise in glory.

Readings for next week – Easter Four, Good Shepherd Sunday

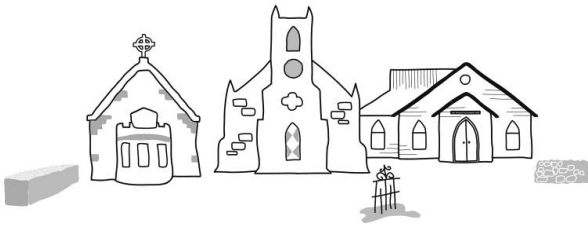
Acts 4.5-12

Psalm 23

1 John 3.16-24

John 10.11-18

The colour throughout Easter-tide (50 days!) is white/gold – we use white to symbolise the coming into the light from the darkness of death into the life that Jesus won for us.



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