



THE Anglican Parish of Woodend-Trentham

**St George's, Trentham 9.00am | St Mary's, Woodend 11.00am**



7<sup>th</sup> April 2019 – Fifth Sunday in Lent, Laetare Sunday

We acknowledge the Jaara Jaara people,  
of the 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

Those who go out weeping, bearing the seed for sowing, shall come home with shouts of joy, carrying their sheaves. *Psalm 126.6*

**Gathering Hymn – Trentham: 696 A prophet woman broke a jar**

**Woodend: In Christ Alone**

Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins. **Whose mercy endures forever.**

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

*The Prayer of preparation (page 119 of the prayer book)*

**Almighty God...**

*The Confession*

Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit into the wilderness, where for forty days he was tempted.

Let us confess our sins remembering before God the times when we have fallen from temptation into sin.

We confess to you our selfishness and lack of love:  
fill us with your Spirit.  
Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

We confess to you our fear and failure in sharing our faith:  
fill us with your Spirit.  
Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**

We confess to you our stubbornness and lack of trust:  
fill us with your Spirit.  
Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy**

*The absolution*

**Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal,  
Have mercy on us.**

*Let us pray*

Christ,  
whose feet were caressed  
with perfume and a woman's hair,  
you humbly took a basin and towel  
and washed the feet of your friends:  
wash us also in your tenderness,  
that, embracing your service freely,  
we may accept no other bondage  
in your name. **Amen.**

## **MINISTRY OF THE WORD**

*A reading from the book of Isaiah chapter 43 verses 16 to 21*

Thus says the LORD,  
who makes a way in the sea,  
a path in the mighty waters,  
who brings out chariot and horse,  
army and warrior;  
they lie down, they cannot rise,  
they are extinguished, quenched like a wick:  
Do not remember the former things,  
or consider the things of old.  
I am about to do a new thing;  
now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?  
I will make a way in the wilderness  
and rivers in the desert.  
The wild animals will honour me,  
the jackals and the ostriches;  
for I give water in the wilderness,

rivers in the desert,  
to give drink to my chosen people,  
the people whom I formed for myself  
so that they might declare my praise.

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

## **Psalm 126**

1 When the Lord turned again the fortunes of Zion:  
then were we like those restored to life.

**2 Then was our mouth filled with laughter:  
and our tongue with singing.**

3 Then said they among the heathen:  
'The Lord has done great things for them.'

**4 Truly the Lord has done great things for us:  
and therefore we rejoiced.**

5 Turn again our fortunes, O Lord:  
as the streams return to the dry south.

**6 Those who sow in tears:  
shall reap with songs of joy.**

7 They that go out weeping, bearing the seed:  
shall come again in gladness,  
bringing their sheaves with them.

*A reading from Paul's letter to the Philipians chapter 3 verses 3 to 14*

For it is we who are the circumcision, who worship in the Spirit of God and boast in Christ Jesus and have no confidence in the flesh— even though I, too, have reason for confidence in the flesh.

If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless.

Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

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

*Praise to you Lord Jesus, King of endless Glory  
Saviour of the world, Saviour of the world.*

*The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to John chapter 12  
beginning at the 1<sup>st</sup> verse*

**Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ**

Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at the table with him. Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed

Jesus' feet, and wiped them with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), said, "Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor?" (He said this not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief; he kept the common purse and used to steal what was put into it.) Jesus said, "Leave her alone. She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial. You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me."

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

### *The Sermon*

*The affirmation of faith (page 123 of the prayer book)*

### *The Prayers of the People*

Jesus said: Come to me all who labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.

*We pray the prayer of Approach (page 125)*

### *The Greeting of Peace*

Since we are justified by faith,  
we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ,  
who has given us access to his grace.

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 Chant – (repeat until the altar is ready)**

**817 In the Lord I'll be ever thankful**

Jacques Berthier

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*In the Lord I'll be ever thankful, In the Lord I will rejoice;  
Look to God, do not be afraid, lift up your voices the Lord is near,  
Lift up your voices the Lord is near.*

*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**

*The preface to the Great Thanksgiving prayer is on page 151*

....for ever praising you and saying

**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 return to page 128*

*...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 forever and ever. Amen.**

**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.**

**The Sending out of God's people**

*Prayer after communion...*

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. **Amen.**

*The Notices*

**Final Hymn – Trentham: 569 Guide me, O thou great redeemer  
Woodend: My hope is built on nothing less**

*The Blessing and Dismissal*

Christ give you grace to grow in holiness,

to deny yourselves, take up your cross, and follow him;

and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

**Amen.**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**In the name of Christ.**

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

I've been thinking recently about what it is to identify as a 'person of faith'. Is it about honouring family history, is it about the culture that we are raised in, or is it about a living out of faith in words and action each day (and if it is that – what does that look and sound like?!)?

I think about the characters / authors in the readings from today – Isaiah, as far as we know, did all of the above. He was a Jewish person living his Jewish faith according to his family and community, and he did

it in word and action and it changed him and the history of Judaism forever.

Paul was a Jewish person, trying to protect the purity of the Jewish faith that his family and community practiced, but then he had his encounter with Jesus and it turned him around completely. He began to live out a new way of faith.

And then we have Mary of Bethany. A woman who, by all accounts that we have of her and her family, is a good Jewish woman who is just getting on with life when it all changes. She risks the anger and gossip of others in order to anoint Jesus in this most beautiful way that we read in today's gospel.

So what does it mean to be a person of faith based on these three? It means that we sometimes go against the expected rules.

It means that we are open to the transformation that happens when we accept the love of God into our lives.

I pray these last days of Lent find us all moved to welcome that transforming love into our lives, so that being 'a person of faith' really means something extraordinary.

Peace, Mel

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### **Pew Bulletin**

#### **Safe Church**

If you haven't done a workshop and you think you need to please speak to Reverend Mel. There are two workshops coming up:

Saturday 6 April at Holy Trinity, Flora Hill

Saturday 15 June at Holy Trinity, Flora Hill

Please register via the website [www.bendigoanglican.org.au](http://www.bendigoanglican.org.au)

The cost of the workshop is \$35 and the parish will reimburse you if you require.

## Saturdays in Lent

Our final Taize for lent is 6.30pm April 13 at St George's

## Sundays in Lent – God at the Movies

On Sunday afternoons in Lent the BBC series *Broken* will be shown in the Sherlocks' home at 3 Lelant Street, Trentham. Each runs for an hour and will begin at 2.30pm.

## Other Lenten and Triduum Dates

Please let Rev. Mel know if you would like to host a service in your home during holy week (Monday, Tuesday, or Wednesday)

<b>Activity</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Location</b>
Maundy Thursday	Thursday April 18 7pm	St Paul's Kyneton
Good Friday service and ecumenical walk	Friday April 19 9am	St George's Trentham
Good Friday service	Friday April 19 1pm	Woodend Children's Park
Holy Saturday Vigil	April 20 7.30pm	St Mary's Woodend

## Thanks

Big thanks to the crew who gathered on Wednesday to clear out the garage at St Mary's. It looks much better!

## Lawn Mower inductions

If you have volunteered to mow the lawns at St Mary's with the new ride on the induction will be held on April 13 at 1.30pm.

## VCC Emergency Ministries Volunteer Needed

If you are interested in training to be a volunteer for the Victoria council of Churches please get in touch with Rosie Baker.

Face to face training on May 25<sup>th</sup> with workbook to be completed prior.

## News from the Guilds:

*St Mary's Guild* – Thanks to everyone who gave to the ABM mission collection in March. We raised \$438!

Please support the street stall on April 13.

## **Birthdays and Anniversaries**

Happy birthday to Jack and Zoe Shepherd this week!

## **Years Mind and those who have died recently**

We remember Irmgard Angelike Vormwald, Jo Clancy, and Ruth Stevens

## **Intercessions – our prayers are asked for:**

Bill, Sam, Wendy, Jeanette, Carmela, Jim, Judy and John, Hayden, Sandra, Sheryl and Roger, Trevor, Kristina and Jon, Judy, Ron, Fletcher, Russell, Elizabeth, Gael, Faye, Keith, William, Philip, Leonie, Alldyth, Jannyse, and Michael and Sue.

We pray for Simba and Karen to be ordained today in Tatura

## **Readings for next week – Palm Sunday**

Isaiah 50.4-9

Psalm 31.9-18

Philippians 2.5-11

Luke 22.14-56

## **Mission and Parish Giving**

If you would like to participate in the direct debit offering option our account details are:

BSB 633 000

Account 1498 24906

Ref: Parish Giving



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*Reverend Mel is in the registry on Mondays  
and has her day off on Fridays.*

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