



THE Anglican Parish of Woodend-Trentham

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



24th March 2019 – Third Sunday in Lent

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

'As the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts,' says the Lord. Isaiah 55.9

Gathering Hymn – Come to the Water

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

O God, the fountain of life,
to a humanity parched with thirst
you offer the living water that springs from the Rock,
our Saviour Jesus Christ:
stir up within your people the gift of your Spirit,
that we may profess our faith with freshness
and announce with joy the wonder of your love.
We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

MINISTRY OF THE WORD

A reading from the book of Isaiah chapter 55 verses 1 to 9

Ho, everyone who thirsts,
come to the waters;
and you that have no money,
come, buy and eat!
Come, buy wine and milk
without money and without price.
Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread,
and your labour for that which does not satisfy?
Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good,
and delight yourselves in rich food.
Incline your ear, and come to me;
listen, so that you may live.
I will make with you an everlasting covenant,
my steadfast, sure love for David.
See, I made him a witness to the peoples,
a leader and commander for the peoples.
See, you shall call nations that you do not know,

and nations that do not know you shall run to you,
because of the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel,
for he has glorified you.

Seek the LORD while he may be found,
call upon him while he is near;
let the wicked forsake their way,
and the unrighteous their thoughts;
let them return to the LORD, that he may have mercy on them,
and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.
For my thoughts are not your thoughts,
nor are your ways my ways, says the LORD.
For as the heavens are higher than the earth,
so are my ways higher than your ways
and my thoughts than your thoughts.

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

Psalm 63 verses 1 to 9

O God, you are my God:
eagerly will I seek you.

**My soul thirsts for you, my flesh longs for you:
as a dry and thirsty land where no water is.**

So it was when I beheld you in the sanctuary:
and saw your power and your glory.

**For your unchanging goodness is better than life:
therefore my lips shall praise you.**

And so I will bless you as long as I live:
and in your name will I lift my hands on high.

**My longing shall be satisfied as with marrow and fatness:
my mouth shall praise you with exultant lips.**

When I remember you upon my bed:

when I meditate upon you in the night watches,

How you have been my helper:

then I sing for joy in the shadow of your wings,

Then my soul clings to you:

and your right hand upholds me.

A reading from Paul's first letter to the Corinthians chapter 10 verses 1 to 13

I do not want you to be unaware, brothers and sisters, that our ancestors were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, and all ate the same spiritual food, and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual rock that followed them, and the rock was Christ. Nevertheless, God was not pleased with most of them, and they were struck down in the wilderness.

Now these things occurred as examples for us, so that we might not desire evil as they did. Do not become idolaters as some of them did; as it is written, "The people sat down to eat and drink, and they rose up to play." We must not indulge in sexual immorality as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in a single day. We must not put Christ to the test, as some of them did, and were destroyed by serpents. And do not complain as some of them did, and were destroyed by the destroyer. These things happened to them to serve as an example, and they were written down to instruct us, on whom the ends of the ages have come. So if you think you are standing, watch out that you do not fall. No testing has overtaken you that is not common to everyone. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tested beyond your strength, but with the testing he will also provide the way out so that you may be able to endure it.

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 Luke chapter 13
beginning at the 31st verse*

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ

At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to him, "Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you." He said to them, "Go and tell that fox for me, 'Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work. Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed outside of Jerusalem.' Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! See, your house is left to you. And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when you say, 'Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.'"

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)

The kingdom of God

The king-dom of God is jus-tice and peace and joy in the Ho-ly Spi-rit.

Come, Lord, and o-pen in us the gates of your king-dom. The

The musical score consists of two systems of music. Each system has a treble clef staff on top and a bass clef staff on the bottom. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is common time (C). The lyrics are written below the treble staff. The first system covers the first line of lyrics, and the second system covers the second line. The music is a simple, rhythmic chant.

*The kingdom of God is justice and peace, and joy in the Holy Spirit.
Come Lord and open in us the gates of your kingdom.*

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 – 449 Stand up and Bless the Lord

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*

A great BIG thanks to Charles and Wendy who both jumped up to help me during the services last week, and thank you to everyone who sent me messages of love this week after I was sick on Sunday. I appreciate you and your love and prayers very much. We are a truly blessed community to have such visible signs of care for each other in times of need.

I am fully recovered and getting back into the swing of things....although the line from our Old Testament reading 'delight yourselves in rich food' is not quite something that I'm ready to do yet!

The food that we are offered from God though is not necessarily caviar and champagne; it food in the form of love and care, and word and sacrifice – the true hospitality of God. It is enough for us, we don't need more than that, and it is our calling to cultivate this kind of food and feed those who do not have access to it.

Every blessing as we continue our Lenten walk together,

Mel

Pew Bulletin

Safe Church

March 30 refresher workshop at Woodend.

If you haven't done a workshop at all 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

The cost of the refresher workshop is \$20 and the full workshop is \$35 and the parish will reimburse you if you require.

Saturdays in Lent

We will be gathering for Taize style prayer at 6.30pm each Saturday evening during Lent, alternating between the two centres.

March 30	St George's
April 6	St Mary's
April 13	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. This week sees the local policeman wrestle with 'What is truth?' Meanwhile Father Kerrigan must face with his own history.

Other Lenten and Triduum Dates

Activity	Date	Location
Palm Cross Making and shared lunch	Wed March 27 th midday	Norma Richardson Hall
Maundy Thursday	Thursday April 18	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

Earth Hour 2019

Join the worldwide movement to do something to help the planet by switching off your lights on Saturday March 30 between 8-9pm.

First Friday Movie

Our First Friday of the Month Film for April will be 'Christopher Robin' starring Ewan McGregor.

Please join us from 6pm on Friday April 5.

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.

News from the Guilds:

St Mary's Guild – Please pick up a bulb order form.

St Mary's Guild has decided to focus their mission giving on the Anglican Board of Mission and will do retiring collections throughout the months of March, June, and September. If you have some coins to drop in the box at St Mary's as you leave please do.

Birthdays and Anniversaries

Happy birthday to our dear Anastasia who generously provides us with food and candles each week at St George's

Years Mind and those who have died recently

We give thanks for the life of Isabelle Hood and pray for her family as they grieve her.

This week we remember Grace Moloney, Mavis Neal, and June Howe

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, and William.

Readings for next week

Joshua 5.2-12

Psalm 32

2 Corinthians 5.16-21

Luke 15.11-32

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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