



THE Anglican Parish of Woodend-Trentham
A member of the Central Highlands Cluster Ministry



30th December – First Sunday after Christmas

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 true reconciliation.

GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

Gathering Hymn – 434 Where there is charity

The Lord be with you.

And also with you

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

Almighty God...

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

Christ the grace of God has dawned upon the world with healing for all.

Let us take a moment of silence to bring our weaknesses before God,
confessing our sins in penitence and faith, confident in God's forgiveness

Merciful God...

The Gloria (page 121 of the prayer book)

Glory to God in the highest...

Let us pray our prayer for the week

God of community,
whose call is more insistent than ties of family or blood:
may we so respect and love those whose lives are linked with ours
that we fail not in loyalty to you,
but make choices according to your will;
through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

MINISTRY OF THE WORD

A reading from the first book of Samuel chapter 2 verses 18 to 20 and 26

Samuel was ministering before the LORD, a boy wearing a linen ephod. His mother used to make for him a little robe and take it to him each year, when she went up with her husband to offer the yearly sacrifice. Then Eli would bless Elkanah and his wife, and say, "May the LORD repay you with children by this woman for the gift that she made to the LORD"; and then they would return to their home.

Now the boy Samuel continued to grow both in stature and in favour with the LORD and with the people.

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

Psalm 148

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord from heaven:

O praise him in the heights.

Praise him, all his angels: O praise him, all his host.

Praise him, sun and moon: praise him, all you stars of light.

Praise him, you highest heaven:

and you waters that are above the heavens.

Let them praise the name of the Lord:

for he commanded and they were made.

He established them for ever and ever:

he made an ordinance which shall not pass away.

O praise the Lord from the earth:

praise him, you sea-monsters and all deeps;

Fire and hail, mist and snow:

and storm-wind fulfilling his command;

Mountains and all hills: fruit trees and all cedars;

Beasts of the wild, and all cattle:

creeping things and winged birds;

Kings of the earth, and all peoples:

princes, and all rulers of the world;

Young men and maidens:

old folk and children together.

Let them praise the name of the Lord:

for his name alone is exalted.

His glory is above earth and heaven:

and he has lifted high the horn of his people.

Therefore he is the praise of all his servants:

of the children of Israel, a people that is near him. Praise the Lord.

A reading from Paul's letter to the Colossians chapter 3 verses 12 to 17

As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

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

Gradual Hymn – 93 Praise the lord

Alleluia Alleluia

And the Word became flesh;
And dwelt among us full of grace and truth

Alleluia

*The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Luke chapter 2
beginning at the 41st verse*

Now every year his parents went to Jerusalem for the festival of the Passover. And when he was twelve years old, they went up as usual for the festival. When the festival was ended and they started to return, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem, but his parents did not know it. Assuming that he was in the group of travellers, they went a day's journey. Then they started to look for him among their relatives and friends. When they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem to search for him. After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers. When his parents saw him they were astonished; and his mother said to him, "Child, why have you treated us like this? Look, your father and I have been searching for you in great anxiety." He said to them, "Why were you searching for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?" But they did not understand what he said to them. Then he went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them. His mother treasured all these things in her heart.

And Jesus increased in wisdom and in years, and in divine and human favour.

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ

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

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 – 398 Come down

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

....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 name of the Lord
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 for ever. Amen.**

The Sending out of God's people

Loving God,
Whose Word has come among us
In the Holy Child of Bethlehem:
May the light of faith illumine our hearts
And shine in our words and deed;
Through him who is Christ the Lord.

**Therefore, everliving God,
keep us steadfast in your holy fellowship.
And now we offer ourselves, all that we have and are,
to serve you faithfully in the world,**

**through Jesus Christ our Redeemer,
to whom with you and the Holy Spirit
be all honour and glory, now and for ever. Amen.**

The Notices

Final Hymn – 477 Jesus calls us

The Blessing and Dismissal

Christ the Son of God, born of Mary, fill you with his grace to trust his promises and know his peace;
and the blessing of God almighty, the Creator, the Christ, 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.

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, Carmela, Heath, Jim, Lindy,
Judy and John, Hayden, Jason, Sandra, Emma, Maggie, Sheryl, Rachael
and Matt.

Years Mind and those who have died recently

We give thanks for Margaret Bell



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*Rev'd Mel will be taking a few days off between today and January 9.
If you need anything call and leave a message and your call will be returned.*