



THE Anglican Parish of Woodend-Trentham



Χριστος Ανεστη! Christ is Risen!

**Second Sunday of Easter and Baptism of
Neve Maya Embleton-Smith, April 8, 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 367 The Strife is Past

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

Risen Christ,
whose absence leaves us in despair
but whose presence is overwhelming:
breathe on us with your abundant life,
that where we cannot see
we may have courage to believe
that we may be raised with you. **Amen.**

MINISTRY OF THE WORD

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles chapter 4 verses 32 to 37

Now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common. With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold. They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need. There was a Levite, a native of Cyprus, Joseph, to whom the apostles gave the name Barnabas (which means "son of encouragement"). He sold a field that belonged to him, then brought the money, and laid it at the apostles' feet.

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

A reading from the first letter of John chapter 1 verses 1 to chapter 2 verse 2

We declare to you what was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands, concerning the word of life— this life was revealed, and we have seen it and testify to it, and declare to you the eternal life that was with the Father and was revealed to us— we declare to you what we have seen and heard so that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. We are writing these things so that our joy may be complete.

This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in him there is no darkness at all. If we say that we have fellowship with him while we are walking in darkness, we lie and do not do what is true; but if we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he who is

faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

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

Gospel Hymn 393 Christ is Alive

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 John, chapter 20
beginning at the 19th verse*

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, “We have seen the Lord.” But he said to them, “Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.”

A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.” Thomas answered him, “My Lord and my God!” Jesus said to him, “Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.”

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

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

The Sermon

The Baptism of Neve Maya Embleton-Smith

The baptism party is invited to stand near the altar and face the congregation

The Presentation

We welcome Neve who comes to be baptised.

I invite her Godparents Aaron and Kelly to present her now.

Sponsors: **We present Neve Maya to be baptised.**

Before God and this congregation, you must affirm that you turn to Christ and reject all that is evil.

Do you turn to Christ? **I turn to Christ**

Do you repent of your sins? **I repent of my sins**

Do you reject selfish living, and all that is false and unjust?

I reject them all

Do you renounce Satan and all that is evil?

I renounce all that is evil

Almighty God deliver you from the powers of darkness, and lead you in the light of Christ to his everlasting kingdom. **Amen**

Will you, by God's grace, strive to live as a disciple of Christ, loving God with your whole heart, and your neighbour as yourself, until your life's end?

I will, with God's help

People of St Mary's, you have heard Neve's Godparents respond to Christ's call. Will you support them in this high calling?

All: **We will**

I ask you all now to affirm as yours the faith of the Church.

Do you believe in God the Father?

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe in God the Son?

**I believe in Jesus Christ,
God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose from the dead.
He ascended into heaven,
is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and will come again
to judge the living and the dead.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen**

This is the faith of the Church.

This is our faith.

**We believe in one God:
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit**

Let us pray

Grant, merciful God, that Neve may be so buried with Christ in baptism that the new nature may be raised up in them. **Amen**

May she know Christ's forgiving love, and continue in the fellowship and service of his Church. May she proclaim, by word and example, the good news of God in Christ. **Amen**

We thank you for the ministry we have in your world and to each other in the household of faith. Hasten that day when the whole creation shall be made perfect in Christ. **Amen**

The Baptism

The baptism party gathers at the font

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

We give you thanks that at the beginning of creation your Holy Spirit moved upon the waters to bring forth light and life. With water you cleanse and replenish the earth; you nourish and sustain all living things

Thanks be to God.

We give you thanks that through the waters of the Red Sea you led your people out of slavery into freedom, and brought them through the river Jordan to new life in the land of promise.

Thanks be to God.

We give you thanks for your Son Jesus Christ: for his baptism by John, for his anointing with the Holy Spirit.

Thanks be to God.

We give you thanks that through the deep waters of death Jesus delivered us from our sins and was raised to new life in triumph.

Thanks be to God.

We give you thanks for the grace of the Holy Spirit who forms us in the likeness of Christ and leads us to proclaim your kingdom

Thanks be to God.

And now we give you thanks that you have called your servant Neve to new birth in your Church through the waters of baptism.

Pour out your Holy Spirit in blessing and sanctify this water + so that those who are baptised in it may be made one with Christ in his death and resurrection. May they die to sin, rise to newness of life, and continue for ever in Jesus Christ our Lord, through whom we give you praise and honour in the unity of the Spirit, now and forever. **Amen**

Neve I baptise you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen**

Neve is signed with the cross using oil blessed by the bishop.

Neve I sign you with the sign of the cross to show that you are marked as Christ's own forever.

When Neve has been baptised, the minister continues

Live as a disciple of Christ,
fight the good fight,
finish the race,
keep the faith.

**Confess Christ crucified,
proclaim his resurrection,
look for his coming in glory.**

A candle is presented

God has brought you out of darkness into his marvellous light.
Shine as a light in the world to the glory of God the Father.

God has called you into his Church
**We therefore receive and welcome you
as a member with us of the body of Christ,
as a child of the one heavenly Father,
and as an inheritor of the kingdom of God.**

*(At Trentham we say the Creed and we 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 –152 Joyful Joyful, we adore you

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.

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The Notices

Final Hymn – 545 Shout for Joy

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*

What a great time of year this is! Today our Orthodox sisters and brothers are celebrating Easter (we have slightly different calendars), our Jewish friends have been celebrating Passover this past week, and tomorrow in the church is the celebration of the Annunciation to the Blessed Virgin Mary.

The Annunciation is an important celebration for Christians, but its importance is also marked in Islam as we see in the Quran in the chapter

of Sura...'Behold! The angels said: "O Mary! Allah giveth thee glad tidings of a Word from Him: his name will be Christ Jesus, the son of Mary, held in honour in this world and the Hereafter and of the company of those nearest to Allah;"

The Annunciation is also one of the most frequent subjects of Christian Art. The earliest known depiction is from the 4th Century and is part of the Priscilla catacomb in Rome, but all through the middle ages and the renaissance artists were keen to try to capture the wonder of this amazing moment in time. Botticelli, da Vinci, Caravaggio and so many others have used the moment that Mary responds to her calling as inspiration.

It is not always an easy path to walk, to respond to our calling as Christians, so we look to Mary for help and we ask her to pray for us as we go...afterall she knows how difficult this path can be at times.

Peace, Mel.

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 to Zoe Shepherd

Years Mind and those who have died recently

We give thanks for the life of Father Stephen Cherry.

Tomorrow we remember Irmgard Vormwald and on Wednesday Ruth Stevens. May they rest in peace and rise in glory.

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