



THE Anglican Parish of Woodend-Trentham

A member of the Central Highlands Cluster Ministry

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



21st April, 2018 Easter Day

Χριστος Ανεστη! Christ is Risen!

We acknowledge the Jaara Jaara people,
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

In Trentham the Paschal candle is lit near the door and the congregation turn towards the door to welcome the light.

May the light of Christ, rising in glory,
dispel the darkness of our hearts and minds.

The light of Christ.
Thanks be to God

Gathering Hymn 362 Jesus Christ is Risen Today

The Lord be with you.
And also with you

Christ is risen Alleluia
He is risen indeed Alleluia

*The Prayer of preparation
(page 119)*

Almighty God....

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.

We affirm our trust in God's mercy,
And confess that we need forgiveness

Lord God, you created this world, and made us in your own image.
Forgive us when we turn away from you.
Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy**

Lord God, through your Son you overcame evil and death.
Rescue us from slavery to sin.
Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy**

Lord God, by your Spirit, you restore us to fellowship with you and with one another. Breathe your love and freedom in to our lives.
Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy**

Almighty God have mercy on you,
forgive you your sins,
and keep you in eternal life. **Amen**

The Gloria (page 121)

Let us pray

Holy God,
whose risen Son opened the disciples' hearts
to understand the Scriptures
that told of his death and resurrection:
grant us the peace of the living Lord,
that our eyes may be opened
to recognise him in the breaking of the bread,
and to follow him wherever he leads;
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

MINISTRY OF THE WORD

A reading from the book of Acts chapter 10 verses 34 to 43

Then Peter began to speak to them: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth

with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

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

Hymn to the Risen Christ

O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good: his mercy endures for ever.

Let Israel now proclaim: that his mercy endures for ever.

The Lord is my strength and my song: and has become my salvation.

**The sounds of joy and deliverance:
are in the tents of the righteous.**

The right hand of the Lord does mighty things:

the right hand of the Lord raises up.

I shall not die but live: and proclaim the works of the Lord.

The Lord has disciplined me hard:

but he has not given me over to death.

**Open me the gates of righteousness:
and I will enter and give thanks to the Lord.**

This is the gate of the Lord: the righteous shall enter it.

**I will praise you, for you answered me:
and have become my salvation.**

The stone that the builders rejected:

has become the head of the corner.

This is the Lord's doing: and it is marvellous in our eyes.

This is the day that the Lord has made: let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Gospel Hymn 392 At The Dawning of Salvation

Halle halle halle, luia, Halle halle halle, luia

Halle halle halle, luia, 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 1st verse. **Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ***

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him." Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. Then the disciples returned to their homes.

But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. They said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him." When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?"

Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away." Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to him in Hebrew, "Rabbouni!" (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, "Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'" Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord"; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

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

The Sermon

The Reaffirmation of Baptismal vows

Water is poured into 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 your 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 your 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 we are made one with Christ
in his death and resurrection.

Pour out your Holy Spirit in blessing, that this water may be a sign of our
new birth in Baptism. May we continue for ever in Jesus Christ our Lord,
in the unity of the Spirit, now and for ever.

Amen

Now that our Lenten observance is ended,
let us reaffirm the promises we made in baptism.

Do you turn to Christ?

Do you repent of your sins?

Do you renounce all that is evil?

I do.

I ask you now to reaffirm 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 again;

he ascended into heaven,

and is seated at the right hand of the Father;

from there he will come 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. Amen.

Will you each, 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.

God our creator,

Rock of our salvation,

has given us new birth by water and the Spirit,

and forgiven our sins

through Jesus Christ our Lord.

May God keep us faithful to our calling

now and for ever.

Amen.

The people are sprinkled with the water as we sing together

Springs of water, bless the Lord.

Give us glory and grace, forever and ever,

Alleluia (Repeat three times)

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 – 360 Light’s Reddening dawn (verses 1, 2, 4, 5)

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

We turn to page 154

**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 turn back to page 128

**Christ has died
Christ is risen
Christ will come again**

Forever praising you and singing...

**Blessing and honour and glory and power
Are yours forever 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 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.**

***Everyone** is welcome to come forward for communion or for a blessing.*

The Sending out of God's people

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 – 380 Yours be the Glory

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

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia!

In the name of Christ. Alleluia!

****some thoughts from Rev. Mel*

There is a meme that has been doing the rounds on Facebook recently that says ‘In the interests of biblical accuracy, all the preaching about the resurrection this Easter Sunday will be done by women’.

It relates of course, to the announcement of Mary Magdalene to the other apostles on Easter morning “I have seen the Lord”. Without her proclamation, without her waiting in the garden and meeting with Jesus, how would the story have continued? Peter and the beloved disciple saw the empty tomb but didn’t know what to do so they went home.

She is indeed a vital cog in the wheel, but as much as I love and admire her I have to remind myself that she is not the only cog. She was the one in all of the Gospel accounts chosen to carry the message – she is incredibly special, but at that time in history, as a woman, she needed the men to believe her and to continue to tell the story and preach the faith, and indeed that is what happens.

This meme, as funny as it is, reminds me that it is incredibly important that all of us, Jesus’ disciples, are in this together. We all are commanded by the risen Lord to walk in his light, witness his Word, and reflect his love in the world.

Inspired by Mary Magdalene, the Apostle to the Apostles, it is our joy to proclaim “Christ is Risen. Alleluia Alleluia Alleluia.

Blessings and peace in this most sacred and special season, Mel

Pew Bulletin

Thanks.

Thanks to everyone in the parish who participated or assisted in the Holy Week services. Thanks also to all who helped prepare our churches for the celebration of the risen Christ.

First Friday of the month Films:

Calling all Jedi warriors and members of the rebellion!

Our movie for May is a triple header. Star Wars Episodes 4, 5, and 6 will be screened as a marathon from 6pm on May 3 running through til May 4 (aka Star Wars Day!). Bring your dinner and settle in for a night of light sabers, heroic princesses, Wookies, and Ewoks.

****St Mary's is a Jar Jar Binks free zone****

News from the Guilds:

St Mary's – The next guild meeting will be on Wed April 24th after the 10am service.

Birthdays and Anniversaries

April 25th is the anniversary of our St George's church

Years Mind and those who have died recently

We remember our friend Hazel Gibbons this week on the first anniversary of her death.

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.

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



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