



THE Anglican Parish of Woodend-Trentham

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



17th March 2019 – Second 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

Our citizenship is in heaven, and it is from there that we are expecting a Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ. *Philippians 3.20*

Gathering Hymn – 125 The God of Abraham praise

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

God of our ancestors,
whose chosen servant Abraham
was given faith to obey your call
and go out into the unknown:
endow your Church with such faith
that we may follow you with courage;
for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord,
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 Genesis chapter 11 verses 1-12 and 17-18

After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, “Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great.” But Abram said, “O Lord GOD, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?” And Abram said, “You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir.” But the word of the LORD came to him, “This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir.” He brought him outside and said, “Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them.” Then he said to him, “So shall your descendants be.” And he believed the LORD; and the LORD reckoned it to him as righteousness.

Then he said to him, “I am the LORD who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans, to give you this land to possess.” But he said, “O Lord GOD, how am I to know that I shall possess it?” He said to him, “Bring me a heifer three years old, a female goat three years old, a ram three years old, a turtledove, and a young pigeon.” He brought him all these and cut them in two, laying each half over against the other; but he did not cut the birds in two. And when birds of prey came down on the carcasses, Abram drove them away.

As the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram, and a deep and terrifying darkness descended upon him.

When the sun had gone down and it was dark, a smoking fire pot and a flaming torch passed between these pieces. On that day the LORD made a covenant with Abram, saying, "To your descendants I give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the river Euphrates,

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

Psalm 27

The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom then shall I fear?:
the Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

**When the wicked, even my enemies and my foes,
come upon me to devour me:
they shall stumble and fall.**

If an army encamp against me, my heart shall not be afraid:
and if war should rise against me, yet will I trust.

**One thing I have asked from the Lord, which I will require:
that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life,**

To see the fair beauty of the Lord:
and to seek his will in his temple.

**For he will hide me under his shelter in the day of trouble:
and conceal me in the shadow of his tent,
and set me high upon a rock.**

And now he will lift up my head:
above my enemies round about me.

**And I will offer sacrifices in his sanctuary with exultation:
I will sing, I will sing praises to the Lord.**

O Lord, hear my voice when I cry:
have mercy upon me and answer me.

**My heart has said of you, 'Seek his face':
your face, Lord, I will seek.**

Do not hide your face from me:
or thrust your servant aside in displeasure;

For you have been my helper:

do not cast me away or forsake me, O God of my salvation.

Though my father and my mother forsake me:

the Lord will take me up.

Teach me your way, O Lord:

and lead me in an even path, for they lie in wait for me.

Do not give me over to the will of my enemies:

for false witnesses have risen against me,

and those who breathe out violence.

But I believe that I shall surely see the goodness of the Lord:

in the land of the living.

O wait for the Lord; stand firm and he will strengthen your heart:

and wait, I say, for the Lord.

*A reading from Paul's letter to the Philippians chapter 3 verse 17 to
chapter 4 verse 1*

Brothers and sisters, join in imitating me, and observe those who live according to the example you have in us. For many live as enemies of the cross of Christ; I have often told you of them, and now I tell you even with tears. Their end is destruction; their god is the belly; and their glory is in their shame; their minds are set on earthly things. But our citizenship is in heaven, and it is from there that we are expecting a Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ. He will transform the body of our humiliation that it may be conformed to the body of his glory, by the power that also enables him to make all things subject to himself. Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

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 1st verse*

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ

At that very time there were some present who told him about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. He asked them, “Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did. Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them—do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others living in Jerusalem? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish just as they did.”

Then he told this parable: “A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. So he said to the gardener, ‘See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?’ He replied, ‘Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig around it and put manure on it. If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.’”

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)

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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**

Then 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

Farewell to Anne Walker

Final Hymn – 154 Great is your faithfulness

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 have a very close connection to Ireland; it is a country that I love very much. Today being St Patrick's day I give thanks for Patrick but also I can't help but think of the wonderful times I've spent in Ireland, the country where he made such a difference, and where his story (and legend!) continue to influence the Irish people.

Did you know that Patrick wasn't Irish? He was a Roman Briton born in the year 389. When he was sixteen years old, Irish pirates kidnapped him and sold him in Ireland as a slave. Eventually he escaped, but years

later he returned to Ireland and spent the rest of his life there spreading the message of Christ's love.

St Patrick's Day Prayer

In strength of sky and depth of sea,
I place my faith in God the Three.
With threefold might protecting me
I rise in strength of Trinity.
Christ on my right
Christ on my left
Christ in the heights
Christ in the depths.
Behind, before, within, without,
Christ's power to compass me about.
Christ's ear to hear
Christ's eye to see
Christ's mind in all who think of me.

Beannachtaí na Féile Pádraig ort! Mel
(*Blessings of Patrick's feast on you!*)

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 prayer at 6.30pm each Saturday evening during

Lent, alternating between the two centres.

March 23	St Mary's
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 Father Kerrigan faced with two women with contrasting issues. What responses might Christian faith offer?

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

Refugee support movie

On Friday March 22nd at 6.40pm in the hall the Rural Australians for Refugees are showing 'The Staging Post'. Entry by donation. Please go to trybooking.com/BBGQJ or call Margot 0409 284 824 for bookings.

News from the Guilds:

St Mary's Guild – Please pick up a bulb order form and support this new fundraiser.

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.

St Mary's Guild St Patrick's Day lunch after church today in the hall.
\$5 per person for a soup and bread lunch

Years Mind and those who have died recently

We give thanks for Brendan O'Shannessy and Barbara Dye

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, and Keith.

Readings for next week

Isaiah 55.1-9

Psalm 63.1-9

1 Corinthians 10.1-13

Luke 13.31-35

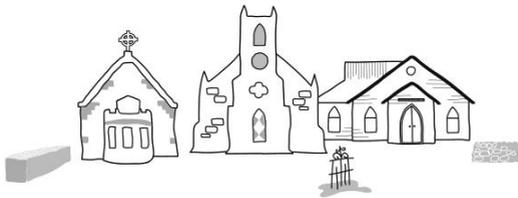
Mission and Parish Giving

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

BSB 633 000

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