

THE Anglican Parish of Woodend-Trentham

**St George's, Trentham 9.00am | St Mary's, Woodend 11.00am
& Wednesday at St Mary's 10.00am**



18th March 2018 – Fifth Sunday of 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

'This is the covenant I will make with them,' says the Lord God: 'I will put my law in within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God and they shall be my people.' *Jeremiah 31.33*

Gathering Hymn – 342 When I survey

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, our Redeemer,
in our weakness we have failed
to be your messengers of forgiveness and hope:
renew us by your Holy Spirit,
that we may follow your commands
and proclaim your reign of love;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

MINISTRY OF THE WORD

A reading from the book of Jeremiah chapter 31 verses 31-34

The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the LORD. But this is the

covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, "Know the LORD," for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the LORD; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

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

Psalm 119.9-16

How shall the young keep their path pure:
unless they hold to your word?

**I have sought you with my whole heart:
let me not stray from your commandments.**

I have treasured your words in my heart:
that I might not sin against you.

**Blessed are you, Lord God:
O teach me your statutes.**

With my lips I have been telling:
all the judgements of your mouth;

**And I find more joy in the way of your commands:
than in all manner of riches.**

I will meditate on your precepts:
and give heed to your ways;

**For my delight is wholly in your statutes:
and I will not forget your word.**

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews chapter 5 verses 5–14

So also Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was appointed by the one who said to him,

“You are my Son,
today I have begotten you”;

as he says also in another place,

“You are a priest forever,
according to the order of Melchizedek.”

In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

About this we have much to say that is hard to explain, since you have become dull in understanding. For though by this time you ought to be teachers, you need someone to teach you again the basic elements of the oracles of God. You need milk, not solid food; for everyone who lives on milk, being still an infant, is unskilled in the word of righteousness. But solid food is for the mature, for those whose faculties have been trained by practice to distinguish good from evil.

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 John chapter 12
beginning at the 20th verse*

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ

Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, “Sir, we wish to see Jesus.” Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. Jesus answered them, “The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honour.

“Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say—‘Father, save me from this hour’? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. Father, glorify your name.” Then a voice came from heaven, “I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.” The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, “An angel has spoken to him.” Jesus answered, “This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.” He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die.

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.

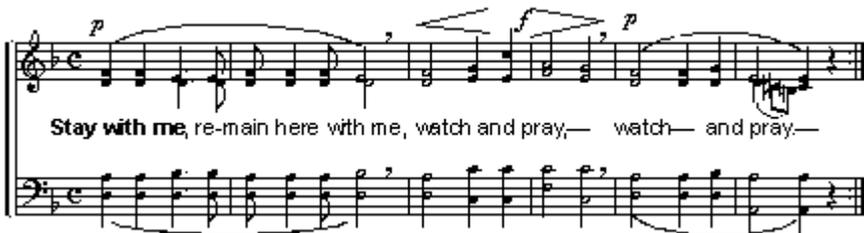
We are the body of Christ

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)



Stay with me, re-main here with me, watch and pray,— watch— and pray.—

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 151

....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

**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**

The Sending out of God's people

Prayer after communion...

Lord God,
you have renewed us with the living bread from heaven;
by it you nourish our faith, increase our hope, and strengthen our love:
teach us always to hunger for him who is the true and living bread,

and enable us to live by every word
that proceeds from your mouth;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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 – 457 The Church’s One Foundation

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*

This week we have celebrated one of the most famous saints in the western world; St Patrick. We all know about dancing Irish jigs and drinking green beer as modern day customs for ‘Paddy’s Day’ but the history of this man is remarkable.

He was British and lived in the second half of the fifth century. When he was sixteen, was kidnapped and transported to Ireland and lived as a slave for six years. Even though his father and grandfather were both clerics, Patrick had not taken up his faith until this time of slavery.

In his book *The Confession* he cites this time in Ireland as a time of great development of his spiritual life. While in captivity, he worked as a shepherd and strengthened his relationship with God through prayer.

He felt that the Lord had mercy on his youth and ignorance, and he experienced absolution of his sins; he then converted to Christianity.

He escaped his captors and fled back to England where he studied Christianity and was eventually ordained in France. He returned to Ireland because he had received a vision from God instructing him to bring Christ to the Irish.

He didn't have an easy time of it in Ireland though as he refused to take any gifts from noble people, even finding himself imprisoned for a while. However, he is credited with baptising thousands of Irish people and ordaining many priests so that the Christian message would continue to spread.

Patrick is often depicted with a sprig of shamrock as it is thought that he used the shamrock to explain the Holy Trinity to the people.

He left us with a most beautiful prayer 'St Patrick's Breastplate' ...part of which is below....

I bind to myself today

The strong virtue of the Invocation of the Trinity:

I believe the Trinity in the Unity

The Creator of the Universe.

Christ with me, Christ before me,

Christ behind me, Christ within me,

Christ beneath me, Christ above me,

Christ at my right, Christ at my left,

Christ in the fort,

Christ in the chariot seat,

Christ in the heart of everyone who thinks of me,

Christ in the mouth of everyone who speaks to me,

Christ in every eye that sees me,

Christ in every ear that hears me.

I bind to myself today

The strong virtue of an invocation of the Trinity,

I believe the Trinity in the Unity

The Creator of the Universe.

Is féidir dia duit i gcónaí (may God bless you always).

Mel.

Pew Bulletin

Lent, Holy Week, and Easter

March 24 5.30pm	Lent 6 Taize service	St George's
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Holy Week

**would you like to offer your home as a venue for an evening Eucharist during holy week? On Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday evening we will be sharing the Eucharist together in the home of one of our parishioners. Please see Rev. Mel if you'd like to host us.*

March 29 7.00pm	Maundy Thursday	St Mary's
March 30 9am	Good Friday	St George's
March 30 midday	Good Friday	At the Children's Park
March 31 7.00pm	Easter vigil	St Paul's Kyneton
April 1 9am	Easter Day	St George's
April 1 11am	Easter Day	St Mary's

*St Mary's people are responsible for providing meat for the Maundy Thursday meal and St George's people the bread.

News from the Guilds

St Mary's Guild:

Knit and Natter is on Wednesday 21st from 11am in the hall. BYO lunch. Guild will have a sale table at the Newham Craft De-Stash event on Saturday April 7 from 9am. If you're able to assist on the day, or have any tissue paper / paper bags for purchases please see Carol or Alicia.

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.

Upcoming Baptisms and Weddings

Please pray for Neve, Gabriel and Maya as they prepare for their baptisms, and pray for Betty and Shaun as they prepare for their wedding.

Birthdays

Happy birthday for tomorrow to Jane Goddard

Years Mind and those who have died recently

Today we remember Brendan O'Shannesy, on Tuesday we remember Barbara Dye. May they rest in peace and rise in glory.

Readings for next week – Passion Sunday / Palm Sunday

Isaiah 50.4-9

Ps 31.9-18

Philippians 2.5-11

Mark 14.1-15.27

Weekday services:

Monday	Morning Prayer 9am	St Mary's
Tuesday	Morning Prayer 9am	St George's
Wednesday	Eucharist 10am	St Mary's
Thursday	Morning Prayer 9am	St Paul's Kyneton



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