



THE Anglican Parish of Woodend-Trentham



Bread of Life

Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost
August 5th 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 – Trentham: 517 Hallelujah! Sing to Jesus

Woodend: Whole world in his hands

Sentence of the day

Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labour for that which does not satisfy? Eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. Isaiah 55.2

The Lord be with you.

And also with you

*We pray the Prayer of preparation
(page 119 of the prayer book)*

Almighty God....

The Shema (page 120 of the prayer book)

Hear, O Israel....

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

Let us confess our sins in penitence and faith, confident in God's forgiveness.

We take a moment of silent reflection

Merciful God...

*Knowing that we are forgiven, we sing The Gloria
(page 121 of the prayer book)*

Let us pray

Living God,
whose Son Jesus fed the hungry
with the bread of his life
and the word of his kingdom:
renew your people with your heavenly grace,
and in all our weakness
sustain us with your true and living bread,
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 second book of Samuel chapter 11 verse 26 to
chapter 12 verse 13*

When the wife of Uriah heard that her husband was dead, she made lamentation for him. When the mourning was over, David sent and brought her to his house, and she became his wife, and bore him a son.

But the thing that David had done displeased the LORD, and the LORD sent Nathan to David. He came to him, and said to him, "There were two men in a certain city, the one rich and the other poor. The rich man had very many flocks and herds; but the poor man had nothing but one little ewe lamb, which he had bought. He brought it up, and it grew up with him and with his children; it used to eat of his meager fare, and drink from his cup, and lie in his bosom, and it was like a daughter to him. Now there came a traveller to the rich man, and he was loath to take one of his own flock or herd to prepare for the wayfarer who had come to him, but he took the poor man's lamb, and prepared that for the guest who had come to him." Then David's anger was greatly kindled against the man. He said to Nathan, "As the LORD lives, the man who has done this deserves to die; he shall restore the lamb fourfold, because he did this thing, and because he had no pity."

Nathan said to David, “You are the man! Thus says the LORD, the God of Israel: I anointed you king over Israel, and I rescued you from the hand of Saul; I gave you your master’s house, and your master’s wives into your bosom, and gave you the house of Israel and of Judah; and if that had been too little, I would have added as much more. Why have you despised the word of the LORD, to do what is evil in his sight? You have struck down Uriah the Hittite with the sword, and have taken his wife to be your wife, and have killed him with the sword of the Ammonites. Now therefore the sword shall never depart from your house, for you have despised me, and have taken the wife of Uriah the Hittite to be your wife. Thus says the LORD: I will raise up trouble against you from within your own house; and I will take your wives before your eyes, and give them to your neighbour, and he shall lie with your wives in the sight of this very sun. For you did it secretly; but I will do this thing before all Israel, and before the sun.” David said to Nathan, “I have sinned against the LORD.” Nathan said to David, “Now the LORD has put away your sin; you shall not die.

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

Psalm 51 verses 1 to 12

Have mercy on me, O God, in your enduring goodness:
according to the fullness of your compassion
blot out my offences.

**Wash me thoroughly from my wickedness:
and cleanse me from my sin.**

For I acknowledge my rebellion:
and my sin is ever before me.

**Against you only have I sinned
and done what is evil in your eyes:
so you will be just in your sentence
and blameless in your judging.**

Surely in wickedness I was brought to birth:
and in sin my mother conceived me.

You that desire truth in the inward parts:

O teach me wisdom in the secret places of the heart.

Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean:

wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.

Make me hear of joy and gladness:

let the bones which you have broken rejoice.

Hide your face from my sins:

and blot out all my iniquities.

Create in me a clean heart, O God:

and renew a right spirit within me.

Do not cast me out from your presence:

do not take your holy spirit from me.

O give me the gladness of your help again:

and support me with a willing spirit.

A reading from Saint Paul's letter to the Ephesians chapter 4 verses 1 to 16

I therefore, the prisoner in the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all.

But each of us was given grace according to the measure of Christ's gift. Therefore it is said,

“When he ascended on high he made captivity itself a captive;
he gave gifts to his people.”

(When it says, “He ascended,” what does it mean but that he had also descended into the lower parts of the earth? He who descended is the

same one who ascended far above all the heavens, so that he might fill all things.) The gifts he gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ. We must no longer be children, tossed to and fro and blown about by every wind of doctrine, by people's trickery, by their craftiness in deceitful scheming. But speaking the truth in love, we must grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by every ligament with which it is equipped, as each part is working properly, promotes the body's growth in building itself up in love.

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

Gospel Hymn – Trentham: 138 Eternal Father
Woodend: Here is Love

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

Go to my brothers and sisters
and share the good news

Alleluia

*The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to John, chapter 6
beginning at the 24th verse*

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ

So when the crowd saw that neither Jesus nor his disciples were there, they themselves got into the boats and went to Capernaum looking for Jesus.

When they found him on the other side of the sea, they said to him, "Rabbi, when did you come here?" Jesus answered them, "Very truly, I tell you, you are looking for me, not because you saw signs, but because

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 128

...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**

...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 forever. Amen**

Everyone is welcome to the table of the Lord.

The Sending out of God's people

Prayer after communion...

The Notices

Final Hymn – Trentham: 531 Sent forth by God's blessing

Woodend: Teach me to dance

The Blessing and Dismissal

God of this ancient land,
through baptism you have given us an inheritance into one family,
give us grace to walk together in the unity of Christ Jesus;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the One who loves you,
the One who calls you,
and the One who makes you holy,
be upon you and remain with you always. **Amen**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
In the name of Christ. Amen.

****some thoughts from Rev. Mel.*

This week we've seen some devastating reports about farmers doing it tough because of severe drought in various parts of the country. It's hard to say to someone who is watching their stock die, and in turn is at risk of losing homes and families, that if you believe in Jesus you'll never be hungry or thirsty. I mean, hunger and thirst is the actual problem for them.

But as Christians we live this message not based on physical needs, but on the promise of things that have always been, are now, and will be to come.

So our Christian response should be 'how can I give this food to others in a real sense?' One first response should always be to pray and ask for guidance. After that God needs us to get moving!

We will have a retiring collection today for our farmers that will be sent to an organisation called Aussie Helpers. If you would like to donate online click on the link below.

<https://aussiehelpers.org.au/donations/>

Let's all pray for rain in the right places, Mel

Pew Bulletin

Every Week:

Meditation Group: 5pm every Monday at St Mary's.

Conversation/Australis Group: 7pm every Tuesday in the rectory

Mid Week Eucharist: 10am every Wednesday at St Mary's.

Youth Ministry Group

Our Youth Ministry Group meets on the first Wednesday of the month from 5-7pm in the hall.

Safe Church

If you haven't yet done a Safe Church Workshop there is another happening on Saturday 8 September at Holy Trinity, Flora Hill. If you would like to car pool we have at least two parishioners already attending. To book your spot please go to <http://www.bendigoanglican.org.au/safe-church-awareness-workshops/> or ask Rev. Mel for assistance

St Mary's Day.

We will be celebrating St Mary's Day on Sunday August 19th.

Australian Anglican Church Calendar

Our parish features in the 2019 Calendar! We have these calendars available every year but the 2019 will be extra special because St Mary's is the August featured church. August was chosen as that is the month we celebrate our patronal festival in Woodend.

It is a good buy every year but especially this coming year; so buy a few for friends, for yourself, for your neighbours, and not only promote our parish but help raise funds too. Each calendar is \$18.

Please see Carol Barker to place your order.

Car Boot Sale

Our parish has been offered a free spot at the Woodend Car Boot Sale on October 6. Details to come closer to the day but start gathering your second hand goods to sell and raise funds for the parish.

Trivia Night

Our annual trivia night, a major fun and fund raising event for our parish, will be held on Saturday October 20 this year. We need at least four people to assist in the organising so please have a think about it and let Rev Mel know if you'd like to help.

News from the Guilds

St Mary's Guild:

The street stall is on Saturday – please come along and support the guild.

Knit and Natter is August 15th from 11am. Cost is \$5 for light lunch.

Intercessions – our prayers are asked for: John, Sam, Andrea, Alison, Ethan, Kirsten, Carole, Wendy, Judy, Jeanette, Trevor, Rudi, Trish, Hugh, Joshua and family, Alan, Faye, Lynne, Kay, Don, Kristina and John, Linda, Carmela, Heath, Helen, Jim, Barry and family.

Birthdays and anniversaries

Happy birthday to Ray Carnovale on Tuesday and Rosemary Howarth on Friday.

Years Mind and those who have died recently

We remember Percy Winterton tomorrow.

Readings for next week –

2 Samuel 18.5-9, 14, 31-33

Psalm 130

Ephesians 4.7.25-5.2

John 6.35, 41-51

*Rev Mel will be having Monday and Tuesday of the next two weeks off.
If you need a priest on these days please contact Rev Ian on 5422 1025*



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