



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

He is Risen

1st April, 2018 - Easter Day and Baptism of
Gabriel Bradford and Maya Alexandra Roulston

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

The Paschal candle is lit near the church door.

The congregation turn to face the door and the priest says,

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

**Almighty God,
to whom all hearts are open,
all desires known,
and from whom no secrets are hidden:
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love you,
and worthily magnify your holy name,
through Christ our Lord. Amen**

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.

Let us 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

**Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to God's people on earth.**

**Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,**

**We worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,**

**You take away the sins of the world:
have mercy on us;**

**You are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.**

**For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,**

You alone are the Most High Jesus Christ,

With the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Let us pray

Brightness of God's glory,
whom death could not conquer nor the tomb imprison:
as you have shared our frailty in human flesh,
help us to share your immortality in the Spirit;
let no shadow of the grave terrify us,
and no fear of darkness turn our hearts from you.
Reveal yourself to us this day and all our days,
as the First and the Last,
the Living One,
our immortal Saviour and Lord. **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 Baptism of Gabriel and Maya

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

The Presentation

We welcome Gabriel and Maya who come to be baptised.

I invite their sponsors to present them now.

Sponsors: **We present Gabriel and Maya to be baptised.**

To Gabriel and Maya

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 Gabriel and Maya's sponsors respond to Christ's call. Will you support them in this high calling?

All: **We will**

Let us pray

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

May they know Christ's forgiving love, and continue in the fellowship and service of his Church. May they 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 profession of faith and renewal of our baptismal vows

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.

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.

I ask you all 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 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

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 you 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 servants Gabriel and Maya 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**

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

Gabriel and Maya are signed with the cross using oil blessed by the bishop.

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

When Gabriel and Maya have 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.**

Candles are 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.**

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 – 382 Now the Green Blade Rises

**a collection to assist the mission of God in this parish will be taken up
during this hymn*

Blessed are you Lord God of all creation. Through your goodness we
have this bread and wine to share; to become our true food and drink
Blessed be God forever

Blessed are you Lord God of all creation. Through your goodness we
have these gifts of money and food to offer; to become your gospel in
action in the world
Blessed be God forever

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

All glory and honour be yours always and everywhere,
mighty Creator, every living God.

We give you thanks and praise for your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ,
who by the power of your Spirit was born of Mary and lived as one of us.

By his death on the cross,
he offered the one true sacrifice for sin,
and obtained an eternal deliverance for his people.

And now we give you thanks that you raised him to live triumphant,
and exalted him in glory.

By his victory over death, the reign of sin is ended,
a new day has dawned, a broken world is restored
and we are made whole once more.

Therefore with angels and archangels,
and with all the company of heaven,
we proclaim your great and glorious name,
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**

Merciful God, we thank you for these gifts of your creation,
this bread and this wine,
and we pray that by your word and Holy Spirit,
we who eat and drink them
may be partakers of Christ's body and blood.
On the night he was betrayed Jesus took bread;
and when he had given you thanks
he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying,
'Take, eat. This is my body given for you.
Do this in remembrance of me.'

After supper he took the cup,
and again giving you thanks
he gave it to his disciples, saying,
'Drink from this, all of you, this is my blood of the new covenant
Shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.'

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

Therefore we do as our Saviour has commanded:
proclaiming his offering of himself
made once for all upon the cross,
his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension,
and looking for his coming again,
we celebrate, with this bread and this cup,
his one perfect and sufficient sacrifice for the sins of the whole world.

Renew us by your Holy Spirit,
unite us in the body of your Son,
and bring us with all your people
into the joy of your eternal kingdom;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
with whom, and in whom, in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,
we worship you Father, in songs of never-ending praise:

**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.

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.
We who are many are one body.
For we all share in the one bread.

***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*

The true message of Easter is love. There is nothing obscure or complicated about it – we are called to love ALL of our neighbours in the same way that we love God...and that God loves us!

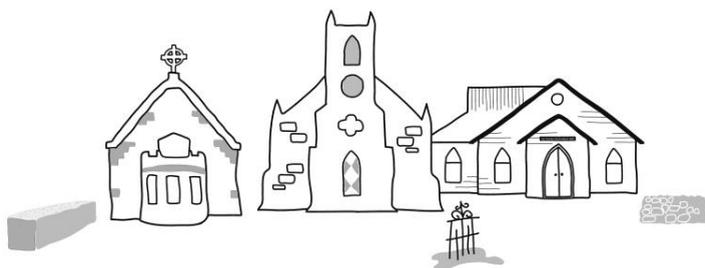
Jesus broke it all down for us. Love God, love each other.

God became human so that we could understand God better, and so that God could fully experience being human. God knows that it isn't always easy to love everyone, but God knows that we need to.

My Easter prayer is for love. Nothing more than that. Love for God, love for each other, love for God's wonderful creation.

Enjoy the celebration of Easter Day and the wonderful Alleluia filled fifty days of Eastertide to come!

Peace and love, Mel



THE Anglican Parish of Woodend-Trentham

PO Box 699, Woodend, VIC 3442 | www.woodendanglican.org.au

Priest: Rev'd Melissa Clark 0411 722 718

Warden: Derek 0417 252 222



www.facebook.com/woodendanglican/