

**THE Anglican Parish of Woodend-Trentham**  
**St George's, Trentham 9.00am | St Mary's, Woodend 11.00am**



**27<sup>th</sup> January 2019**

**Presentation of Christ in the temple**

We acknowledge the Jaara Jaara people,  
of the Woi wurrung and Dja Dja Wurrung language groups,  
the custodians of this land where we gather.

We pay our respects to elders past and present and pray for reconciliation.

## GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

My eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel. *Luke 2.30–32*

### Gathering Hymn – 341 My song

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you**

*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)*

Christ the Son of God has been revealed as a light to the nations.

Let us bring our darkness to his light, confessing our sins in penitence and faith,

**Merciful God...**

*The Gloria (page 121 of the prayer book)*

**Glory to God in the highest...**

*Let us pray*

Christ our cornerstone,  
you were recognised at your presentation in the temple  
as a sign of hope for the world,  
but also as a stumbling-block for many:  
help us so to present ourselves for our service,  
that, in sharing your scandal,  
we may become a people acceptable to you.  
In your name we pray. **Amen.**

## **MINISTRY OF THE WORD**

*A reading from the book of Malachi chapter 3 verses 1 to 4*

See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight—indeed, he is coming, says the LORD of hosts. But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears?

For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the LORD in righteousness. Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the LORD as in the days of old and as in former years.

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

## Psalm 24

The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it:  
the compass of the world and those who dwell therein.

**For he has founded it upon the seas:  
and established it upon the waters.**

Who shall ascend the hill of the Lord:  
or who shall stand in his holy place?

**Those who have clean hands and a pure heart:  
who have not set their soul upon idols,  
nor sworn their oath to a lie.**

They shall receive blessing from the Lord:  
and recompense from the God of their salvation.

**Of such a kind as this are those who seek him:  
those who seek your face, O God of Jacob.**

Lift up your heads, O you gates,  
and be lifted up, you everlasting doors:  
and the King of glory shall come in.

**Who is the King of glory?:  
the Lord, strong and mighty, the Lord mighty in battle.**

Lift up your heads, O you gates,  
and be lifted up, you everlasting doors:  
and the King of glory shall come in.

**Who is the King of glory?:  
the Lord of hosts, he is the King of glory.**

*A reading from the letter to the Hebrews chapter 2 verses 14 to 18*

Since, therefore, the children share flesh and blood, he himself likewise shared the same things, so that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by the fear of death. For it is clear that he did not come to help angels, but the descendants of Abraham. Therefore he had to become like his brothers and sisters in every respect, so that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make a sacrifice of atonement for the sins of the people. Because he himself was tested by what he suffered, he is able to help those who are being tested.

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

**Gradual Hymn – 319 Child in the manger**

***Alleluia Alleluia***

We hear your words Lord,  
and they nourish us

**Alleluia**

*The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Luke chapter 2  
beginning at the 22<sup>nd</sup> verse*

**Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ**

When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord (as it is written in the law of the Lord, “Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord”), and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, “a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons.”

Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying,

“Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace,  
according to your word;  
for my eyes have seen your salvation,  
which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples,  
a light for revelation to the Gentiles  
and for glory to your people Israel.”

And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, “This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed—and a sword will pierce your own soul too.”

There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband seven years after her marriage, then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshiped there with fasting and prayer night and day. At that moment she came, and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem.

When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favour of God was upon him.

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

*The Sermon given by Ordinand Colleen Clayton*

*The affirmation of faith (page 123 of the prayer book)*

*The Prayers of the People*

*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 – 497 Let all mortal flesh**

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 Thanksgiving Prayer is on page 128*

....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**

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.**

## **The Sending out of God's people**

May we who have been your guests  
at this communion  
reveal your life to all the world.  
May we be no longer your servants,  
but know your will,

and be your friends.

You give us your life, may we be worthy of it;  
you give us yourself, may we embody you.

### *The Notices*

**Final Hymn - 324 Lord bid your servant**

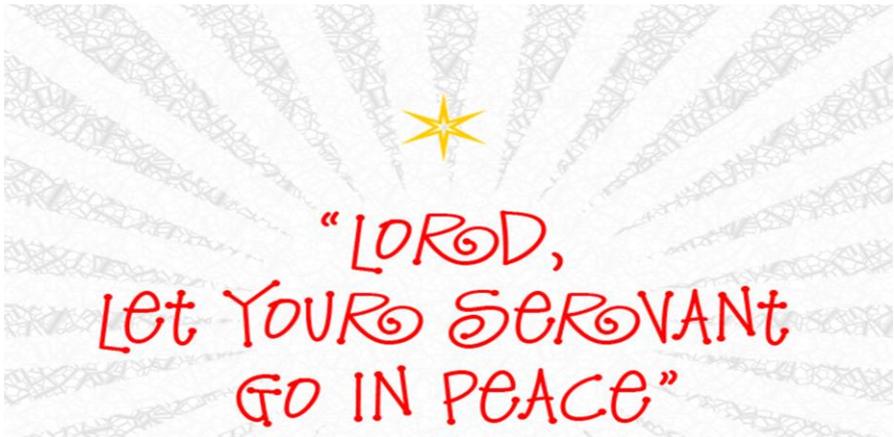
### *The Blessing and Dismissal*

May Christ the Son of God be manifest to you,  
that your lives may be a light to the world;  
and the blessing of God almighty, the Creator, 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*

Every year for the last few years the debate about changing the date of Australia Day comes up at this time.

It is a complicated issue that requires reflection and prayer from all sides of the argument I think.

For indigenous people it marks the day that their culture was changed forever. It marks the beginning of a time of new diseases, fences were once they walked freely, and the enslaving and murder of many of their people. It is very plain to see why the date is so problematic for our first people.

For those of us whose heritage is not indigenous it marks a day of new beginning in our country. It marks the day when it became possible for us to live in this amazing land.

There is no easy answer to whether or not the day should be changed – someone will be upset whatever does or doesn't happen. We must not lose sight though of the opportunities for listening that this debate provides.

If we do this listening properly we can learn from each other and we can take real steps towards reconciliation.

As Christians we can model this listening and learning. The writer of the letter to the Hebrews speaks about brothers and sisters, the knowledge that we are all members of the one human family. If we can hold this knowledge closely as we engage with each other then real and long lasting reconciliation is the logical conclusion.

We must not be complacent about this – we must keep praying, continuing to look for opportunities to listen and open our hearts to all members of God's family.

Peace, Mel

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## **Pew Bulletin**

### **Safe Church**

If you attended a safe church workshop three years ago then it's time for you to attend a refresher.

Lucky for us on March 30 there will be a refresher workshop at Woodend. Please register via the website [www.bendigoanglican.org.au](http://www.bendigoanglican.org.au) The cost of the workshop is \$20 and the parish will reimburse you if you require.

### **Parish AGM**

Our AGM will be held on February 17<sup>th</sup> in the hall after our service at Woodend.

If you are an office holder in the parish and need to submit a report to Derek please do so as soon as possible.

### **First Friday Films**

Our First Friday Film for February is FROZEN! A modern day classic for the kids and grown ups alike. Invite your friends and neighbours! 6pm in the hall. Entry by donation.

### **Black Saturday Anniversary**

February 7<sup>th</sup> marks ten years since the Black Saturday fires. We will gather at midday at St Mary's for quiet reflection and prayer.

### **Music Weekend**

Robyn is once again organizing a music weekend for the first weekend in March. If you're interested in attending please get in touch with Robyn Leeder.

### **News from the Guilds:**

*St Mary's Guild* – The Street Stall is on February 9<sup>th</sup> from 9am until midday

### **Birthdays**

Happy birthday to Emrys Gisborne this week!

## **Years Mind and those who have died recently**

This week we remember Florence Woolhouse Mathews

## **Intercessions – our prayers are asked for:**

Mario and Nicole, Sam, Wendy, Jeanette, Carmela, Jim, Judy and John, Hayden, Jason, Sandra, Sheryl and Roger, Trevor, Jannyse, Kristina and Jon, Rachael + Matt and their children.

We pray for Kim and Enver who will be married at St Mary's on February 23<sup>rd</sup>, and for Samantha and Jason who will be married at St Mary's on February 24<sup>th</sup>.

## **Readings for next week**

Jeremiah 1.4-10                  Psalm 71.1-6  
1 Cor 13.1-13                  Luke 4.21-30

## **Mission and Parish Giving**

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

BSB 633 000                          Account 1498 24906

Ref: Parish Giving



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Reverend Mel has Fridays off as her Sabbath.

If you need to speak to a priest urgently on a Friday you can contact Fr Ian at Kyneton on 0437 655 702.