



**HOLY TRINITY ANGLICAN CHURCH
WILLIAMSTOWN**

13 September 2020
Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Holy Communion
Bishop Kate Prowd



On behalf of everyone at Holy Trinity, a warm welcome to this community, a faithful Christian presence in Williamstown since 1854. Holy Trinity welcomes everyone to all services and events, regardless of age, gender, sexual orientation, race or background. Thank you for being part of our worship today.

A video of this worship service will be available on the parish YouTube channel from Sunday morning, links are on our website under 'Services'. Directions for joining us for morning tea via Zoom are available in this pew sheet.

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REFLECTION

Comparing ourselves to others is not always a helpful activity. While it provides perspective to say, "Others are worse off than me," the risk is minimising our own experience. We can look to other places and ways of responding to the pandemic, but we will still find ourselves in our circumstances with all the challenge that brings. We need to feel able to reach out to others for help and connection, regardless of whether we think others are doing better or worse than us. In God's eyes, we are each who we are, worthy of love and care and belonging in God's embrace. Let us see ourselves and each other in that light as we each continue to do the best we can at this time.
Rev Elizabeth

PS - A note about our hymn for today: I customarily choose a hymn related to the Bible readings for the day, but this week with all that's going on, this whimsical hymn took my fancy. I hope you enjoy it.



PARISH PRAYER POINTS



For the Church:

- Pray for the Anglican Church of South America
- Theological Colleges, Church Schools & Church Kindergartens
Camberwell Girls' Grammar School

We pray for the parishes of Holy Trinity, Hastings, St Eanswythe's Altona and St Clement's Altona Meadows, St Aidan's Parkdale, St Augustine's Moreland

In our Community:

As part of our regular cycle of prayer, we pray for Margaret Burt, Sally Burt, Peter Johnson, Rachel Clark, Paul McNear, Karen and Nik Frkovic, Adrian Pagan, Janice Schmidt, Rayma Thomson, Carol Willis, Sue Wragg

We pray for those who are suffering or unwell at this time, including: Gordon and Audrey Beal, Ron and Joan Bates, Emilie Diopol, Barbara and Brett Hingston, Anne Mulholland, Helen, Heather Jobling, Bryan Matty, Laurie McLay, Robert Mander, May Kofoed, Diane Robinson, Marjorie Todd, Carol Williams and Sue Wragg.

We acknowledge that our church is on the sovereign lands of the Yalukit Willum of the Kulin Nation. We pay respect to Elders past, present and emerging.

AN INVITATION TO WORSHIP AND REFLECTION

If safe to do so, you are invited to light a candle as you enter into this time of prayer and reflection that you have set aside as sacred.

Hymn: TiS 176

Refrain

*The sounds in God's world all agree,
he made it up so beautifully,
more there is to hear when we stop still and listen very carefully*

1.

Listen to the surf*, listen to the surf*
The breakers crash while the sea swell bends,
some of God's big things never seem to end.
How great that the maker of the world wants to be our friend.

Refrain

2.

Listen to the owl*, listen to the owl*.
Lying in the night thinking, 'Who's out there?'
there's the hoot of an owl in the night somewhere.
It's good to know we're safely in God's care.

Refrain

3.

Listen to the wind*, listen to the wind*.
It whispers and it rustles, it howls and it whines.
Where it goes, who can find?
Let's listen for the wind of God stirring in our mind.

Refrain

**make sounds to match*

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GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

THE SENTENCE

If you O Lord should note what we do wrong, Lord, who could stand? But there is forgiveness with you, so that you may be revered. Psalm 130: 3-4

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

Let us pray

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

CONFESSION

God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy, welcoming sinners and inviting them to the Lord's table.

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

Merciful God, our maker and our judge, we have sinned against you in thought, word and deed, and in what we have failed to do. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves; we repent, and are sorry for all our sins. Father forgive us. Strengthen us to love and obey you in newness of life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

ABSOLUTION

Almighty God who has promised forgiveness to all who turn to God in faith: pardon you and set you free from all your sins, strengthen you in all goodness and keep you in eternal life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

KYRIE ELEISON

Lord have mercy **Lord have mercy**

Christ have mercy **Christ have mercy**

Lord have mercy **Lord have mercy**

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 sin 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

COLLECT FOR THE DAY

O God, you call your Church to witness that in Christ we are reconciled to you: help us so to proclaim the good news of your love, that all who hear it may turn to you; 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

The First Reading: Exodus 14:19-31 read Wilma Robarts

The angel of God who was going before the Israelite army moved and went behind them; and the pillar of cloud moved from in front of them and took its place behind them. It came between the army of Egypt and the army of Israel. And so the cloud was there with the darkness, and it lit up the night; one did not come near the other all night.

Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea. The LORD drove the sea back by a strong east wind all night, and turned the sea into dry land; and the waters were divided. The Israelites went into the sea on dry ground, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left. The Egyptians pursued, and went into the sea after them, all of Pharaoh's horses, chariots, and chariot drivers. At the morning watch the LORD in the pillar of fire and cloud looked down upon the Egyptian army, and threw the Egyptian army into panic. He clogged their chariot wheels so that they turned with difficulty. The Egyptians said, 'Let us flee from the Israelites, for the LORD is fighting for them against Egypt.'

Then the LORD said to Moses, 'Stretch out your hand over the sea, so that the water may come back upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots and chariot drivers.' So Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and at dawn the sea returned to its normal depth. As the Egyptians fled before it, the LORD tossed the Egyptians into the sea. The waters returned and covered the chariots and the chariot drivers, the entire army of Pharaoh that had followed them into the sea; not one of them remained. But the Israelites walked on dry ground through the sea, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left.

Thus the LORD saved Israel that day from the Egyptians; and Israel saw the Egyptians dead on the seashore. Israel saw the great work that the LORD did against the Egyptians. So the people feared the LORD and believed in the LORD and in his servant Moses.

For the Word of the Lord **Thanks be to God**

Psalm 114

¹ When Israel went out from Egypt,
the house of Jacob from a people of strange language,
² Judah became God's sanctuary, Israel his dominion.
³ The sea looked and fled; Jordan turned back.
⁴ The mountains skipped like rams, the hills like lambs.
⁵ Why is it, O sea, that you flee? O Jordan, that you turn back?
⁶ O mountains, that you skip like rams? O hills, like lambs?
⁷ Tremble, O earth, at the presence of the LORD,
at the presence of the God of Jacob,
⁸ who turns the rock into a pool of water,
the flint into a spring of water.

The Second Reading: Romans 14: 1-14 read by Warren Madsen

Welcome those who are weak in faith, but not for the purpose of quarrelling over opinions. Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgement on those who eat; for God has welcomed them. Who are you to pass judgement on servants of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand.

Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. Those who observe the day, observe it in honour of the Lord. Also those who eat, eat in honour of the Lord, since they give thanks to God; while those who abstain, abstain in honour of the Lord and give thanks to God.

We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living.

Why do you pass judgement on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgement seat of God. For it is written,
'As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me,
and every tongue shall give praise to God.'

So then, each of us will be accountable to God.

Let us therefore no longer pass judgement on one another, but resolve instead never to put a stumbling-block or hindrance in the way

of another. I know and am persuaded in the Lord Jesus that nothing is unclean in itself; but it is unclean for anyone who thinks it unclean.

For the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God**

THE GOSPEL according to Saint Matthew 18: 21-35

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ

‘Then Peter came and said to him, ‘Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?’ Jesus said to him, ‘Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times.

‘For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, “Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.” And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow-slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, “Pay what you owe.” Then his fellow-slave fell down and pleaded with him, “Have patience with me, and I will pay you.” But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he should pay the debt. When his fellow-slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, “You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. Should you not have had mercy on your fellow-slave, as I had mercy on you?” And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he should pay his entire debt. So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart.’

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

THE SERMON

Bishop Kate Prowd

A time of silence is kept

THE CREED

We believe in one God, the Father, the almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only son of God eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father, through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen

THE PRAYERS

Intercessions will be led by Laurence Gray

The response to each is usually Hear our prayer.

The time of prayer concludes with

Almighty God you have promised to hear our prayers.

Grant that what we have asked in faith we may by your grace receive, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

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.

THE OFFERTORY

Blessed are you, Lord of all creation. Through your goodness we have these gifts to share. Accept and use our offerings for your glory and for the service of your kingdom.

Blessed be God for ever.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The prayer continues

... 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 name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

The prayer continues

... Let us proclaim the mystery of faith.

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

The prayer continues

... in songs of never ending praise:

Blessing and honour and glory and power are yours for ever and ever. Amen.

As our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are confident to pray:

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

As this bread was once many grains which have been gathered together and made on bread, **so may your church be gathered from the ends of the earth into your kingdom.**

Jesus, Lamb of God, have mercy on us.

Jesus, bearer of our sins, have mercy on us.

Jesus, redeemer of the world, grant us your peace.

All who repent of their sins, trust in Christ, and celebrate his saving work with grateful thanks, truly eat and drink the body and blood of Christ.

The Bishop consumes the bread and wine of the Holy Communion on behalf of the community of faith.

The body of Christ the bread of heaven keep us in eternal life. Amen.

The blood of Christ the cup of salvation keep us in eternal life. Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A prayer is said which concludes with ...

Loving God, we offer ourselves to you as a living sacrifice through Jesus Christ our Lord. Send us out in the power of your spirit to live and work to your praise and glory.

BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

The Bishop gives the blessing, to which the response is ... Amen.

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

PARISH NEWS

Happy Birthday to
Alison Verghese for Wednesday



Parish Centre and Gardens are Closed

Unfortunately, during the weeks of the Stage 4 Lockdown the Holy Trinity Parish Centre will be closed.

No one is to enter this building for any reason.

PARISH NEWS

MORNING TEA

THIS IS A NEW LINK FOR THE WEEKLY ZOOM MORNING TEAS FOR SEPTEMBER

A virtual morning tea and time of fellowship is booked for 11am each Sunday during September and October. Please follow the link below to join in:

Join Zoom Meeting

[https://zoom.us/j/92305133140?](https://zoom.us/j/92305133140?pwd=K1BuT2w5M0h2OVFTRkhOa0JWNzhudz09)

[pwd=K1BuT2w5M0h2OVFTRkhOa0JWNzhudz09](https://zoom.us/j/92305133140?pwd=K1BuT2w5M0h2OVFTRkhOa0JWNzhudz09)

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For assistance please call Tom Verghese on 0419 999 292

Virtual Art Show and Sale of Works

Do you paint, draw, create watercolours, make pottery, do tapestry or needlework or some other kind of artwork? Why not participate in our online Art Show and Sale of Works? Do you have friends or family who might want to be involved -please ask them as well.

If you want to participate please email the following details to office@htw.org.au before 15 September:

Name, address, phone, email, type of art or craft work.

We will then get back to you to discuss the other details.

THE PARISH AT A GLANCE

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NOTE: The Parish Office will NOT be open for the foreseeable future

Wardens:

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Judy White 0434 250 411

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Judy White..... 0434 250 411

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Janice Schmidt..... 0409 180 144

Baptism Arrangements:

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Judy White, Parish Office

Wed/Fri 9397 5330

The Pilot - Parish Journal:

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Carol Willis 0439 458 096

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Craig Douglass..... 0425 774 307

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Liz White 0407 850 501

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Music Group:

Carol Huren..... 0410 476 607

Ada Cambridge Book Group:

Wilma Roberts..... 0409 862 292

Tapestry Group:

Joan Crook..... 9393 9478

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Scott Phillips..... 0411 751 755

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Scott Phillips 0411 751 755

HOLY TRINITY PASTORAL CARE

The Parish is divided into zones to cover the wide areas of pastoral care.

For those living in the **Village**, your team representative is

Christa Fatouros : 03 9393 9317

Nursing Homes: Rev Elizabeth Murray

Williamstown Central: Valerie Dripps 0412 372 524,

Victoria St/Hannan St areas: Ann Hodges 0417 581 662

Newport/The Strand: Janice Schmidt 0409 180 144,

Yarraville: Pamela McFadyen 0412 280 233

Pt Cook/Altona Meadows: the Rev'd Margaret Burt: 0432 711 336.

If you are in need or know of someone who needs help, please contact either the above person in your area or call Judy 0434 250 411.