



HOLY TRINITY ANGLICAN CHURCH
WILLIAMSTOWN

17 May 2020
Sixth Sunday of Easter
Preacher: 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, 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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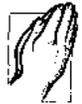
REFLECTION

N.T. Wright, biblical scholar and theologian, published an article in Time magazine titled, "Christianity Offers No Answers About the Coronavirus. It's Not Supposed To". He warns against the knee-jerk reaction of trying to explain why the pandemic is happening through unhelpful and dangerous lenses such as, 'Is this God's punishment or warning?' Instead, Wright reminds us of the Christian tradition of lament. "The point of lament, woven thus into the fabric of the biblical tradition, is not just that it's an outlet for our frustration, sorrow, loneliness and sheer inability to understand what is happening or why. The mystery of the biblical story is that *God also laments*."

Through the Gospel story, we know that we believe in a God who loves and abides with us wherever we find ourselves. There is nowhere we can go that Jesus hasn't already been, including death, and that can be a source of hope and comfort in a world that cannot always be explained. Rev Elizabeth (Thanks to the "By the Well" podcast for directing me to the article.)



PARISH PRAYER POINTS



For the Church:

- Pray for the Anglican Church of Korea
- The Diocese of Bendigo
- Diocesan Risk Management and Insurance

We pray for the parish of St Mary's Sunbury

In our Community:

As part of our regular cycle of prayer, we pray for Kelly-Marie, Scott and Emily Gaskell, Helen Green, Anna Grove, Jeannine and Warren Madsen, Pamela McFadyen, Sue and Scott Phillips, Sue Searls

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

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 134: Praise my soul the king of heaven

1.

Praise, my soul, the king of
heaven;
to his feet your tribute bring;
ransomed, healed, restored,
forgiven,
who like me his praise should
sing?
Praise him, praise him, hallelujah,
praise the everlasting king!

2.

Praise him for his grace and
favour
to his people in distress;
praise him still the same for ever,
slow to chide, and swift to bless:
praise him, praise him, hallelujah,
glorious in his faithfulness!

3.

Father-like he tends and spares
us;
well our feeble frame he knows;
in his hands he gently bears us,
rescues us from all our foes:
praise him, praise him, hallelujah,
widely as his mercy flows!

4

Frail as summer's flower we
flourish,
blows the wind and it is gone;
but while mortals rise and perish
God endures unchanging on.
Praise him, praise him, hallelujah,
praise the high eternal one!

5.

Angels, help us to adore him,
you behold him face to face;
sun and moon, bow down before
him,
dwellers all in time and space:
praise him, praise him, hallelujah,
praise with us the God of grace!

Henry Francis Lyte 1793–1847 *alt.*
based on Psalm 103

GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Christ is risen. Alleluia. **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

THE SENTENCE

“Those who love me will keep my word,” Jesus promises, “and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them.” John 14.23

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

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, 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 have prepared for those who love you joys beyond our understanding: pour into our hearts such love for you, that, loving you above all else, we may obtain your promises that exceed all we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen**

MINISTRY OF THE WORD

The First Reading: Acts 17: 22-31 read by Peter Johnson

Then Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, 'Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, "To an unknown god." What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us. For "In him we live and move and have our being"; as even some of your own poets have said, "For we too are his offspring." Since we are God's offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.'

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

Psalm 66: 7-19

⁷ We rejoice in him who rules by his might for ever, whose eyes keep watch on the nations— let the rebellious not exalt themselves.
⁸ Bless our God, O peoples, let the sound of his praise be heard,
⁹ who has kept us among the living, and has not let our feet slip.
¹⁰ For you, O God, have tested us; you have tried us as silver is tried.
¹¹ You brought us into the net; you laid burdens on our backs;
¹² you let people ride over our heads; we went through fire and through water; yet you have brought us out to a spacious place.
¹³ I will come into your house with burnt-offerings;
I will pay you my vows,
¹⁴ those that my lips uttered
and my mouth promised when I was in trouble.
¹⁵ I will offer to you burnt-offerings of fatlings, with the smoke of the sacrifice of rams; I will make an offering of bulls and goats.
¹⁶ Come and hear, all you who fear God,
and I will tell what he has done for me.
¹⁷ I cried aloud to him, and he was extolled with my tongue.
¹⁸ If I had cherished iniquity in my heart,
the Lord would not have listened.
¹⁹ But truly God has listened;
he has given heed to the words of my prayer.

The Second Reading: 1 Peter 3: 8-22 read by Carol Huren

Finally, all of you, have unity of spirit, sympathy, love for one another, a tender heart, and a humble mind. Do not repay evil for evil or abuse for abuse; but, on the contrary, repay with a blessing. It is for this that you were called—that you might inherit a blessing. For 'Those who desire life and desire to see good days, let them keep their tongues from evil and their lips from speaking deceit; let them turn away from evil and do good; let them seek peace and pursue it. For the eyes of the Lord are on the righteous, and his ears are open to their prayer. But the face of the Lord is against those who do evil.'

Now who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defence to anyone who demands from you an account of the hope that is in you; yet do it with

gentleness and reverence. Keep your conscience clear, so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil. For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight people, were saved through water. And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you—not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

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

THE GOSPEL according to Saint John 14: 15-21

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ

'If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you for ever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

'I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them.'

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

led by Wilma Robarts

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.

OFFERTORY

Blessed are you, Lord, God 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 one 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 priest 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

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 priest 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
Pamela McFadyen for Tuesday
Rajesh Verghese and
Thomas White for Friday***



**Welcome to Bishop Kate Prowd
who is officiating and preaching
at our service today.**

CONFIRMATION PREPARATION

Confirmation preparation has commenced for our 2
adult confirmation candidates.

They are Elanor and Maryanne

Please pray for them as they work through their preparation
with Elizabeth. We do not yet know when they will be confirmed.

PARISH NEWS

MORNING TEA

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

Join Zoom Meeting <https://zoom.us/j/630446725?pwd=clJqeFhVaitBbjg0YVZISzZGL0RmZz09>

Meeting ID: 630 446 725 Password: 962018
For assistance please call Tom Verghese on 0419 999 292

These morning teas are scheduled for some weeks to come so once you've set up the link you will only need to re enter the password each week to enter the Zoom morning tea again.

READINGS AND INTERCESSIONS

Would you like to contribute to our online services? We are seeking parishioners willing to record themselves reading or praying through the intercessions each week and make these part of the online service. This will be a voice recording rather than a video.

If you are interested in being involved please contact Judy on 0434 250 411 or email office@htw.org.au

Weekly Newsletter

We are emailing out a weekly newsletter .

Are you receiving it?

If not, please call Judy 0434 250 411

Jam Available

Wilma has lime and ginger and cumquat jam
and some quince jelly available for sale.

Please call, or text her 0409 862 292
with your selection and she will leave it in her letterbox for you

THE PARISH AT A GLANCE

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

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Tom Verghese 0419 999 292

Honorary Lay Minister to Men:

Scott Phillips..... 0411 751 755

Treasurer:

Laurence Gray 0431 322 490

Bookkeeper:

Ian Stewart 0438 070 439

Parish Council Secretary:

Judy White 0434 250 411

Administration:

Judy White..... 0434 250 411

Pastoral Care:

Janice Schmidt..... 0409 180 144

Baptism Arrangements:

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Weddings:

Judy White, Parish Office
Wed/Fri 9397 5330

The Pilot - Parish Journal:

Judy White 0434 250 411

Community Lunch Programme :

(Mon & Fri 10 - 1 pm):

Wilma Roberts:..... 0409 862 292

Christine Hurwood..... 0428 589 092

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Partnership:

Carol Willis 0439 458 096

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John Rivers..... 0473 029 187

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Liz White 0407 850 501

Neralie Hoadley

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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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Val Dripps 0412 372 524

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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.