



HOLY TRINITY ANGLICAN CHURCH WILLIAMSTOWN

28 June 2020 **Fourth Sunday after Pentecost** **Service of the Word**



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

How do we live as people of grace?

What does it mean to our everyday lives to live as people who believe in God, who follow Jesus Christ. The slogan WWJD? = What would Jesus do? may come across as overly simplistic, but there are worse staring places. Christian welcome is not only about disciples being welcomed by others, it is also about how we welcome others. Those who welcome us, welcome Jesus and welcome God. Also, when we welcome others, God is there in the act of hospitality and welcome.

As it remains difficult to extend hospitality in the ways we are used to, we need to trust and pray that God is with us in the ways we persist in connecting and being there for each other, and the ways that people are being there for us. Thank God for the gift of connection.

Rev. Elizabeth



PARISH PRAYER POINTS



For the Church:

- All members of the United Church of North India
- Diocese of Newcastle
- Karingal - St Laurence Community Services

We pray for the parish of Box Hill

In our Community:

As part of our regular cycle of prayer, we pray for Rosie Drake, Champi and Vanessa Elwela, Pamela Hepworth, Anne and James Mulholland, Rebecca Murphy, Rita Northwood, Frances Oliver, Jill and Chris Ringrose, Betty Windsor

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, Heather Jobling, Bryan Matty, Laurie McLay, Robert Mander, May Kofoed, Diane Robinson, Ian Stewart, Marjorie Todd and Carol Williams.

We pray for Ann Hodges and her family as they mourn the loss of her husband George.

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 585 I heard the voice of Jesus say

1.
I heard the voice of Jesus say,
'Come unto me and rest;
lay down, O weary one, lay
down
your head upon my breast.'
I came to Jesus as I was,
weary and worn and sad;
I found in him a resting-place,
and he has made me glad.

2.
I heard the voice of Jesus say,
'Behold, I freely give
the living water; thirsty one,
stoop down and drink and live.'
I came to Jesus, and I drank
of that life-giving stream;
my thirst was quenched, my
soul revived,
and now I live in him.

3.
I heard the voice of Jesus say,
'I am this dark world's light;
look unto me, your morn shall
rise,
and all your day be bright.'
I looked to Jesus, and I found
in him my star, my sun;
and in that light of life I'll walk
till travelling days are done.

Horatius Bonar 1808–89 *alt.*
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GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

*The wages of sin is death but the free gift of God is eternal life
in Christ Jesus our Lord.*

Romans 6: 23

Open our lips, O Lord,
and we shall declare your praise.
This is the day that the Lord has made,
we will rejoice and be glad in it.

Friends in Christ, we come together to meet with God, and to take our part in the building up of God's Church. We will lift up our hearts in thanks and praise, hear from God's holy word, and pray for this world, and for ourselves. The Bible tells us to approach God confidently, through our Lord Jesus Christ. As we do so, we must confess our sins, seeking forgiveness through God's boundless goodness and mercy.

CONFESSION

To the Lord our God belong mercy and forgiveness, though we have rebelled against him, and have not obeyed the voice of the Lord our God by following his laws which he set before us.

Daniel 9.9–10

So let us draw near to God with sincerity and confidence, and pray together,

God of all mercy, we humbly admit that we need your help. We have wandered from your way. We have sinned in thought, word and deed, and have failed to do what is right. You alone can save us. Have mercy on us, wipe out our sins and teach us to forgive others. Bring forth in us the fruit of your Spirit that we may live the new life to your glory. This we ask in the name of Jesus our Saviour. Amen.

God desires that none should perish, but that all should turn to Christ, and live. In response to God's call we acknowledge our sins. God pardons those who humbly repent, and truly believe the gospel. Therefore we have peace with God, through Jesus Christ. **Amen**

Neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Romans 8.38–39

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.

His steadfast love endures for ever!

Grace and peace be with you

and also with you.

Come, let us sing to the Lord,

shout to the rock of our salvation.

Serve the Lord with gladness,
come before his face with songs of joy.

MINISTRY OF THE WORD

Heavenly God, give us wisdom and understanding. As we listen to your Word may we know you better, love you more, and learn to please you in all we do; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

First Reading: Genesis 22: 1-14 read by Susan Phillips

After these things God tested Abraham. He said to him, 'Abraham!' And he said, 'Here I am.' He said, 'Take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt-offering on one of the mountains that I shall show you.' So Abraham rose early in the morning, saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him, and his son Isaac; he cut the wood for the burnt-offering, and set out and went to the place in the distance that God had shown him. On the third day Abraham looked up and saw the place far away. Then Abraham said to his young men, 'Stay here with the donkey; the boy and I will go over there; we will worship, and then we will come back to you.' Abraham took the wood of the burnt-offering and laid it on his son Isaac, and he himself carried the fire and the knife. So the two of them walked on together. Isaac said to his father Abraham, 'Father!' And he said, 'Here I am, my son.' He said, 'The fire and the wood are here, but where is the lamb for a burnt-offering?' Abraham said, 'God himself will provide the lamb for a burnt-offering, my son.' So the two of them walked on together.

When they came to the place that God had shown him, Abraham built an altar there and laid the wood in order. He bound his son Isaac, and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood. Then Abraham reached out his hand and took the knife to kill his son. But the angel of the LORD called to him from heaven, and said, 'Abraham, Abraham!' And he said, 'Here I am.' He said, 'Do not lay your hand on the boy or do anything to him; for now I know that you fear God, since you have not withheld your son, your only son, from me.' And Abraham looked up and saw

a ram, caught in a thicket by its horns. Abraham went and took the ram and offered it up as a burnt-offering instead of his son. So Abraham called that place 'The LORD will provide'; as it is said to this day, 'On the mount of the LORD it shall be provided.'

Hear the word of the Lord, **Thanks be to God**

Psalm 13

- ¹ How long, O LORD? Will you forget me for ever?
How long will you hide your face from me?
- ² How long must I bear pain in my soul,
and have sorrow in my heart all day long?
How long shall my enemy be exalted over me?
- ³ Consider and answer me, O LORD my God!
Give light to my eyes, or I will sleep the sleep of death,
- ⁴ and my enemy will say, 'I have prevailed';
my foes will rejoice because I am shaken.
- ⁵ But I trusted in your steadfast love;
my heart shall rejoice in your salvation.
- ⁶ I will sing to the LORD,
because he has dealt bountifully with me.

The Second Reading: Romans 6: 12-23
read by Chris Ringrose

Therefore, do not let sin exercise dominion in your mortal bodies, to make you obey their passions. No longer present your members to sin as instruments of wickedness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and present your members to God as instruments of righteousness. For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace.

What then? Should we sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means! Do you not know that if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness? But thanks be to God

that you, having once been slaves of sin, have become obedient from the heart to the form of teaching to which you were entrusted, and that you, having been set free from sin, have become slaves of righteousness. I am speaking in human terms because of your natural limitations. For just as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity and to greater and greater iniquity, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness for sanctification.

When you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. So what advantage did you then get from the things of which you now are ashamed? The end of those things is death. But now that you have been freed from sin and enslaved to God, the advantage you get is sanctification. The end is eternal life. For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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THE GOSPEL according to Saint Matthew 10: 40-42

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ

‘Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. Whoever welcomes a prophet in the name of a prophet will receive a prophet’s reward; and whoever welcomes a righteous person in the name of a righteous person will receive the reward of the righteous; and whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple—truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward.’

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

THE SERMON

Reverend Elizabeth Murray

A time of silence is kept

THE APOSTLES CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

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,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father;
from there he will come to judge
the living and the dead.

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.

THE MINISTRY OF PRAYER

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us join together in the prayer which Jesus gave 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 for ever. Amen.**

Be exalted, Lord, above the heavens,
let your glory cover the earth.

Keep our nation under your care,
and guide us in justice and truth.

Let your way be known on earth,
your saving power among all nations.
Send out your light and your truth,
that we may tell of your saving works.
Have mercy on the poor and oppressed.
Hear the cry of those in need.
Hear our prayers, O Lord,
for we put our trust in you.

THE COLLECT

O God, your Son has taught us that those who give a cup of water in his name will not lose their reward: open our hearts to the needs of your children, and in all things make us obedient to your will, so that in faith we may receive your gracious gift, eternal life in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE PRAYERS

led by Sally Burt

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 SENDING OUT OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Lord Jesus Christ, **send us out with confidence in your word to tell the world of your saving acts, and bring glory to your name. Amen.**

May the Lord bless you and keep you; May the Lord make his face to shine upon you, and be gracious to you. May the Lord lift up his countenance upon you, and give you peace. **Amen.**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord:

In the name of Christ. Amen.

PARISH NEWS

***Happy Birthday to
Scott Gaskell for Thursday***



Wedding Anniversary Congratulations

**to Christine and Carl Hurwood
Who celebrate their anniversary next Saturday**

Conversations at the Centre



The importance of storytelling in the Bible, faith and all of life

Guest Speaker: Rev Elizabeth Murray

7pm Monday 6 July 2020

This will be a Zoom Meeting -

Invitation Details will be in the Pew sheet and the Weekly Newsletter

For more details contact Ingrid Dodd: 9996 1842

PARISH NEWS

MORNING TEA

THIS IS A NEW LINK FOR THE WEEKLY ZOOM MORNING TEAS UNTIL AUGUST

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

Join Zoom Meeting

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81790762206?
pwd=VXFYMTI5MkZUMkZWMHVvYkRmcGZTajYrUT09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81790762206?pwd=VXFYMTI5MkZUMkZWMHVvYkRmcGZTajYrUT09)

Meeting ID: 817 9076 2206

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.

Weekly Newsletter

We are emailing out a weekly newsletter .

Are you receiving it?

If not, please call Judy 0434 250 411

CONFIRMATION PREPARATION

Confirmation preparation has now concluded for our two confirmation candidates, Elanor and Maryanne .

Please pray for them as they continue in their journey of faith.

A date for the Confirmation is yet to be set.

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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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

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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.