



**HOLY TRINITY ANGLICAN CHURCH
WILLIAMSTOWN**

**6 September 2020
Fourteenth 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

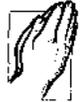
The “little ones” in today’s Gospel is generally referring to the children mentioned at the start of the chapter, but we can read into this any vulnerable person in need of care and support. The “lost sheep” are not necessarily people who have done wrong. Those who are “lost” can be those who have felt excluded by the Church, either through the overt actions or the deafening silence of the institution. The parable suggests God will go to great lengths to find the lost and fully include them, we should be prepared to do the same in true loving-kindness.

Rev. Elizabeth

PS. Today is also Fathers’ Day, and while we may not be able to celebrate as usual, I hope you take the opportunity to show your love and gratitude all through the year, not just one day a year. We pray and give thanks for all fathers and father-figures, young and old.



PARISH PRAYER POINTS



For the Church:

- Pray for the Anglican Church of Southern Africa
- Diocese of Sydney
- Brighton Grammar School

We pray for the parishes of St Oswald’s Glen Iris, St Stephen’s Warrandyte, St Paul’s Kew East , Holy Trinity Doncaster

In our Community:

As part of our regular cycle of prayer, we pray for Joan Crook, Marie Calthorpe, Lyn Dinham, Leonie Dobinson, Christa Fatouros, Deny Martin, Liz, Steven, Nicole, Gabriel and Thomas White

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.

Opening Hymn: TiS 648

1.

Help us accept each other
as Christ accepted us;
teach us as sister, brother,
each person to embrace.
Be present, Lord, among us
and bring us to believe
we are ourselves accepted
and meant to love and live.

3.

Let your acceptance change
us,
so that we may be moved
in living situations
to do the truth in love;
to practise your acceptance
until we know by heart
the table* of forgiveness
and laughter's healing art.

4.

Lord, for today's encounters
with all who are in need,
who hunger for acceptance,
for righteousness and bread,
we need new eyes for seeing,
new hands for holding on:
renew us with your Spirit;
Lord, free us, make us one!

*The 70 times table is in Matthew
18:21–22: 'seventy times seven'.

Frederik Herman Kaan 1929–

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GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

'Where two or three are gathered in my name,' says the Lord, "I am among them." Matthew 18:20

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: Exodus 12: 1-14 read Liz White

The LORD said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt: This month shall mark for you the beginning of months; it shall be the first month of the year for you. Tell the whole congregation of Israel that on the tenth of this month they are to take a lamb for each family, a lamb for each household. If a household is too small for a whole lamb, it shall join its closest neighbour in obtaining one; the lamb shall be divided in proportion to the number of people who eat of it. Your lamb shall be without blemish, a year-old male; you may take it from the sheep or from the goats. You shall keep it until the fourteenth day of this month; then the whole assembled congregation of Israel shall slaughter it at twilight. They shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and the lintel of the houses in which they eat it. They shall eat the lamb that same night; they shall eat it roasted over the fire with unleavened bread and bitter herbs. Do not eat any of it raw or boiled in water, but roasted over the fire, with its head, legs, and inner organs. You shall let none of it remain until the morning; anything that remains until the morning you shall burn. This is how you shall eat it: your loins girded, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand; and you shall eat it hurriedly. It is the passover of the LORD. For I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike down every firstborn in the land of Egypt, both human beings and animals; on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgements: I am the LORD. The blood shall be a sign for you on the houses where you live: when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague shall destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt.

This day shall be a day of remembrance for you. You shall celebrate it as a festival to the LORD; throughout your generations you shall observe it as a perpetual ordinance.

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

Psalm 149

- ¹ Praise the Lord! Sing to the Lord a new song,
his praise in the assembly of the faithful.
- ² Let Israel be glad in its Maker;
let the children of Zion rejoice in their King.
- ³ Let them praise his name with dancing,
making melody to him with tambourine and lyre.
- ⁴ For the Lord takes pleasure in his people;
he adorns the humble with victory.
- ⁵ Let the faithful exult in glory;
let them sing for joy on their couches.
- ⁶ Let the high praises of God be in their throats
and two-edged swords in their hands,
- ⁷ to execute vengeance on the nations
and punishment on the peoples,
- ⁸ to bind their kings with fetters
and their nobles with chains of iron,
- ⁹ to execute on them the judgement decreed.
This is glory for all his faithful ones. Praise the Lord!

The Second Reading: Romans 13: 1-10 by Carol Huren

Let every person be subject to the governing authorities; for there is no authority except from God, and those authorities that exist have been instituted by God. Therefore whoever resists authority resists what God has appointed, and those who resist will incur judgement. For rulers are not a terror to good conduct, but to bad. Do you wish to have no fear of the authority? Then do what is good, and you will receive its approval; for it is God's servant for your good. But if you do what is wrong, you should be afraid, for the authority does not bear the sword in vain! It is the servant of God to execute wrath on the wrongdoer. Therefore one must be subject, not only because of wrath but also because of conscience. For the same reason you also pay taxes, for the authorities are God's servants, busy with this very thing. Pay to all what is due to them—taxes to whom taxes are due, revenue to whom revenue is due, respect to whom respect is due, honour to whom honour is due.

Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. The commandments, 'You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet'; and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, 'Love your neighbour as yourself.' Love does no wrong to a neighbour; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law.

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

THE GOSPEL according to Saint Matthew 18: 10-20

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ

'Take care that you do not despise one of these little ones; for, I tell you, in heaven their angels continually see the face of my Father in heaven. What do you think? If a shepherd has a hundred sheep, and one of them has gone astray, does he not leave the ninety-nine on the mountains and go in search of the one that went astray? And if he finds it, truly I tell you, he rejoices over it more than over the ninety-nine that never went astray. So it is not the will of your Father in heaven that one of these little ones should be lost.

'If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax-collector. Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.'

For the Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ**

THE SERMON

Rev 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

Almighty God, your Son Jesus was the stone rejected by the builders, and, by your doing, he has been made the chief cornerstone: grant that, by the power of his Spirit working in us, we may become living stones built up into your dwelling place, a temple holy and acceptable to you; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

Amen

THE PRAYERS

led by Scott Phillips

The response:

Lord, in your mercy, 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
Jeannine Madsen for tomorrow
Lydia Mentor for Tuesday



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

Meeting ID: 923 0513 3140

Passcode: 653138

Dial by your location

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Meeting ID: 923 0513 3140 Passcode: 653138

Find your local number: <https://zoom.us/u/a2lSeeF91>

For assistance please call Tom Verghese on 0419 999 292

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

Conversations at the Centre



Mindfulness in a challenging time

Guest Speaker: Duncan Smith
7pm Monday 7 September 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

Zoom Link for the September Conversation is
Join Zoom Meeting

[https://zoom.us/j/94758202290?
pwd=dFdkWFRCWkpVZmZ2eHRhR2tvUFBdUT09](https://zoom.us/j/94758202290?pwd=dFdkWFRCWkpVZmZ2eHRhR2tvUFBdUT09)

Meeting ID: 947 5820 2290 Passcode: 169202

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

Vicar: Rev Elizabeth Murray

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Day off: Friday

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

Wardens:

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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:

Parish Office, Wed & Fri 9 - 4 9397 5330

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

Anglicare Emergency Relief:

Carol Willis 0439 458 096

Organists:

Craig Douglass..... 0425 774 307

John Rivers..... 0473 029 187

Women of Holy Trinity:

Liz White 0407 850 501

Neralie Hoadley

Music Group:

Carol Huren..... 0410 476 607

Ada Cambridge Book Group:

Wilma Roberts..... 0409 862 292

Tapestry Group:

Joan Crook..... 9393 9478

Interfaith Dialogue:

Scott Phillips..... 0411 751 755

Synod representatives:

Val Dripps 0412 372 524

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.