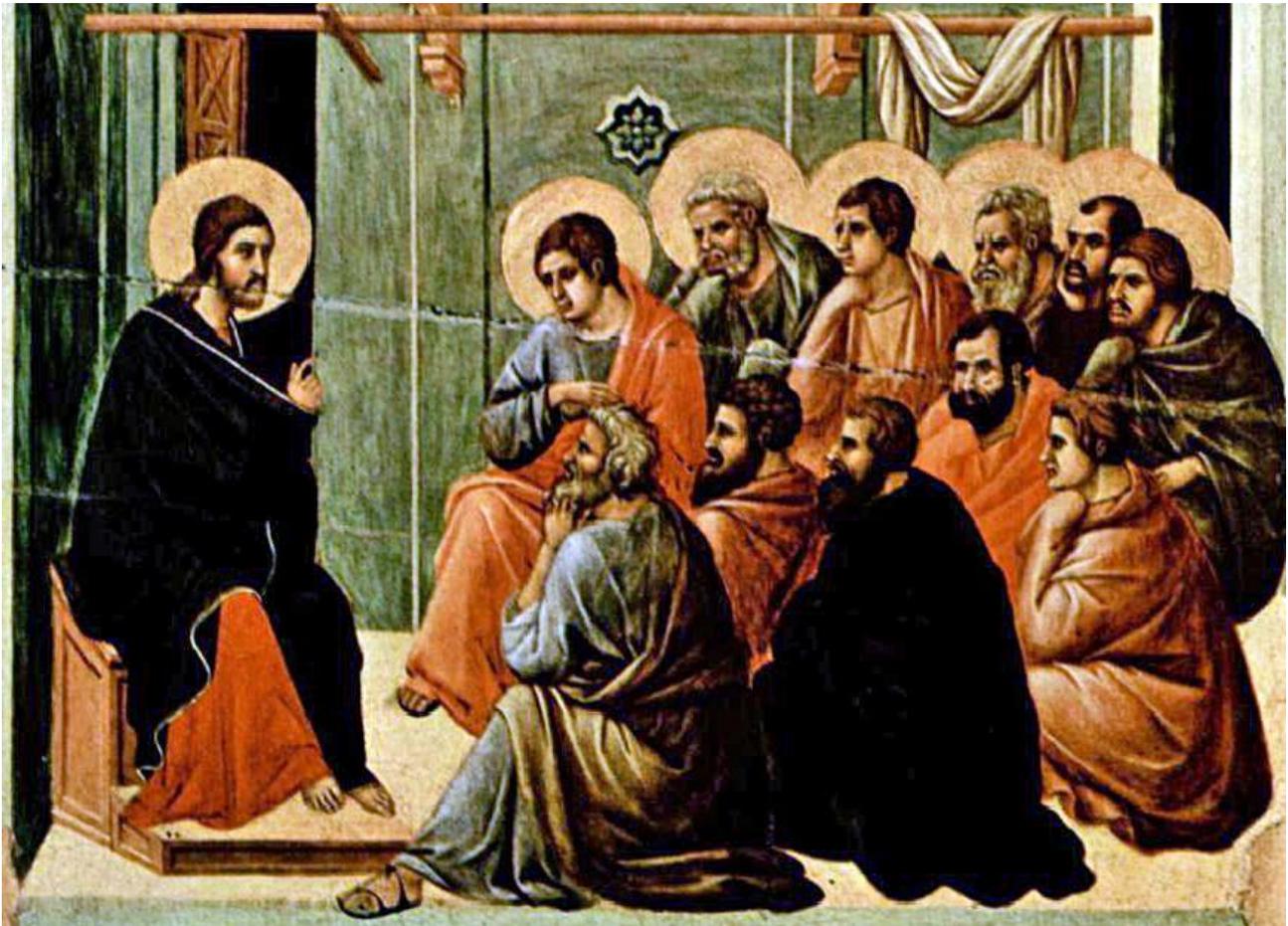


## THE Anglican Parish of Woodend-Trentham

St George's, Trentham 9.00am | St Mary's, Woodend 11.00am



15<sup>th</sup> Mary, 2022 - Fifth Sunday of Easter

### **Χριστος Ανεστη! Christ is Risen!**

We acknowledge the Jaara Jaara people,  
of the Dja Dja Wurrung language group,  
the Custodians of this land where we gather.

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

## **GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME**

'I give you a new commandment,' says the Lord, 'that you love one another. As I have loved you, you also should love one another.' John 13.34

### **Gathering Hymn: A New Commandment**

A new commandment I give unto you  
that you love one another  
as I have loved you,  
that you love one another  
as I have loved you.  
By this will others know  
that you are my disciples  
if you have love one for another;  
by this will others know  
that you are my disciples  
if you have love one for another.

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The Lord be with you.

**And also with you**

Christ is risen Alleluia

**He is risen indeed Alleluia**

*The Prayer of preparation (page 119)*

**Almighty God....**

*The Shema (page 120 of the prayer book)*

*The confession and absolution*

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, with a sincere and true heart.

**Merciful God....**

God, who is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love - loves you as you are. I declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins in the name of the Father, and the Son and the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

**Glory to God in the highest,  
and peace to God's people on earth,  
Lord God, heav'nly 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.**

*Let us pray our collect*

We behold your glory, O God,  
in the love shown by your Son,  
lifted up on the cross and exalted on high:  
be glorified anew in the love we have for one another  
as disciples of the risen Lord Jesus,  
who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## **MINISTRY OF THE WORD**

*A reading from the book of Acts chapter 11 verses 1 to 18*

Now the apostles and the brothers and sisters who were in Judea heard that the gentiles had also accepted the word of God. So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, saying, "Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?" Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, "I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners, and it came close to me. As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. I also heard a voice saying to me, 'Get up, Peter; kill and eat.' But I replied, 'By no means, Lord, for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth.' But a second time the voice answered from heaven, 'What God has made clean, you must not call profane.' This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven. At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man's house. He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, 'Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved.' And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, 'John baptized with water, but

you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.’ If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?” When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God, saying, “Then God has given even to the gentiles the repentance that leads to life.”

### **Psalm 148**

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord from heaven:

O praise him in the heights.

**Praise him, all his angels:**

**O praise him, all his host.**

Praise him, sun and moon:

praise him, all you stars of light.

**Praise him, you highest heaven:**

**and you waters that are above the heavens.**

Let them praise the name of the Lord:

for he commanded and they were made.

**He established them for ever and ever:**

**he made an ordinance which shall not pass away.**

O praise the Lord from the earth:

praise him, you sea-monsters and all deeps;

**Fire and hail, mist and snow:**

**and storm-wind fulfilling his command;**

Mountains and all hills:

fruit trees and all cedars;

**Beasts of the wild, and all cattle:**

**creeping things and winged birds;**

Kings of the earth, and all peoples:

princes, and all rulers of the world;

**Young men and maidens:**

**old folk and children together.**

Let them praise the name of the Lord:

for his name alone is exalted.

**His glory is above earth and heaven:**

**and he has lifted high the horn of his people.**

Therefore he is the praise of all his servants:

of the children of Israel, a people that is near him. Praise the Lord.

*A reading from the book of Revelation chapter 21 verses 1 to 6*

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,

“See, the home of God is among mortals.

He will dwell with them;

they will be his peoples,

and God himself will be with them and be their God;

he will wipe every tear from their eyes.

Death will be no more;

mourning and crying and pain will be no more,

for the first things have passed away.”

And the one who was seated on the throne said, “See, I am making all things new.” Also he said, “Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true.” Then he said to me, “It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life.

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

Halle halle halle, luia, Halle halle halle, luia

Halle halle halle, luia, Halleluia Halleluia

*Now Christ is raised from the dead,  
he will never die again.*

*All who follow his Word, shall have life in him,*

*Halleluia Halleluia*

**Halle halle halle, luia, Halle halle halle, luia**

**Halle halle halle, luia, Halleluia Halleluia**

*The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to John, chapter 13  
beginning at the 31<sup>st</sup> verse. Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ*

When he had gone out, Jesus said, “Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me, and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, ‘Where I am going, you cannot come.’ I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.”

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

*The Sermon*

*Let us together affirm the faith of the church (page 123)*

**We believe....**

*The Prayers of the People*

*Let us pray for the world, for the church, and for each other*

We hold in prayer those we know and love who are in special need at this time, especially Jeanette, Jim, Judy, Mary, Fay, Wendy, Nelly, Jo, Leo, Lizzie, Fletcher, Heather, Meg, and Robyn.

We give thanks for the life of our dear friend Norma Proctor and pray for her family as they mourn her.

We remember all of our loved ones who have entered their eternal rest with you Lord especially Emily Sherlock and Bronwyn McKendrick.

We pray these things in your holy name. **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.**

*We give thanks for the offered gifts*

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**

**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**

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

*Forever praising you and singing....*

**Blessing and honour and glory and power  
Are yours forever and ever. Amen.**

*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.**

**Everyone is welcome to the great feast of the Lord.**

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

Most glorious Lord of life,  
we thank you that you nourish us  
in these Easter mysteries.

Fill us with the Spirit of Love  
and unite us in faith,  
that we may witness to the resurrection  
and show your glory to all the world.

Most loving God...

**you send us into the world you love. Give us grace to go thankfully and  
with courage in the power of your Spirit.**

*The Notices*

**Final Hymn – Safe in the Shadow of the Lord.**

Safe in the shadow of the Lord  
beneath his hand and power,  
I trust in him,  
I trust in him,  
my fortress and my tower.

My hope is set on God alone  
though Satan spreads his snare,  
I trust in him,  
I trust in him,  
to keep me in his care.

From fears and phantoms of the night,  
from foes about my way,  
I trust in him,  
I trust in him,  
by darkness as by day.

His holy angels keep my feet  
secure from every stone;  
I trust in him,  
I trust in him,  
and unafraid go on.

Strong in the everlasting Name,  
and in my Father's care,  
I trust in him,  
I trust in him,  
who hears and answers prayer.

Safe in the shadow of the Lord,  
possessed by love divine,  
I trust in him,  
I trust in him,  
and meet his love with mine.

Timothy Dudley-Smith 1926– from Psalm 91

Music: Norman Warren

*We take a moment of silence to pray for peace in the world.*

*The Blessing and Dismissal*

Almighty God, who redeemed us through the resurrection of Christ, and has bought us out of slavery into everlasting freedom, give you joy and peace in faith and bring you to your eternal inheritance; and the blessing of God the Creator, Redeemer, and Sanctifier be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Life is short and we do not have much time to gladden the hearts of those who travel with us, so be swift to love, make haste to be kind and go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia!

**In the name of Christ. Alleluia!**

*Some thoughts from Rev. Mel*

On Thursday night I went into Melbourne to hear Sister Joan Chittister (a nun from America) speak. She is well known for her progressive views and her courage in speaking out on social justice issues.

She spoke passionately about the importance of Christians to recognise their calling as prophets, and reminded us that every single person who follows Jesus stands in the shadows of the biblical prophets, and therefore has an obligation to call out and point to both grace filled moments, and moments of injustice.

I think we're not always great at doing that – we all love to smile and be nice and nod when we see God's grace in action in the world, but we're not as keen to put turn the tables of injustice.

Sr. Joan reminded us that we are called to follow the Jesus who refused to ignore justice.

We are called to follow the Jesus who, at risk to himself, healed on the Sabbath, ate with the unclean, and called the leaders to reflect on their actions (and inactions as the case may be).

