



## THE Anglican Parish of Woodend-Trentham

*A member of the Central Highlands Cluster Ministry*

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



## **28<sup>th</sup> June, 2020 – Fourth Sunday after Pentecost**

We acknowledge the Jaara Jaara people,  
the custodians of this land where we gather.  
We pay our respects this day and always to elders past, present and  
emerging, and we pray for true listening that leads to true  
reconciliation.

## **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

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you**

*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.**

*The Shema*

‘Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God, the Lord is one; you shall love the Lord your God with all you heart, and with all you soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength.’ Jesus said: ‘This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it; you shall love you neighbour as yourself.’

With those words in our hearts and on our lips we confess our sins, with faith and confidence that God's forgiveness is ours in abundance.

*The Confession*

**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.**

*The Absolution*

May the God of love and power  
forgive us and free us from our sins,  
heal and strengthen us by the Spirit,  
and raise us to new life in Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

*Let us pray*

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.**

## **MINISTRY OF THE WORD**

*A reading from the book of Genesis chapter 22 verse 1 to chapter 14*

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."

## **Psalm 13**

How long, O Lord, will you so utterly forget me:  
how long will you hide your face from me?

**How long must I suffer anguish in my soul,  
and be so grieved in my heart day and night:  
how long shall my enemy triumph over me?**

Look upon me, O Lord my God, and answer me:  
lighten my eyes, lest I sleep in death;

**Lest my enemy say 'I have prevailed':  
lest my foes exult at my overthrow.**

Yet I put my trust in your unfailing love:

O let my heart rejoice in your salvation.

**And I will make my song to the Lord:**

**because he deals so bountifully with me.**

*A reading from Paul's letter to the Romans chapter 6 verses 12 to 23*

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.

For the word of the Lord **thanks be to God**

**Alleluia Alleluia**

Your word O Lord, shines as a light on our path

**Alleluia**

*The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Matthew chapter 10 beginning at the 40<sup>th</sup> verse*

**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.”

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

*The Sermon*

*May the words of my lips and the meditations of all our hearts be acceptable to you Lord, our Strength and our Redeemer.*

*The Prayers of the People*

In our isolation, we recognise the wilderness in the world.

**In our isolation, we know that God is near.**

Dispersed, yet together, we hold on to hope.

**Dispersed, yet together, we connect with each other.**

In our homes, we sing, "Alleluia!"

**In our homes, we trust that love is stronger than hate.**

Despite the challenges of this time, we celebrate in God’s hope.

**Despite the challenges of this time, we sing.**

On this day, we trust that nothing can separate us from God’s love.

**Let us worship our Holy God! Alleluia!**

Lord, remind us that in praying we are doing your will.

Help us to examine ourselves and to prepare for each day, knowing you are leading us, speaking to us and leading us with great love.

We are steeped in news, stories that make us weep and grow deeply sad, reminding us of so many vulnerabilities and so much human loss. Help us to set down our fears and burdens, to find sleep, to have healing dreams that connect us powerfully to you and all of your creation.

May we know what it means when our hearts are inscribed by the Holy Spirit. Guide us. Awaken us. Refresh us. Comfort us. May we come face to face with the unbidden stranger and understand this great wondrous mysterious love.

Help us to remember those who are forgotten, the “not newsworthy,” the “last year’s news,” those in the “wrong” country. Break down our prejudices and hatred, shake apart our sinfulness and false righteousness that have nothing to do with compassion and good will.

May we do your will and see your kin-dom on earth as it is in heaven. We pray, we work, we give and we shelter; In your name. Amen.

*We pray especially for:*

Maisy, Wendy, Jeanette, Carmela, Jim, Norma, Michael and Sue, Neil and Stephen, Gerard, Marion, Sam, Emma, and Yvonne.

We particularly hold our friend Ron, his children Vincent, Laurence, and Paloma and his extended family in prayer.

We remember the saints who have loved you and come home to you  
And we particularly remember this week Uncle Gene Roberts, who now rests with his ancestors.

### *The Greeting of Peace*

Regardless of where we experience worship this day:

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*

Blessed be God,  
by whose grace creation is renewed,  
by whose love heaven is opened,  
by whose mercy we offer our sacrifice of praise.

**Blessed be God forever**

## **THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

Lift up your hearts to the Lord.

**Let us give thanks to the Lord our God as it is right to do.**

All glory and honour be yours always and everywhere,  
mighty Creator everliving God.

We give you thanks and praise for our Saviour Jesus Christ,  
who by the power of your spirit was born of Mary  
and lived as one of us.

By his death on the cross and rising to new life,  
he offered the one true sacrifice for sin  
and obtained an eternal deliverance for his people.

Therefore with angels and archangels,  
and with all the company of heaven,  
we proclaim your great and glorious name,  
forever 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 Lord's name  
Hosanna in the Highest**

Merciful God,  
we thank you for these gifts of your creation,  
this bread and wine,  
and we pray that by your Word and Holy Spirit,



we who eat and drink them  
may be partakers of Christ's body and blood.  
On the night he was betrayed Jesus took bread;  
and when he had given you thanks he broke it,  
and gave it to his disciples, saying,  
'Take, eat. This is my body given for you.  
Do this in remembrance of me.'

After supper, he took the cup,  
and again giving you thanks he gave it to his disciples,  
saying, 'Drink from this, all of you.  
This is my blood of the new covenant  
shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.  
Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.'

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

Therefore we do as our Saviour has commanded:  
proclaiming his offering of himself made once for all upon the cross,  
his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension,  
and looking for his coming again, we celebrate,  
with this bread and this cup, his one perfect and sufficient sacrifice for  
the sins of the whole world.

Renew us by your Holy Spirit,  
unite us in the body of your Son,  
and bring us with all your people into the joy of your eternal kingdom;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
with whom, and in whom,  
in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,  
we worship you, Father, in songs of never-ending praise:

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

As the grain once scattered in the fields and the grapes once dispersed on the hillside are now reunited on this table in bread and wine, so, Lord, may your whole Church soon be gathered together from the corners of the earth.

*Prayer after communion...*

**Eternal God, as a dispersed and faithful people,  
we recommit ourselves to you.  
In this time when we cannot receive the sacrament of bread and wine,  
we give thanks for the energy of the Holy Spirit;  
sent to help us share your Good News,  
sent to equip us to care for the lost and lonely,  
sent to inspire us to strengthen our community.  
Give us the courage to love you,  
to love those around us,  
and to love ourselves in this time of isolation.  
Remind us, lest we forget,  
that nothing can separate us from your love  
as revealed in Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Give us the calm reassurance that this time will pass,  
and that we shall gather again once more. Amen.**

*Rev'd Elizabeth Breakey*

# The Sending out of God's people

## **Notices!**

*Don't forget to tune in on Saturdays at midday for Story Time!*

### **Invitation to contribute to a Parish Living History Project**

*You are invited to share your experience, reactions, reflections on your life in COVID-19 lockdown, including particular reference to your experience of life as a member of the congregations in the Woodend – Trentham Anglican Parish or as someone who has joined in some of the live-stream services.*

*Contributions can be hard copy/ hand-written passed on to Rev Mel or emailed to [faymagee@gmail.com](mailto:faymagee@gmail.com).*

*Are you on the intercessions roster, or would you like to be? Please email Rev. Mel if you'd like to assist in this precious ministry that we share.*

*Can you help in the garden? We have weeds in the rose garden at St Mary's and if you can spare ten minutes to pull a few out that would be great.*

*Did you get your prayer resource booklet? If you didn't and you'd like one please let me know.*

*Happy birthday to Maggie Clune and Heather Vander Reest this week.*

*Congratulations to Michael Dillon who won the Best Director Award at the Moscow Travel Film Festival overnight for his movie Ocean to Sky.*

**Let's sing the hymn together I, The Lord**

G Am7 G / C G D /

1 I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my peo-ple cry.  
 2 I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my peo-ple's pain;  
 3 I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame,

G Em Am7 C / Am D / G D

1 All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save.  
 2 I have wept for love of them. They turn a - way.  
 3 I will set a feast for them. My hand will save.

G Am7 G / C G D /

1 I who made the stars of night, I will make their dark-ness bright.  
 2 I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love a - lone.  
 3 Fin-est bread I will pro-vide till their hearts are sa - tis - fied.

G Em Am7 C / Am D D7 /

1 Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send? \_\_\_\_\_  
 2 I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send? \_\_\_\_\_  
 3 I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send? \_\_\_\_\_

*Refrain*

D7 G C G /

Here I am, Lord; \_\_\_\_\_ is it I, Lord? \_\_\_\_\_ I have heard you

Am C D / D7 G

call - ing in the night; \_\_\_\_\_ I will go, Lord, \_\_\_\_\_

G C G /

\_\_\_\_\_ if you lead me. \_\_\_\_\_ I will hold your

Am7 D G /

peo - ple in my heart. \_\_\_\_\_

## *The Blessing and Dismissal*

God be your comfort, your strength;  
God be your hope and support;  
God be your light and your way;  
and the blessing of God, the Creator, Christ,  
and Spirit, be among us and remain with us always. **Amen.**

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

*\*\*\*some thoughts from Rev. Mel*

This week has seen another change in our restrictions to do with COVID19. Unfortunately more outbreaks have occurred and the rules have had to be adjusted to suit.

I know this is frustrating and painful for many of you, particularly in regards to being able to come to church. It is painful for me too, not being able to celebrate in person with you each week and not knowing the best ways to keep us together. These are afterall unprecedented times for us and we're all just going along as best we can.

I hope that you will be encouraged, as I was, by Bishop Matt's words that he sent to the clergy of the Diocese this week:

*I imagine that having restrictions imposed before the announced relaxations even took place will be disheartening for many. May I encourage you to do two things in the midst of this disappointment and frustration:*

*1. Be a people of thanksgiving and praise – We worship and serve a God who cannot be thwarted. This means that even through disappointment and trial Job could say “Blessed be the name of the Lord.” Our desire to participate in godly, gathered fellowship is fantastic, but it is not*

*ultimate – the persons and work of our God is! And for this we can give humble and hearty thanks.*

*2. Be a people of prayer and supplication – In working through my own frustration at having to write this to you I remembered Daniel Andrews and the Medical Officers of Victoria, and all those who work alongside them. How difficult and frustrating it must be to have to make decision after decision knowing that each one will impact many in different and diverse ways. Let us be people who pray for our leaders; that they have energy and wisdom for each new day, good information and clarity of insight as they face challenge after challenge, and hearts that seek what is good for the people they lead and serve...and encouragement from us that their effort is not in vain.*

Blessings and prayers, Mel

The painting on the front cover of this week's booklet is 'Abraham and Isaac' by Israel Tsvaygenbaum

### **Next week's readings – Fifth Sunday after Pentecost**

Genesis 24.34-67

Psalms 45.10-17

Romans 7.14-25

Matthew 11.15-30

### **Mission and Parish Giving**

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