



THE Anglican Parish of Woodend-Trentham

A member of the Central Highlands Cluster Ministry

Live Stream via Facebook 11am Sundays



30th August, 2020 – Twelfth 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

If you want to become a disciple of Jesus, deny yourself, take up your cross and follow him. Matthew 16.24–25

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,
whose Son has shown the way of the cross
to be the way of life:
transform and renew our minds
that we may not be conformed to this world
but may offer ourselves wholly to you as a living sacrifice
through Jesus Christ our Saviour;
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

MINISTRY OF THE WORD

A reading from the book of Exodus chapter 3 verses 1 to 15

Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law Jethro, the priest of Midian; he led his flock beyond the wilderness, and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. There the angel of the LORD appeared to him in a flame of fire out of a bush; he looked, and the bush was blazing, yet it was not consumed. Then Moses said, "I must turn aside and look at this great sight, and see why the bush is not burned up." When the LORD saw that he had turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, "Moses, Moses!" And he said, "Here I am." Then he said, "Come no

closer! Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground.” He said further, “I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob.” And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God.

Then the LORD said, “I have observed the misery of my people who are in Egypt; I have heard their cry on account of their taskmasters. Indeed, I know their sufferings, and I have come down to deliver them from the Egyptians, and to bring them up out of that land to a good and broad land, a land flowing with milk and honey, to the country of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. The cry of the Israelites has now come to me; I have also seen how the Egyptians oppress them. So come, I will send you to Pharaoh to bring my people, the Israelites, out of Egypt.” But Moses said to God, “Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh, and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?” He said, “I will be with you; and this shall be the sign for you that it is I who sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall worship God on this mountain.”

But Moses said to God, “If I come to the Israelites and say to them, ‘The God of your ancestors has sent me to you,’ and they ask me, ‘What is his name?’ what shall I say to them?” God said to Moses, “I AM WHO I AM.” He said further, “Thus you shall say to the Israelites, ‘I AM has sent me to you.’” God also said to Moses, “Thus you shall say to the Israelites, ‘The LORD, the God of your ancestors, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you’:

This is my name forever,
and this my title for all generations.

Psalm 105 verses 1 to 6 and 23 to 26

O give thanks to the Lord and call upon his name:
tell among the peoples what things he has done.

Sing to him, O sing praises:

and be telling of all his marvellous works.

Exult in his holy name:

and let those that seek the Lord be joyful in heart.

Seek the Lord and his strength:

O seek his face continually.

Call to mind what wonders he has done:

his marvellous acts, and the judgements of his mouth,

O seed of Abraham his servant:

O children of Jacob his chosen one.

Then Israel came into Egypt:

and Jacob dwelt in the land of Ham.

There the Lord made his people fruitful:

too numerous for their enemies,

Whose hearts he turned to hate his people:

and to deal deceitfully with his servants.

Then he sent Moses his servant:

And Aaron whom he had chosen.

A reading from Paul's letter to the Romans chapter 12 verses 9 to 21

Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honour. Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers.

Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God; for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord." No, "if your enemies

are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink; for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads.” Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

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

Alleluia Alleluia

We confess that you are Lord, that you are our way, truth, and life

Alleluia Alleluia

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Matthew chapter 16 beginning at the 21st verse

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ

From that time on, Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, “God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you.” But he turned and said to Peter, “Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.”

Then Jesus told his disciples, “If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life?

“For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom.”

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

by Sylvia Mathews

God of Glory, we praise you and pray together to share your word and worship you. Bless us and fill us with hope and joy and peace. Give us patience and kindness, and help us to appreciate the people and things around us.

Almighty and all-merciful God, lover of the human race, healer of all our wounds, save us in this time of crisis. Grant wisdom and courage to our leaders, especially the Prime Minister Scott Morrison and Premier Daniel Andrews and the team of people making decisions daily for our wellbeing.

Watch over all medical people as they tend the sick and work for a cure of this virus. Stir in us a sense of solidarity beyond all isolation and if our doors are closed, let our hearts be open. By the power of your love destroy the virus of fear in us.

May your light shine upon us and the whole world.

*Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.***

Loving God, bless Reverend Mel and Bishop Matt, and all who teach Your Word. Give them strength and wisdom as they work to support their communities.

God of mercy, we pray for the sick and suffering. We commit to you those who have family and loved ones in Nursing Homes, in Hospitals and isolated in their homes. We entrust in you the vulnerable, the elderly, the anxious and the lonely. We implore to your heart those who have lost their lives and those who are dying. Give their families and loved ones hope and peace. Reign over us and give us strength to triumph over our individual adversaries.

We pray especially for Jeanette, Carmela, Jim, Michael and Sue, Nic, and Sarah.

We give thanks for the life of Yvonne and pray for her friends and family.

We remember Fay Speer on this first anniversary of her death, we remember Vic Dalton, and Tate Jordin

*Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.***

A Prayer By St. Teresa of Avila

Let nothing disturb you,
Let nothing frighten you,
All things are passing away:
God never changes.
Patience obtains all things
Whoever has God lacks nothing;
God alone suffices.

Amen

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!*

**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.*

**Masks –If you need a mask to go shopping or to an appointment and don't have one please let Rev. Mel know.*

*Prayers on Monday morning at 9am via live stream – this week from St George’s.

*Happy birthday to Keith Turner, Anne Jackson, and Arthur Else this week

Let’s sing the hymn together Make Me A Channel of Your Peace

D Dmaj7 D6 D /

1 Make me a chan-nel of your peace. _____ Where
 2 Make me a chan-nel of your peace. _____ Where
 3 Make me a chan-nel of your peace. _____ It

D Dmaj7 Em7 A7 /

1 there is ha-tred let me bring your love; _____ where
 2 there’s de-spair in life, let me bring hope; _____ where
 3 is in par-don - ing that we are par - doned, _____ in

Em Em7 Em A7 /

1 there is in - ju - ry, your par-don, Lord; _____ and _____
 2 there is dark-ness, let me bring your light; _____ and _____
 3 giv - ing of our - selves that we re - ceive, _____ and in

Refrain after verses 1 and 2 only
 D Fine D7 / Refrain

Em7 A7

1 where there’s doubt, true faith _____ in _____ you. _____
 2 where there’s sad-ness, ev - er _____ joy. _____ O
 3 dy - ing that we’re born to e-ter - nal life. _____

G D /

Mas-ter, grant that I may nev - er seek _____ so

A7 D D7 /

much to be con - soled as to con - sole, _____ to be

G D /

un - der - stood as to un - der - stand, to be

E7 A D.C.

loved, as to love with all my soul.

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. Amen.

****some thoughts from Rev. Mel*

I was sent a lovely poem last week that I thought I would share with you. It was particularly helpful to me on the day that I first read it as it was one of those days when the COVID numbers were high and the news was full of people who seemed to be selfishly disregarding the restrictions.

This poem reminded me that kindness doesn't need to be grand gestures; kindness can be a million tiny little things that help us and others through the day. It also reminded me that kindness can be found within and around darkness.

Kindness

By Naomi Shihab Nye

Before you know what kindness really is
you must lose things,
feel the future dissolve in a moment
like salt in a weakened broth.

What you held in your hand,
what you counted and carefully saved,
all this must go so you know
how desolate the landscape can be
between the regions of kindness.
How you ride and ride
thinking the bus will never stop,
the passengers eating maize and chicken
will stare out the window forever.

Before you learn the tender gravity of kindness
you must travel where the Indian in a white poncho
lies dead by the side of the road.
You must see how this could be you,
how he too was someone
who journeyed through the night with plans
and the simple breath that kept him alive.

Before you know kindness as the deepest thing inside,
you must know sorrow as the other deepest thing.
You must wake up with sorrow.
You must speak to it till your voice
catches the thread of all sorrows
and you see the size of the cloth.
Then it is only kindness that makes sense anymore,
only kindness that ties your shoes
and sends you out into the day to gaze at bread,
only kindness that raises its head
from the crowd of the world to say
It is I you have been looking for,

and then goes with you everywhere
like a shadow or a friend.

Blessings and love, Mel

Mission and Parish Giving

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Next week's readings – Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Exodus 12.1-14

Psalm 149

Romans 13.1-10

Matthew 18.10-20

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