

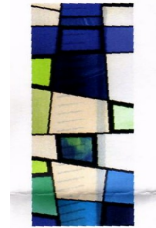
THE ANGLICAN PARISH OF ST STEPHEN AND ST MARY

MOUNT WAVERLEY

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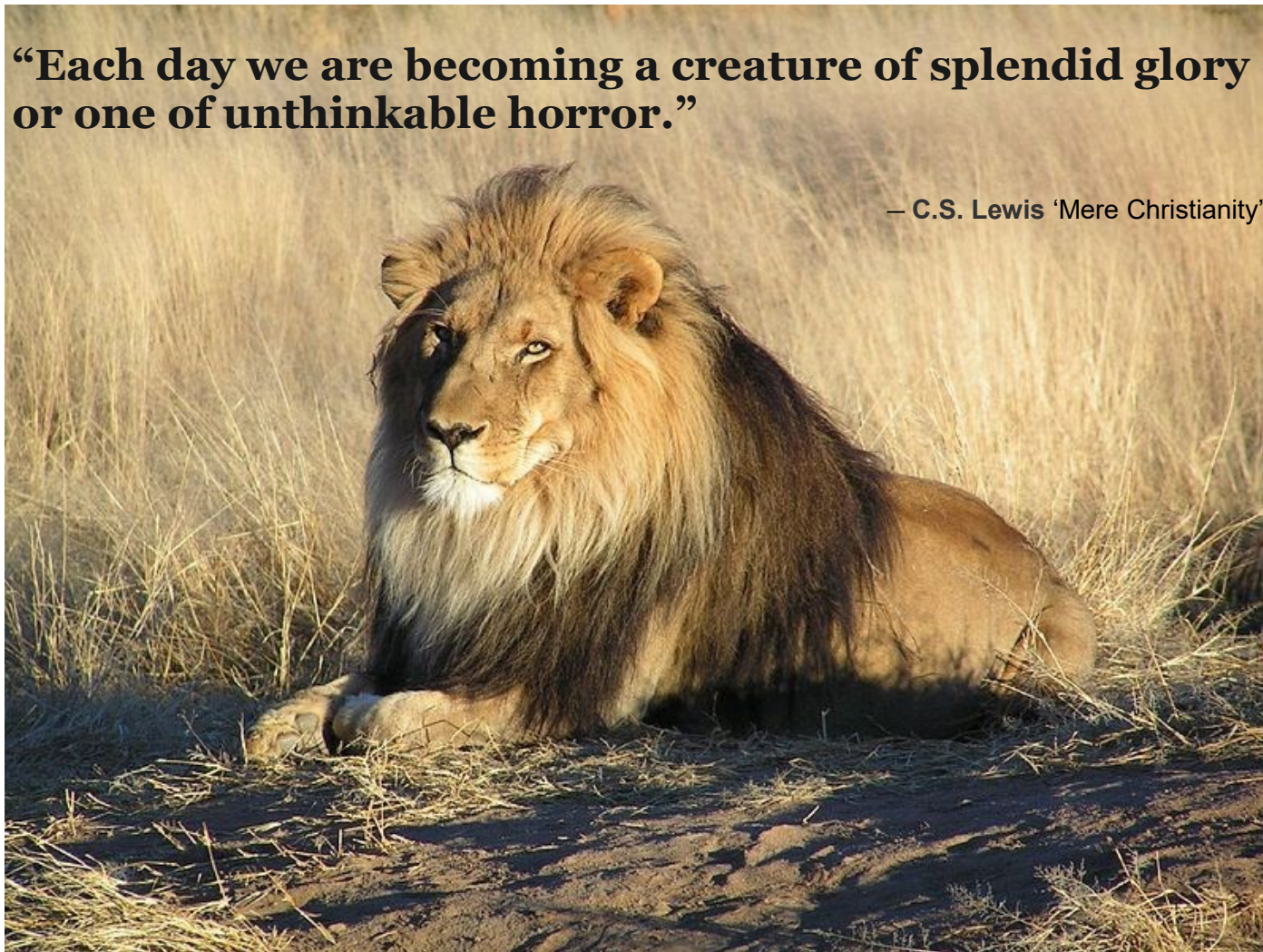
Seventh Sunday of Easter

24 May 2020



**“Each day we are becoming a creature of splendid glory
or one of unthinkable horror.”**

— C.S. Lewis ‘Mere Christianity’



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At Worship Today:

**Eternal God,
by raising Jesus from the dead
you proclaimed his victory,
and by his ascension,
you declared him Lord of all:
lift up our hearts to heaven,
where he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. Amen.**

9.45 am (Sung Eucharist)

Preaching & Presiding:	The Venerable Dianne
Liturgy Setting:	Mass of Creation. Marty Haughen
Processional:	‘As we gather round your table’ v.1, 2 & 5 Tune TIS 520
Sentence:	‘Go and make disciples of all nations,’ Jesus commands; ‘I am with you always, to the close of the age.’
First Reading:	Acts 1.6-14
Gospel Acclamation:	Halle Halle Halle
Gospel:	John 17.1-11
Offertory:	TIS 521 Lord Christ, At Your First Eucharist You Prayed v.1, 3 & 4
Choir Anthem:	‘Swing Lo Sweet Chariot’ sung by Sophie Clapperton
Recessional Hymn:	TIS 217(i) Love Divine



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First Reading: Acts 1.6-14

6 So when they had come together, they asked him, 'Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?' 7 He replied, 'It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. 8 But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.' 9 When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. 10 While he was going and they were gazing up towards heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. 11 They said, 'Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up towards heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.' 12 Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day's journey away. 13 When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying, Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. 14 All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

Gospel Reading: John 17.1-11

1 After Jesus had spoken these words, he looked up to heaven and said, 'Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, 2 since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. 3 And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. 4 I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. 5 So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed. 6 'I have

made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. 7 Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; 8 for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. 9 I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. 10 All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. 11 And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one.

**Roster****Day of Pentecost – 31st May**

Acts 2: 1 – 21 Elaine Fasken

1 Corinthians 12: 1 – 13 Rowena Ferguson

Intercessions in various languages

Thank You

Contact Joan West if you are able to help

From Your Vicar

St Irenaeus famously wrote in the 2nd century that the glory of God is a person fully alive, or as one translator interpreted, “humanity at full stretch”. Today’s texts are about our humanity as much as they are about Christ’s divinity. Scripture invites us to consider our glory as well as Christ’s. Jesus Christ, fully human and fully divine, has been resurrected and glorified; now we humans by virtue of Christ’s ascension (the feast day was last Thursday 21st May) have had our humanity glorified as well.

The account of Christ’s ascension provided in Acts for today is one that ends in reunion. Christ is separated from his disciples but leaves them with a promise. So they return and begin to recreate the community that Jesus had begun in his earthly ministry. Jesus’ prayer in John’s gospel underscores this theme of glorification. Jesus prays that he might be glorified, not for his own sake, but to ultimately bring glory to his heavenly Father. Through his glorification, Jesus would have the authority to offer eternal life to those who have faith in him.

The challenge of the message of the ascension is to realize that God’s healing and redemption of humanity has begun. Our humanity has been brought into the presence of the glory of the almighty God in Christ’s ascension, and by virtue of this all humanity has been authenticated. This means that those of us who bear the mark of Christ by virtue of our baptism must continue this ministry of endorsing the humanity of all people. For this week we are invited simply to gather, even by live-streaming, to assemble as the community of faithful, whoever we may be, and cling to the hope and promise of the risen and ascended Christ, awaiting the giving of the Holy Spirit which will empower and gift God’s people to respond to the need of the world, all to the glory of God.

Pax (peace)
Dianne

PHOEBE'S JAMS

Phoebe Wilkinson-North has plenty of jams, pickles, marmalades and relishes looking for a home. If parishioners phone Phoebe by end of day 24th May, she will organise a delivery date to your door in the near future.



The Church Office is now **closed**. If you wish to continue to bring food items for the Asylum Seekers or your offertory, they can be left in Dianne’s front porch.

Your invitation.

The parish is invited to join the online launch of Christine Mallouhi's new book *Whispers of Presence* through the Wellspring Centre in Ashburton. It is a combined CE service effort with Frances Wang the editor. This is the link to the newsletter and special launch sale and Christine's interview.

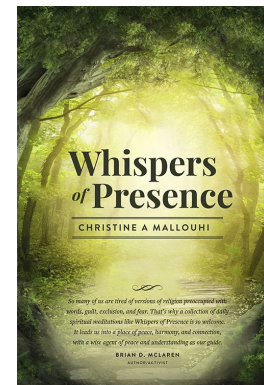
<https://mailchi.mp/3b746cfce474/the-fountain-7-may-2020>

It is available as an e-book on Smashwords :

<https://www.smashwords.com/books/view/1015679>

Paperback at Amazon, Book Depository, Booktopia and Dymocks.

We will celebrate together with food and drink sometime in the future, hopefully soon!



Are you looking for a project to help fill your time in isolation?

Mothers Union and the Social Justice Committee are encouraging you to be involved in this project.

If you like to knit or crochet, we are looking to provide the following items:

- beanies, mittens and scarves for those in need
- covers for children's cots and bassinets
- tiny hats for preemie babies
- larger blankets
- knitted squares that can be made into blankets
- knitted toys

Please feel free to contact me if you need help with patterns or if you have other suggestions about what we might make.



Joan West

MU Australia
Part of the World Wide Mothers' Union

Evening Meditation Gatherings

On the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of each month meditation sessions are offered, via Zoom, in the Contemplative Traditions of Christian Meditation. The sessions start at 7.30pm but you can enter into the gathering after 7.15pm. Interested parishioners can contact Michael Mosley for more information. The next session will be on Thursday 28th May then on Thursday 11th June.

PARISH PAPER

The May 2020 Edition of SSTAMP is now available.
Thanks to all those who contributed.
Many parishioners like hard copies. These are now available
for pick-up from the Vicarage porch.
Enquiries : Graeme Dellora



GREAT DREAM

Ten keys to happier living

- GIVING**  Do things for others
- RELATING**  Connect with people
- EXERCISING**  Take care of your body
- AWARENESS**  Live life mindfully
- TRYING OUT**  Keep learning new things
- DIRECTION**  Have goals to look forward to
- RESILIENCE**  Find ways to bounce back
- EMOTIONS**  Look for what's good
- ACCEPTANCE**  Be comfortable with who you are
- MEANING**  Be part of something bigger

ACTION FOR HAPPINESS

www.actionforhappiness.org

This Sunday's Hymns

<p>PROCESSIONAL 'As we gather round your table'</p> <p>1.As we gather round your table, wipe away the tears we've shed. Share your gifts of love and laughter, pour the wine and break the bread. Christ our Wisdom, Christ our Justice, feast with us till all are fed.</p> <p>2.We have heard your call to service, seen forgiveness in your face. In your heart you hold our future: clothe us with your shining grace. Christ our End and our Beginning, make us strong to run this race.</p> <p>3.In your Spirit's power we travel: be our guide till journey's end. Give us courage, joy, endurance, feet to wash, and hearts to mend, Christ our Teacher, Christ our Vision, healer, helper, servant, friend.</p> <p><i>Elizabeth J. Smith</i></p>	<p>OFFERTORY TIS 521 'Lord Christ, at your first eucharist you prayed'</p> <p>1. Lord Christ, at your first eucharist you prayed that all your church might be for ever one; may at each eucharist this prayer be made with longing heart and soul, 'Your will be done.' O may we all one bread, one body be, through this blest sacrament of unity.</p> <p>2. We also pray for wanderers from your fold; O bring them back, Good Shepherd of the sheep, back to the faith which saints believed of old, back to your church which still one faith must keep: soon may we all one bread, one body be, through this blest sacrament of unity.</p> <p>3. So, Lord, at length when sacraments shall cease may we be one with all your church above, one with your saints in one unbroken peace, one with your saints in one unbounded love; more blessed still, in peace and love to be one with the Trinity in Unity.</p> <p><i>William Henry Turton 1856-1938 alt.</i></p>			
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SERVICE: Sunday 9.45 am