

THE ANGLICAN PARISH OF ST STEPHEN AND ST MARY

MOUNT WAVERLEY

WELCOME

**Sixth Sunday after Pentecost**

**12 July 2020**



### **Choir Anthem: Behold the Sower**

Washington Gladden, Lyricist

Crawford R. Thoburn, Composer

Behold a Sower! from afar  
Goes onward forth with might;  
The rolling years the furrows are,  
The seed, the growing light;  
For all the just God's Word is sown,  
It springeth up alway;  
The tender blade is hope's young dawn,  
The harvest, love's new day.

O Lord of life, to you we lift  
Our hearts in praise for those,  
Your prophets, who have shown Your gift  
Of grace that ever grows,  
Of truth that spreads from shore to shore,  
Of wisdom's wid'ning ray,  
Of light that shineth more and more  
Unto the perfect day.

Shine forth, O Light, that we may see,  
With hearts all unafraid,  
The meaning and the mystery  
Of things that You have made;  
Shine forth, and let the long dark past  
Beneath the beam grow bright;  
Shine forth, and touch the future vast  
With Your untroubled light.

Light up Your Word; the ancient page  
From all past bondage free,  
Light up our way; lead forth this age  
In love's large liberty.  
Oh, light of light! within us dwell,  
Through us Your radiance pour,  
That word of life all truth may tell,  
And praise You evermore!

#### **ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY**

We acknowledge the traditional custodians of the land on which we meet, the people of the Kulin nation, and pay our respects to Elders past, present and emerging.

This parish is committed to Child Safety and complies with Diocesan and State requirements. This is a shared responsibility of staff and parish. Please see the back of pew leaflet for contact details.

**At Worship Today:**

**Bountiful God,  
we thank you for planting in us the seed of your word:  
by your Holy Spirit,  
help us to receive it with joy, and to live according to it,  
that we may grow in faith and hope and love;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, for ever and ever. Amen.**

**9.45 am** (Sung Eucharist)

Preaching & Presiding:

Revd Greg

Liturgy Setting:

Dianne Gome

Processional:

'In the bulb there is a flower'

Sentence:

The words you have spoken are spirit and life, O Lord;  
you have the words of eternal life.

First Reading:

Genesis 3.1-15

Gospel Acclamation:



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Gospel:

Matthew 13.1-9,18-23

Offertory:

'When Love is Taught in Parables'

Choir Anthem:

'Behold the Sower'

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Recessional Hymn:

TIS 459 'Sent Forth by God's Blessing'



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**First Reading: Genesis 3.1-15**

Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the Lord God had made. He said to the woman, 'Did God say, "You shall not eat from any tree in the garden"?' 2 The woman said to the serpent, 'We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden; 3 but God said, "You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die."' 4 But the serpent said to the woman, 'You will not die; 5 for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.' 6 So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate; and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate. 7 Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves. 8 They heard the sound of the Lord God walking in the garden at the time of the evening breeze, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God among the trees of the garden. 9 But the Lord God called to the man, and said to him, 'Where are you?' 10 He said, 'I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked; and I hid myself.' 11 He said, 'Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?' 12 The man said, 'The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit from the tree, and I ate.' 13 Then the Lord God said to the woman, 'What is this that you have done?' The woman said, 'The serpent tricked me, and I ate.' 14 The Lord God said to the serpent, 'Because you have done this, cursed are you among all animals and among all wild creatures; upon your belly you shall go, and dust you shall eat all the days of your life. 15 I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers; he will strike your head, and you will strike his heel.'

**Gospel Reading: Matthew 13.1-9,18-23**

1 That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the lake. 2 Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. 3 And he told them many things in parables, saying: 'Listen! A sower went out to sow. 4 And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up. 5 Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. 6 But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered away. 7 Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. 8 Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. 9 Let anyone with ears listen!' 18 'Hear then the parable of the sower. 19 When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. 20 As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; 21 yet such a person has no root, but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away. 22 As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. 23 But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty.'



***From the Assistant/Curate***

**A book of two beginnings and one end**

This week we begin our series in the book of Genesis, the first book of the Bible. Here we will learn about the beginning of human history under God's sovereignty which form the foundations of the Christian faith.

Genesis describes two significant 'beginnings', the first being the beginning of the world as God's orderly creation, and outlines his purposes particularly for humanity. Its first two chapters outline this beginning where creation is declared 'good' by God. But human rebellion results in broken relationships with God, between humans, and with creation. In the following chapters there is an escalation of this rebellion and brokenness culminating in chapter 11 where people overreach and desire to be equal with God by building the lofty Tower of Babel.

But the second beginning is the call of Abraham (Gen 12:1-3) where the narrative strikes a positive note and a new phase of God's work begins. The earlier section shows that God's blessings were intended to come through creation to humanity (Gen 1:28) but forfeited due to humanity's hubris. However, God mercifully calls Abraham in order to issue the promise that through one of his descendants, humanity in desperate need of redemption will be fully restored at some point in the future. Thus Genesis outlines the beginning of God's story in which his ultimate purpose for creation will be achieved.

While reading such a text with origins in a time and place so far from our own, we might question what relevance it has for us. I hope through our present circumstances we will see it actually shares more similarities than we realise, and that it is foundational to the Christian faith. For in the person and work of the Lord Jesus we now know precisely that God has achieved his purpose, opening up the way to deep and loving communion with him, each other, and creation.

With the present uncertainty that exists, we then of all people can begin to make sense of the world from a wide-angled perspective, trusting that through the ups and downs of history God is not surprised nor his purposes upended. Instead, we can step up and step out, helping others in the power of the Spirit, confident that in the message of Christ Jesus we all have something precious to offer the world. May we thus pray for all to find peace during this time by having deep relationship with the one through whom all of God's purposes are fulfilled – the Lord Jesus.

Grace and peace,  
Rev'd Greg

### **PROCESSIONAL**

'In the Bulb There is a Flower'

1. In the bulb there is a flower;  
in the seed an apple tree;  
in cocoons a hidden promise:  
butterflies will soon be free!  
In the coldness of the winter  
there's a spring that waits to be,  
unrevealed until its season,  
something God alone can see.
2. There's a song in every silence,  
seeking word and melody;  
there's a dawn in every darkness,  
bringing hope to you and me.  
From the past will come the future;  
what it holds, a mystery,  
unrevealed until its season,  
something God alone can see.
3. In our end is our beginning;  
in our time, infinity;  
in our doubt there is believing;  
in our life, eternity.  
In our death, a resurrection;  
at the last, a victory,  
unrevealed until its season,  
something God alone can see

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### **OFFERTORY HYMN**

'When Love is Taught in Parables'

1. When love is taught in parables,  
and hope in history,  
we thank you, God, for trusting us  
with Jesus' memory.
2. When broken people speak their need  
and pray to be made whole,  
we thank you, God, for Christ, who heals  
our body, mind, and soul.

3. When hearts are lifted, wine is poured,  
and common bread is blessed,  
we thank you, God, that in this meal  
we share in heaven's feast.
4. When Christians claim the Spirit's power;  
and faith, now fed, can grow,  
we thank you, God, and go in peace,  
to share the peace we know.

words: Elizabeth J. Smith

### **RECESSIONAL TIS 531**

'Sent Forth by God's Blessing'

1. Sent forth by God's blessing, our true faith  
confessing,  
the people of God from his table take leave.  
The supper is ended: may now be extended  
the fruits of his service in all who believe.  
The seed of his teaching, our hungry souls  
reaching,  
shall blossom in action for all humankind.  
His grace shall incite us, his love shall unite  
us  
to work for his kingdom, his purpose to find.
2. With praise and thanksgiving to God ever-  
living  
the tasks of our everyday life we will face,  
our faith ever sharing, in love ever caring,  
embracing as neighbours all those of each  
race.  
One feast that has fed us, one light that has  
led us,  
unite us as one in his life that we share.  
Then may all the living, with praise and  
thanksgiving,  
give honour to Christ and his name that we  
bear.

*Omer Westendorf  
1916-1997*

## **Revd Dr Garry Deverell's Tour of Tasmania**

**1st—9th October 2020**

**9 days fully escorted**

**Tour package price \$3,095\* per person (twin share)**

**Optional single room \$920 supplement additional**



“Hello everyone. I hope you will consider joining me on this all-inclusive trip to Lutrawita/Tasmania to explore the spirituality of this unique landscape. As both a Trawoolway man whose family has lived on this island for over 25 thousand years, and as an Anglican priest, I can help you read and interpret the spiritual significance of this unique island, in both its indigenous and colonial manifestations. By visiting places that are important to both Aboriginal and Christian peoples, you will be encouraged to appreciate the work of the divine in and through both landscape and people. You will also come to appreciate the extraordinarily tragic history of the colony, by exploring the complex relationship of the British establishment with both the original inhabitants and with the many convicts sent here from Britain and Ireland. I look forward to sharing this meaningful and important journey with you.....”

Full itinerary available on request. Next step:

1. Contact Revd Dr Garry Deverell or the team at Olive Tree Travel to register your interest and obtain a booking form.
2. To secure your place on the trip a refundable deposit of \$200\*\* per person will be required by 3rd August 2020 (unless sold prior).
3. Once you have registered your interest, we will contact you to arrange an online information session via zoom. Details will be provided.

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### ALMS BASKETS.

Thank you to everyone who has been continuing with their donations to the Asylum Seekers basket during lockdown.

Monash Council have just relaxed some of its restrictions and as a result the MWCIS has reopened with reduced opening hours. There will now be an Alms Basket for both Asylum Seekers and MWCIS in the front porch of the Vicarage to receive donations.

Most needed items are breakfast cereal, UHT milk, tea, coffee, pasta and pasta sauce. Thank you from the Social Justice and Mission Group.



### TMA—July edition



Printed copies of the July issue of TMA available for collection from the Vicar's porch.

Alternatively an electronic copy can be downloaded at: <http://tma.melbourneanglican.org.au/this-months-tma>

### *Roster for July 2020*

#### 19/7 Pentecost 7

##### Readings

Gen 6:9-22 John Russell

Matthew 13: 24 - 30, 36 - 43

Intercessions Jenny Bowers

#### 26/7 Pentecost 8

##### Readings

Gen 12:1-9 Judith Gibson

Matthew 13: 44 - 58

Intercessions Val Dyke

#### Afternoon Meditation Gathering

On the 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of each month is still being offered during the Coronavirus in our own homes. We keep the same time in our own homes from 2.30 pm – 3.30 pm.

If you are Interested in joining with other parishioners please contact Val and the meditation we will reflect on together will be sent to you. **Our next gathering is Wednesday 5th August.**

#### Evening Meditation Gatherings

On the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> 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 23rd July** then on **Thursday 13th August.**

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**Priest**

(Day off - Monday)

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Val Dyke

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**SERVICE: Sunday 9.45 am**

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