

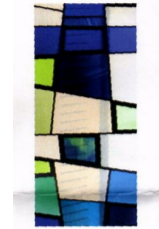
THE ANGLICAN PARISH OF ST STEPHEN AND ST MARY

MOUNT WAVERLEY

WELCOME

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

19 July 2020



Deep in the Quiet Wood

Are you bowed down in heart?
Do you but hear the clashing discords and the din of life?
Then come away, come to the peaceful wood,
Here bathe your soul in silence. Listen! Now,
From out the palpitating solitude
Do you not catch, yet faint, elusive strains?
They are above, around, within you, everywhere.
Silently listen! Clear, and still more clear, they come.
They bubble up in rippling notes, and swell in singing tones.
Now let your soul run the whole gamut of the wondrous scale
Until, responsive to the tonic chord,
It touches the diapason of God's grand cathedral organ,
Filling earth for you with heavenly peace
And holy harmonies.

James Weldon Johnson 1871-1938

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:

**Saving God,
in Jesus Christ you opened for us a new and living way into
your presence:
give us pure hearts
and constant wills to worship you in spirit and in truth;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. Amen.**

9.45 am (Sung Eucharist)

Preaching & Presiding: Revd Greg
Liturgy Setting: John Ross
Processional: 'God in the beginning'
Sentence: You, O Lord, are a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness.
First Reading: Genesis 6.9-22
Gospel Acclamation:



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Gospel: Matthew 13.24-30,36-43
Offertory: TIS 641 'This is My Will' vv.1,2,4,5
Chorale Prelude: Herzlich tut mich verlangen (My heart and my flesh cry out for the living God).
- J.S Bach 1685 - 1750
Recessional Hymn: TIS 658 'I, The Lord of Sea and Sky'

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Next week's roster ...

26/7 Pentecost 8

Readings

Gen 12:1-9 Judith Gibson

Matthew 13: 44 - 58

Intercessions Val Dyke

First Reading: Genesis 6.9-22

9 These are the descendants of Noah. Noah was a righteous man, blameless in his generation; Noah walked with God. 10 And Noah had three sons, Shem, Ham, and Japheth. 11 Now the earth was corrupt in God's sight, and the earth was filled with violence. 12 And God saw that the earth was corrupt; for all flesh had corrupted its ways upon the earth. 13 And God said to Noah, 'I have determined to make an end of all flesh, for the earth is filled with violence because of them; now I am going to destroy them along with the earth. 14 Make yourself an ark of cypress wood; make rooms in the ark, and cover it inside and out with pitch. 15 This is how you are to make it: the length of the ark three hundred cubits, its width fifty cubits, and its height thirty cubits. 16 Make a roof for the ark, and finish it to a cubit above; and put the door of the ark in its side; make it with lower, second, and third decks. 17 For my part, I am going to bring a flood of waters on the earth, to destroy from under heaven all flesh in which is the breath of life; everything that is on the earth shall die. 18 But I will establish my covenant with you; and you shall come into the ark, you, your sons, your wife, and your sons' wives with you. 19 And of every living thing, of all flesh, you shall bring two of every kind into the ark, to keep them alive with you; they shall be male and female. 20 Of the birds according to their kinds, and of the animals according to their kinds, of every creeping thing of the ground according to its kind, two of every kind shall come in to you, to keep them alive. 21 Also take with you every kind of food that is eaten, and store it up; and it shall serve as food for you and for them.' 22 Noah did this; he did all that God commanded him.

Gospel Reading: Matthew 13.24-30,36-43

24 He put before them another parable: 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field; 25 but while everybody was asleep, an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and then went away. 26 So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. 27 And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, "Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?" 28 He answered, "An enemy has done this." The slaves said to him, "Then do you want us to go and gather them?" 29 But he replied, "No; for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. 30 Let both of them grow together until the harvest; and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn." ' 36 Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, 'Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field.' 37 He answered, 'The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; 38 the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, 39 and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. 40 Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. 41 The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, 42 and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. 43 Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!

From the Assistant/Curate

God the Anchor

This week we continue our series in the book of Genesis. If you read through it you will notice themes and ideas that may be hard to envisage in our modern world. So here are some thoughts to consider as you read through Genesis this month and follow the series.

Firstly, there are many other ancient accounts of a large flood, including our own indigenous Australians in their Bundaba Flood Story. Some contend that the biblical account is just as fictional as are the other accounts. Others will argue that all others borrowed from the Genesis account. But the proliferation of a global flood account in ancient thinking shows that perhaps there was an actual flood which people of all cultures experienced and viewed from different perspectives.

In comparison to other ancient accounts though, Genesis emphasises God being the centre of the story more than humanity. For example, in the Ancient Near-Eastern accounts, the flood is the result of the gods controlling overpopulation or being irritated by human noise (e.g. Atrahasis Epic, Gilgamesh Epic). In contrast, Genesis captures God's sadness at the increase of human conflict, then God's faithfulness through the promise to Noah never to flood the earth to that scale again. So our God's character and care for relationships is in the spotlight.

While we might balk at the violence and conflict in the Noahic chapters, sadly we see too often this kind of oppression and hatred among humanity today. To read the news can quickly turn from an innocent desire to be informed into a disbelief of what people can actually do to one another. However, the character of our benevolent God pierces through this darkness – where there once was no hope, we now can find it in the Lord Jesus. For in him we have the clearest picture of humanity as God intends, and the best expression of God's sacrificial love for humanity.

My hope is that despite the repetitious cycle of societal breakdown tossing us around like the waves, as Christians we can be anchored in the God who is in control and has been since the primeval days, as well as be inspired in his character such that we push against and through the tide of injustice and self-interest. In so doing, may we find peace amidst the storms of life, and that others may be drawn to our Lord, joining with us in praising God as his Spirit works within us.

Grace and peace,
Rev'd Greg



PROCESSIONAL
'God in the beginning'

1. God in the beginning,
God along the way,
you alone have brought us
to this joyful day.
All our past achievements,
all our struggles, too,
show how you have taught us
to depend on you.
2. God of small seeds planted,
God of generous growth,
yours alone the harvest
from well-tended earth.
Seeds of mercy scattered,
shoots of faith revealed,
fruits of holy living
are your garden's yield.
3. God of hope and challenge,
God of risk and change,
you alone can help us
in times new and strange.
Gifts of love and courage,
gifts of truth and prayer
shape us for the mission
we are called to share.
4. God of resurrection,
God of lives made whole,
you alone can bring us
to our journey's goal.
Tell us Jesus' stories,
sing the Spirit's song,
make us Good News people
as your Church moves on.

words: Elizabeth J. Smith

OFFERTORY HYMN TIS 641 vv. 1,2,4,5
'This Is My Will'

1. 'This is my will, my one command,
that love should dwell among you all.
This is my will, that you should love
as I have shown that I love you.

2. No greater love can be than this:
to choose to die to save one's friends.
You are my friends if you obey
what I command that you should do.
3. You chose not me, but I chose you,
that you should go and bear much fruit,
I chose you out that you in me
should bear much fruit that will abide.
4. All that you ask my Father dear
for my name's sake you shall receive.
This is my will, my one command,
that love should dwell in each, in all.

James Quinn 1919—2010

RECESSIONAL TIS 658
'I, The Lord of Sea and Sky'

1. I, the Lord of sea and sky,
I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in dark and sin
my hand will save.
I who made the stars of night
I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them?
Whom shall I send?

Refrain:

*Here I am Lord; is it I, Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night;
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart.*

2. I, the Lord of snow and rain,
I have borne my people's pain;
I have wept for love of them.
They turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone,
give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak my word to them.
Whom shall I send?

Refrain

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3. I, the Lord of wind and flame,
 I will tend the poor and lame;
 I will set a feast for them.
 My hand will save.
 Finest bread I will provide
 till their hearts are satisfied.
 I will give my life to them.
 Whom shall I send?

Refrain

*Dan L. Schutte
 1947 -*

Anglicare Christmas Cards

Due to the challenges of the COVID19 pandemic Anglicare have let us know that they will not be offering Christmas cards for sale this year.

Thank you for your support
 over many years.



Congregational Giving Report

1st APRIL through until the 30th of JUNE 2020

Giving Category	Amount Given	Budget Amount	Variation from Budget
Open	0	4,119	- 4,119
Envelopes	11,695	23,500	- 11,805
Direct to bank Account	31,251	6,348	+ 24,903
ADF Planned Giving	22,737	24,900	- 2,163
TOTALS	65,683	58,867	+ 6,816

The Wardens thank you for your wonderful generosity in these difficult times.

'Hope' workshop

Emerging Stories Beyond a Disintegrating World

"Hope is far more than optimism; it is the attitude of creative expectation. It is about having the vision and courage to dream of what a better future might be." Cath Connelly will present contagious ideas about a commitment to act for the sake of life on earth as well as the vision, courage and solidarity to do so.

The presentation will be via zoom on Thursday 23rd July at 7.30 p.m. and Thursday 30th July at 2.30 p.m. **This is not a two-session event, but rather it is one session being offered twice.** Zoom information has been sent via email.



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.

* Price is based on minimum group size of 20 paying participants. Conditions apply. Subject to change.

** If Covid-10 related restrictions are in place that do not allow travel, the trip will be cancelled/postponed 2 weeks prior to departure and payments will be returned in full.

Afternoon Meditation Gathering

On the 1st 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 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 30th July** then on **Thursday 13th August.**

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(Day off - Monday)

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Assistant Curate

(Tues, Wed & Thurs mornings, Fri, Sun)

The Revd Greg Wong

Children's and Families' Minister

(Tues 10.00 am - 3.00 pm, Wed 9.30 am - 2.30 pm, Sun 10.30 am - 12.30 pm)

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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.