

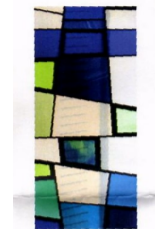
THE ANGLICAN PARISH OF ST STEPHEN AND ST MARY

MOUNT WAVERLEY

WELCOME

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

18 October 2020



10. THE MAGNOLIA

God of gracious gestures,

We thank you for the magnolia.

It holds out its flowers like a prayer

Offering colour and beauty in ordinary places.

The magnolia is said to be the most ancient flower

Existing even before there were bees to help with pollination.

It has the dignity of the ages.

It has seen everything before.

Help our souls to find the right balance

When there is so much to unsettle us.

May we lift up our hearts in gratitude

Even when we are tempted to bow down in resentment,

Or pointless anger.

Make our spirits light.

Amen.

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:

**O God,
whose beauty is beyond our imagining
and whose power we cannot comprehend:
show us your glory,
as far as we can grasp it,
and shield us from knowing more than we can bear,
until we may look upon you without fear,
through Jesus Christ. Amen.**

9.45 am (Sung Eucharist)

Preaching & Presiding:

Ven Dianne

Liturgy Setting:

Dudman

Processional:

'Jesus stand among us'

Sentence:

Give to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to
God the things that are God's.

First Reading:

Exodus 33.12-23

Gospel Acclamation:



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Gospel:

Matthew 22.15-33

Offertory:

'You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord'

Communion Song:

'Inscription of Hope'

Inscribed on the wall of a cellar in Cologne by Jews hiding from
the Nazis during World War II

Recessional Hymn:

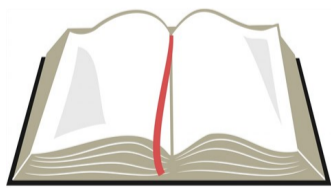
'Lord, make me a mountain'



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First Reading: Exodus 33.12-23

12 Moses said to the Lord, 'See, you have said to me, "Bring up this people"; but you have not let me know whom you will send with me. Yet you have said, "I know you by name, and you have also found favour in my sight."' 13 Now if I have found favour in your sight, show me your ways, so that I may know you and find favour in your sight. Consider too that this nation is your people.' 14 He said, 'My presence will go with you, and I will give you rest.' 15 And he said to him, 'If your presence will not go, do not carry us up from here. 16 For how shall it be known that I have found favour in your sight, I and your people, unless you go with us? In this way, we shall be distinct, I and your people, from every people on the face of the earth.' 17 The Lord said to Moses, 'I will do the very thing that you have asked; for you have found favour in my sight, and I know you by name.' 18 Moses said, 'Show me your glory, I pray.' 19 And he said, 'I will make all my goodness pass before you, and will proclaim before you the name, "The Lord"; and I will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and will show mercy on whom I will show mercy. 20 But', he said, 'you cannot see my face; for no one shall see me and live.' 21 And the Lord continued, 'See, there is a place by me where you shall stand on the rock; 22 and while my glory passes by I will put you in a cleft of the rock, and I will cover you with my hand until I have passed by; 23 then I will take away my hand, and you shall see my back; but my face shall not be seen.'

**Gospel Reading: Matthew 22.15-33**

15 Then the Pharisees went and plotted to entrap him in what he said. 16 So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, 'Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one; for you do not regard people with partiality. 17 Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?' 18 But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, 'Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? 19 Show me the coin used for the tax.' And they brought him a denarius. 20 Then he said to them, 'Whose head is this, and whose title?' 21 They answered, 'The emperor's.' Then he said to them, 'Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor's, and to God the things that are God's.' 22 When they heard this, they were amazed; and they left him and went away. 23 The same day some Sadducees came to him, saying there is no resurrection; and they asked him a question, saying, 24 'Teacher, Moses said, "If a man dies childless, his brother shall marry the widow, and raise up children for his brother."' 25 Now there were seven brothers among us; the first married, and died childless, leaving the widow to his brother. 26 The second did the same, so also the third, down to the seventh. 27 Last of all, the woman herself died. 28 In the resurrection, then, whose wife of the seven will she be? For all of them had married her.' 29 Jesus answered them, 'You are wrong, because you know neither the scriptures nor the power of God. 30 For in the resurrection they neither marry nor are given in marriage, but are like angels in heaven. 31 And as for the resurrection of the dead, have you not read what was said to you by God, 32 "I am the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob"? He is God not of the dead, but of the living.' 33 And when the crowd heard it, they were astounded at his teaching.

From Your Vicar

This week I am going to preach about the reading from Exodus for a change, but I will give a little discussion about the Gospel reading here. At first reading of the Gospel, we may be tempted to think that Jesus is separating religious behaviour from political or economic behaviour. A closer reading, however, shows that this is not the case. While reading gives due weight to civic and political duties, his instruction to 'Give to God what is God's' reminds us that there is no aspect of human life or activity that can be considered apart from God. To seek and honour God, the believer must work within the world. This week as you watch or read the news, try to think about the various reports and breaking stories according to the Gospel and the old saying, 'What would Jesus do?' or 'What would have Jesus' response been?' What is your response? Jesus also tells in Scripture that we must pray for our political and civic leaders because they do have a great weight to bear.

Pax (peace)

Dianne



PROCESSIONAL HYMN

'Jesus stand among us'

1. Jesus, stand among us at the meeting
of our lives,
be our sweet agreement at the meeting
of our eyes;
O Jesus, we love You, so we gather here,
join our hearts in unity and take away
our fear.

3. Jesus stand among us at the breaking of
the bread;
join us as one body as we worship You,
our Head.
O Jesus, we love You, so we gather here;
join our hearts in unity and take away
our fear.

2. So to You we're gathering out of each
and every land,
Christ the love between us at the joining
of our hands;
O Jesus, we love You, so we gather here,
join our hearts in unity and take away
our fear.

words: Kendrick & Mayor

OFFERTORY HYMN

'You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord'

1. You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord,
who abide in this shadow for life,
say to the Lord: 'My refuge, my rock in whom I
trust!'

*Refrain: 'And I will raise you up on eagle's wings,
bear you on the breath of dawn,
make you to shine like the sun,
and hold you in the palm of my hand.'*

2. Snares of the fowler will never capture you,
and famine will bring you no fear,
under God's wings your refuge with faithfulness
your shield.

Refrain

3. For to the angels God's given a command
to guard you in all of your ways;
upon their hands they will bear you up,
lest you dash your foot against a stone.

Refrain

Michael Joncas 1951-

COMMUNION SONG

'Inscription of Hope'

Inscribed on the wall of a cellar in Cologne by Jews
hiding from the Nazis during World War II

1. I believe in the sun
even when it is not shining
and I believe in love
even when there's no one there.

*But sometimes in this suffering and hopeless
despair,
My heart cries for shelter, to know someone's
there.
But a voice rises within me saying hold on my
child,
I'll give you strength, I'll give you hope, just stay a
little while.*

2. And I believe in God
even when he is silent,
I believe through any trial
there is always a way.

*But sometimes in this suffering and hopeless
despair,*

*My heart cries for shelter, to know someone's
there.*

*But a voice rises within me saying hold on my
child,*

*I'll give you strength, I'll give you hope, just stay
a little while.*

3. May there someday be sunshine,
may there someday be happiness,
may there some day be love,
may there someday be peace.

Words: anonymous Jewish inscription 1945
Music: Russian/Jewish folk tune transc. Z. Randall Stroepe

RECESSIONAL HYMN

'Lord, make me a mountain'

1. Lord, make me a mountain standing tall for
You,
strong and free and holy, in everything I do.
Lord, make me a river of water pure and
sweet,
Lord, make me the servant of everyone I
meet.

2. Lord, make me a candle shining with Your
light,
Steadfastly unflickering, standing for the right.
Lord, make me a fire burning strong for You,
Lord, make me be humble in everything I do.

3. Lord, make me a mountain, strong and tall for
You,
Lord make me a fountain of water clear and
new,
Lord, make me a shepherd that I may feed
Your sheep,
Lord, make me a servant of everyone I meet..

Paul Field

Congregational Giving Report

1st JULY through until the 30th of SEPTEMBER 2020

Giving Category	Amount Given	Budget Amount	Variation from Budget
Open	0	4,743	- 4,743
Envelopes	7,015	23,000	- 15,985
Direct to bank Account	20,903	6,356	+ 14,547
ADF Planned Giving	22,042	24,900	- 2,858
TOTALS	49,960	58,999	- 9,039

Due to Covid-19 and other factors, the Total Amount Given is \$ 15,723 below the previous trimester. The Wardens thank all parishioners for your continued generosity in these difficult times.



The October edition of *The Melbourne Anglican* is available online via the following link:

<http://tma.melbourneanglican.org.au/this-months-tma>

There are hard copies of TMA behind the fly-wire doors at the Vicarage for people to pick up.

Roster for October

Sunday 25 October – Pentecost 21

Deuteronomy 34: 1 – 12 Sue Retschko
Matthew 22: 34 – 46

Intercessor Michael Mosely

Thank you to our volunteers—if you are able to help please contact Joan West.

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 4th November.**

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 22nd October** then on **Thursday 12th November.**



Our Parish General Meeting will be held on **SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 29 (via Zoom) after the service (approx. 11am).**

Just a reminder that all groups need to prepare reports for the Parish Annual Report and have them submitted by **Friday, October 30.**

Please continue to think and pray about nominations for members of your Parish Council, Wardens and Incumbency Committee. If you would like to nominate someone for one of these positions, please email Katherine in the Parish Office and request a nomination form.

Please send your reports to parishoffice@stephenandmary.org.au

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Priest

(Day off - Monday)

The Venerable Dianne Sharrock

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)

Lisa Eames

Child Safety Compliance Officer

Elaine Fasken

Covid19 Compliance Officer

Sugan Blanchard

Music Director

Brian Copple

CE Music Coordinator

Greg Ellsmore

Treasurer

Helen Warren

Office Manager

Katherine Rushby

Churchwardens:

Graeme Dellora

John Foster

Judith Gibson

Parish Council:

Sugan Blanchard, David Bruce, Margaret Crawford, Rowena Ferguson, Jennifer Gracie, Nathan Kelly, Frances Ludgate, Sherredan Maher, Helen Warren.

Pastoral Care Ministry:

Aged Care Chaplaincies:

Hospital Visiting:

Clergy

Funeral Ministry:

The Vicar

Contemporary Eucharist Contact:

Rowena Ferguson

Spiritual Directors:

Cath Connelly

Val Dyke

Prayer Chain contact

Margaret Syfret

SERVICE: Sunday 9.45 am