

## Third Gawaymbanha Alternate Service

12 February, 2023



**St. Oswald's**  
ANGLICAN CHURCH  
GLEN IRIS

*We welcome you to St. Oswald's Church and to this service, especially if you are new or a visitor among us. Please make yourself known to the welcomers, so that they may introduce you to other members of the congregation. Please join us in the hall for refreshments after the service.*

*We acknowledge the sovereign country of the Wurundjeri people of the Kulin nation on which we gather.*

### Outline of Today's Service from

The Anglican Province of Victoria Liturgical Committee  
**Prayer and Intercession Aboriginal Gathering**  
Based on the Process from the *Statement of the Heart*  
*Authorised for use by*  
*the Archbishop of Melbourne on 8 December 2022*

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| Opening Hymn          | Printed                                   |
| Holy Communion        | Printed in Service Book                   |
| The Collect (printed) |   |
| Readings              | Deuteronomy 10: 12—22                     |
| 8 am                  | Psalms 119: 1—9 APBA p. 347               |
| 8 am                  | 1 Corinthians 3: 1—9                      |
| 10 am                 | ya-l-ali-ga-rra wirray<br>Matthew 5:21—37 |



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| Offertory Hymn | Printed |
| Final Hymn     | Printed |

### Today's Ministries

|       |             |                     |
|-------|-------------|---------------------|
| 8 am  | Reader      |                     |
| 10 am | Reader      | <b>P. Johnson</b>   |
|       | Intercessor | <b>N. Hill</b>      |
|       | Welcome /   | <b>J. Johnson</b>   |
|       | Offertory   | <b>P. Johnson</b>   |
|       | Morning Tea | <b>P. Dalrymple</b> |
|       |             | <b>E. Comeadow</b>  |



## From the Vicar

Jesus is not, nor could he, be described as a Biblical fundamentalist. Neither could Matthew. A Biblical fundamentalist would not act or speak in the manner Jesus does on the Sermon on the Mount.

Jesus may not be going to destroy the law and the prophets but is going to take what has been said and make it completely new and confronting. Jesus takes what is accepted religious wisdom and practice, the laws of common-sense people live by, and makes them absurd. Absurd not in the sense they are silly but in the sense that he disrupts the status quo and takes people to the previously unthinkable.

The Sermon on the Mount is not about law, it is about compassion. Not the acceptable nice benign middle-class concept of compassion we have come to accept. Compassion in the thinking of Jesus is absurd generosity. It is going where no one has gone before. It is being generous when it is the last thing that anyone would expect. It is “You have heard it said....”, ‘But I say to you....’.

The Statement of the Heart is a document of compassion, of absurd generosity, and we will unpack why this morning.

**Glenn**

## Diary for the Week

**St Oswald's Facebook page**

[https://www.facebook.com/  
stoswaldchurchgleniris](https://www.facebook.com/stoswaldchurchgleniris)

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### Wednesday 15 February 2023

10 am **Holy Communion**

### Thursday 16 February

7.30 pm **Choir Practice**

### Sunday 19 February —Live streamed

#### ***Fourth Aboriginal Service***

8 am **Holy Communion**

10 am **Sung Eucharist**

#### **Readings 19 February**

Leviticus 19:1—2, 9—18

8 am 1 Corinthians 3: 10—17

8 am Psalm 119: 33—40

10 am **ngahdhu wiray\*** - not I

Matthew 5:38-48

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### **St. Oswald's Website**

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## **Intercessions**

### **For the church:**

City on a Hill Melbourne; The Diocese of Newcastle;

Hume Anglican Grammar School.

### **Departed**

Kevin Smyth, Hazel Bilton, Les Hunt, Perce Blondell, Herbert Jack, Michael Wong,  
Nan Jenkins

# Afternoon Tea-Set

Tuesday 14 February 2023

2 – 4 pm

Please join us to celebrate

**Valentine's Day**

We will meet at St Oswald's Hall  
100 High Street, Glen Iris

for

an afternoon of friendship, fun and lots of chatting...  
and a cup of tea with tasty goodies.

Please bring along a small plate to share.

All welcome

Transport available if required

Contact Judy Johnson 0417 315 542

## Ministries Roster

The next Ministries Roster will be prepared to commence on Sunday 5th March (Lent 2) and go through to include June 11th (Pentecost 2). There will be a folder at the back of the Church for you to put in your names and dates of unavailability for that time.

For those not currently on the ministries roster I do urge you to offer your services to help spread some of the tasks around. You can also email or phone me with your dates.

Many thanks,

**Cheryl Adams**

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## Making a Tax-Deductible Donation to St Oswald's Anglican Church

An Account has been established to receive Tax Deductible Donations for the **St Oswald's Aboriginal Creative Arts Project** and the **St Oswald's Music Fund**. This Fund is administered by the Melbourne Anglican Foundation

**How can you donate? --It's simple - follow these few steps.**

Select Melbourne Anglican Foundation – Make a Donation on your search engine (e.g. Google)

Select the Box

Donate online to MAF here

Web address <https://www.melbourneanglican.org.au/make-a-donation/>

The form comes up for you to fill in your details

Select the Fund you wish to donate to as:

**Melbourne Anglican Cultural Organisation Inc (MACO)**

When you have done so you are asked to make another selection from another box titled 'General Funds'

Click on the arrow and make your choice - either

**St Oswald's Aboriginal Creative Arts Project OR  
St Oswald's Music Fund**

Enter the Amount you wish to donate, then click '*Confirm details and move to the payment portal*'

Follow and complete the payment details.

**Thank you for helping to promote Music and Arts at St Oswald's Anglican Church.**

### OBSOLETE COFFEE PLUNGERS

We have need in the Church hall kitchen for another couple of the larger 4 cup coffee plungers; if you have any in your kitchen cupboard you don't need could we have them please?

Many thanks,

**Cheryl Adams**

## Fresh Food Collection – Groceries, Fruit and Vegetables

Rev Shannon Smith in Bendigo has sent her heart felt thanks for the food and bedding which we collected and took up to Bendigo for communities impacted by the floods back before Christmas. They were distributed to various group, including the Aboriginal community in Robinvale, which is part of the Bendigo Diocese.

While they are still happy to receive donations of clothing and bedding, their immediate need now is grocery items, including fresh fruit and vegetables, which are very expensive in regional Victoria.

We want to make a **special collection** for Shannon and the Bendigo Diocese on **Sunday week (19 February)**, particularly groceries and fruit and vegetables, which we will take to Bendigo at the beginning of the following week to make sure they get there and are distributed in good condition.

You can leave items at the church, when it is open, and especially this Sunday for non-perishable items and the following Sunday for fresh food items. Or we can arrange pick up from your home if required. Many thanks for all for your help for our less fortunate sisters and brothers.

**Peter and Judy Johnson, 0417 548 896, [judysjohnson@icloud.com](mailto:judysjohnson@icloud.com).**



God gives us a choice – life or death. Choosing ‘life’ comes through obeying his commandments – in the words of the Psalmist, “Blessed are those whose ways are blameless, who walk [in] the law of the Lord.” Far from judgmental, these readings all assure us of ‘life’, of the benefits of following God’s will. First among these benefits is the emphasis on our good relationships, specifically reconciliation. In Deuteronomy is the assurance that we have been chosen in mercy, and we should therefore show mercy to others. Paul implores the Corinthians to work together for God, and in the Sermon on the Mount (Matthew), Christ teaches the importance of making our relationships peaceful ones, with emphasis on working together to achieve reconciliation with others. Here, the message is that when we work to have ‘right’ relationships with others, when we work towards reconciliation, this is an act of worship, a demonstration of God’s love lived through our lives.

- Give thanks to God for his righteous judgments which challenge us to reflect his love.
- Pray God will conform each of us to God’s will, so that we may truly reconcile with all others, and work together as God’s people.
- Give thanks for the work and witness of the Church of the Province of South-East Asia.

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## Hymns, Collect and Readings

**Processional Hymn:** to the tune of Au Sang Qu'Un Dieu

1. **God of mercy and compassion,  
Lord of life and blinding light.  
Truth whom creatures would refashion,  
Force on us the gift of sight.**

*Truth insistent and demanding,  
Love resented and ignored,  
Life beyond all understanding,  
Give us peace and pardon, Lord.*

2. **God most holy and forgiving,  
Penetrate our pride and sloth;  
On a people partly living,  
Force the gift of life and growth.**

*Truth insistent and demanding,  
Love resented and ignored,  
Life beyond all understanding,  
Give us peace and pardon, Lord.*

3. **Lord, who out of love consented  
To the worst that we could do;  
Lord, abandoned and tormented,  
Let us love and suffer too.**

*Truth insistent and demanding,  
Love resented and ignored,  
Life beyond all understanding,  
Give us peace and pardon, Lord.*

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### Collect

**Creator Spirit,  
remind us of where we are and whose country we walk on.  
Remind us that it remains the property of others  
and that we are to respect both them and their country.**

**Help us to find ways to right the sins of the past  
and provide them with a voice on matters of importance to them  
as Jesus provides us a Voice into the holy of holies.  
May we say Yes and honour your compassionate welcome for us  
by making it available here on earth to all. Amen.**

**A reading from the Book of Deuteronomy** [Deuteronomy 10: 12—22]

<sup>12</sup> So now, O Israel, what does the Lord your God require of you? Only to fear the Lord your God, to walk in all his ways, to love him, to serve the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul, <sup>13</sup> and to keep the commandments of the Lord your God and his decrees that I am commanding you today, for your own well-being. <sup>14</sup> Although heaven and the heaven of heavens belong to the Lord your God, the earth with all that is in it, <sup>15</sup> yet the Lord set his heart in love on your ancestors alone and chose you, their descendants after them, out of all the peoples, as it is today. <sup>16</sup> Circumcise, then, the foreskin of your heart, and do not be stubborn any longer. <sup>17</sup> For the Lord your God is God of gods and Lord of lords, the great God, mighty and awesome, who is not partial and takes no bribe, <sup>18</sup> who executes justice for the orphan and the widow, and who loves the strangers, providing them food and clothing. <sup>19</sup> You shall also love the stranger, for you were strangers in the land of Egypt. <sup>20</sup> You shall fear the Lord your God; him alone you shall worship; to him you shall hold fast, and by his name you shall swear. <sup>21</sup> He is your praise; he is your God, who has done for you these great and awesome things that your own eyes have seen. <sup>22</sup> Your ancestors went down to Egypt seventy persons; and now the Lord your God has made you as numerous as the stars in heaven.

**Hear what the ancestors speak into our world.**

Second reading 8 am only

**A Reading from Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians** [1 Corinthians 3: 1—9]

<sup>1</sup> And so, brothers and sisters, I could not speak to you as spiritual people, but rather as people of the flesh, as infants in Christ. <sup>2</sup> I fed you with milk, not solid food, for you were not ready for solid food. Even now you are still not ready, <sup>3</sup> for you are still of the flesh. For as long as there is jealousy and



quarrelling among you, are you not of the flesh, and behaving according to human inclinations? <sup>4</sup> For when one says, "I belong to Paul," and another, "I belong to Apollos," are you not merely human? <sup>5</sup> What then is Apollos? What is Paul? Servants through whom you came to believe, as the Lord assigned to each. <sup>6</sup> I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth. <sup>7</sup> So neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth. <sup>8</sup> The one who plants and the one who waters have a common purpose, and each will receive wages according to the labour of each. <sup>9</sup> For we are God's servants, working together; you are God's field, God's building.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church

**Thanks be to God**

**Second Reading 10 am**

Jesus is God spoken  
on country  
from country  
honouring the country of  
his father and his mother  
speaking truth into each  
from the other

Jesus the Christ  
is God's voice  
into the realm of humanity  
and  
humanity's voice  
into the realm of God

Jesus the Christ  
is the sovereignty of God  
incarnate  
walking  
with the sovereign people  
of God's creation

the incarnated Christ  
becomes the voice of  
God's creation

at the throne of God  
interceding on our behalf.

sovereignty remains  
honoured in both places  
in both realms  
each speaking truth to the other  
responding  
to bring wholeness  
fulfillment  
cleansing to all.

*yany-ndhu gulbara (so you understand)*

### **Hear what the ancestors speak into our world.**

#### **A Reading from the Gospel of Matthew**

[Matthew 5: 21—37]

<sup>21</sup> "You have heard that it was said to those of ancient times, 'You shall not murder'; and 'whoever murders shall be liable to judgment.' <sup>22</sup> But I say to you that if you are angry with a brother or sister, you will be liable to judgment; and if you insult a brother or sister, you will be liable to the council; and if you say, 'You fool,' you will be liable to the hell of fire. <sup>23</sup> So when you are offering your gift at the altar, if you remember that your brother or sister has something against you, <sup>24</sup> leave your gift there before the altar and go; first be reconciled to your brother or sister, and then come and offer your gift. <sup>25</sup> Come to terms quickly with your accuser while you are on the way to court with him, or your accuser may hand you over to the judge, and the judge to the guard, and you will be thrown into prison. <sup>26</sup> Truly I tell you, you will never get out until you have paid the last penny. <sup>27</sup> "You have heard that it was said, 'You shall not commit adultery.'" <sup>28</sup> But I say to you that everyone who looks at a woman with lust has already committed adultery with her in his heart. <sup>29</sup> If your right eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away; it is better for you to lose one of your members than for your whole body to be thrown into hell. <sup>30</sup> And if your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away; it is better for you to lose one of your members than for your whole body to go into hell. <sup>31</sup> "It was also said, 'Whoever divorces his wife, let him give her a certificate of divorce.' <sup>32</sup> But I say to you that anyone who divorces his wife, except on the ground of unchastity, causes her to commit adultery; and whoever marries a divorced woman commits adultery. <sup>33</sup> "Again, you have heard that it was said to those of ancient times, 'You shall not swear falsely, but carry out the vows you have made to the Lord.' <sup>34</sup> But I say to you,

Do not swear at all, either by heaven, for it is the throne of God,<sup>35</sup> or by the earth, for it is his footstool, or by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the great King.<sup>36</sup> And do not swear by your head, for you cannot make one hair white or black.<sup>37</sup> Let your word be "Yes, Yes" or "No, No"; anything more than this comes from the evil one.

For the gospel of the Lord,  
**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

**Offertory Hymn: TIS 679**

- 1. God of Jeremiah, grieving with an aching heart for an empire,  
unbelieving as it falls apart,  
when your thunder goes unheard, we will tend the prophet's word,  
and in season, out of season, we will sing your song.**
- 2. When our wound is left to fester, though the pain goes deep,  
when we've sown a hundred whirlwinds, but have yet to reap,  
when the platitudes of peace only make our fears increase,  
with a poem and a story we will sing your song.**
- 3. When the palace looks at poverty with scornful eyes,  
when the scroll of truth is shredded by a leader's lies,  
when the glory of the cross is a propaganda gloss,  
in the square and in the senate we will sing your song.**
- 4. We will break the jar of plenty by the gates of gold,  
we will buy a field of promise when the farm is sold,  
at the ending of the dream, in the death of self esteem,  
at the bank and in the market we will sing your song.**
- 5. We will praise the grainy granite of the Law's demands,  
and the Life-creating, Lover-God with wounded hands;  
we will spin your story-line to an empire in decline,  
and in exile or in honour we will sing your song.**

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**Recessional Hymn: Tune TiS 493**

- 1. As a fire is meant for burning  
with a bright and warming flame,  
so the church is meant for mission,  
giving glory to God's name.  
Not to preach our creeds or customs,  
but to build a bridge of care,  
we join hands across the nations,  
finding neighbours everywhere.**
- 2. We are learners; we are teachers;  
we are pilgrims on the way.  
we are seekers; we are givers;  
we are vessels made of clay.  
By our gentle loving actions,  
we would show that Christ is light,  
in a humble listening spirit,  
we would live to God's delight.**
- 3. As a green bud in the springtime  
is a sign of life renewed,  
so may we be signs of oneness  
mid earth's peoples many hued.  
As a rainbow lights the heavens  
when a storm is past and gone,  
may our lives reflect the radiance  
of God's new and glorious dawn.**

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