

Fourth Gawaymbanha Alternate Service

19 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

Opening Hymn Printed

Holy Communion Printed in Service Book

The Collect (printed)

Readings Leviticus 19:1—2, 9—18
8 am 1 Corinthians 3: 10—17
8 am Psalm 119: 33—40
10 am **ngahdhu wiray***
Matthew 5:38-48

Offertory Hymn Printed

Final Hymn Printed



Today's Ministries

8 am Reader
10 am Reader **J. MacPherson**
Intercessor **C. Adams**
Welcome / **R. Adams**
Offertory
Morning Tea **V. Lee**
D. Lee



From the Vicar

Some subjects are not easy to talk about or to listen to. I, for example, struggle to watch and listen to the coverage of the earthquake disaster in Turkey and Syria. And it's not just what has happened but the failure of those responsible over the years to ensure the safety of people. And those who gained financially by exploiting that failure. It's very difficult to process.

I know that the conversation we have been having during this month in relation to the Voice and the history of Australia are not easy conversations. Often our reaction to these stories raises up emotions, feelings, embedded opposition from places we cannot articulate or find hard to do so in an appropriate way.

And that is ok. We are all uncomfortable with what we hear in the space and not for the same reasons. It is not a comfortable discussion to have but it is necessary if we and our country are going to move beyond guilt, shame, and fear.

Jesus, as we have noted in the Gospels, rarely stays with the comfortable. He unpacks the accepted wisdom in a way that leaves people perplexed and sometime more than a little angry. We read this as if Jesus is unmoved by what he has to say. I would suggest these ideas were uncomfortable to him, a young Jewish man who had grown up with an 'orthodox' education. He was not just challenging others; he was challenging himself. He too, I would suggest, was uncomfortable.

Yes, the Voice and the Statement From the Heart make us all feel a little uncomfortable. They need to if we are to become the nation and the Church we are meant to be.

Glenn

Diary for the Week

St Oswald's Facebook page

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Wednesday 22 February 2023

Ash Wednesday & Imposition of the Ashes

10 am **Holy Communion**

Thursday 23 February

7.30 pm **Choir Practice**

Sunday 26 February —Live streamed

***Fifth Aboriginal Service
and***

First Sunday in Lent

8 am **Holy Communion**

10 am **Sung Eucharist**

Readings 26 February

Genesis 2:15—17, 3: 1—7

8 am Psalm 32

8 am Romans 5:12-21

10 am **murrambang – Justice**

Matthew 4:1-11

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Intercessions

For the church:

St John the Divine Croydon; The Diocese of Tasmania;

Ivanhoe Grammar School.

Departed

Leslie Edwards, Don Whitehead, Noel Sherson, Thomas Armer,

OBSELETE 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

Men of Glenburton

The first MOG activity for the year will be a bowls night at Ashburton Bowls Club followed by pizza dinner on Monday 27 February commencing at 6:00pm. Please contact John O'Shea on 0439223006 or at jjoshea@netspace.net.au if you would like to join us.

The cost for the evening is \$25 with a slight variation possible depending on the cost of the pizzas. This is always a popular start to the MOG year.

Dick Adams

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** - rcadams@westnet.com.au 9885 1054: 0414 713 136

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.

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.



Sometimes, as Christians, we are asked to do what seems to be impossible. At least, what is impossible at first glance. Today, Jesus appears to do just that when at the end of our Gospel reading He says – ‘be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect’. Fortunately, the other readings for today, give us some context about being perfect as God is perfect and that context the impossible becomes possible. Leviticus urges us to be holy as God is holy by opening space for the poor and the alien. In Corinthians we are urged to build our lives on the foundation that is Christ and making our life work consistent with that foundation. The Gospel goes on to urge us to recognise that none are to be hated for who they are – for God makes his sun rise on the evil and the good. Being perfect doesn’t mean every action and thought is fully heavenly and pure. Rather, in being willing to love our neighbours as God loves them, we take on the perfection that is our heavenly Father

- Pray that we will recognise the face of Christ in those who irk us the most.
- Pray that we will incline ourselves to God’s commands to give rather than seek personal gain.
- Give thanks for the work and witness of the Church of the Church of Pakistan.

Text: Robert King St John’s Cathedral, Brisbane

Hymns, Collect and Readings

Processional Hymn: TIS 422

**Come, Holy Spirit, come!
Inflame our souls with love,
transforming every heart and home
with wisdom from above.
Let none of us despise
the humble path Christ trod,
but choose, to shame the worldly wise,
the foolishness of God.**

**All-knowing Spirit, prove
the poverty of pride,
by knowledge of the Father's love
in Jesus crucified.
And grant us faith to know
the glory of that sign,
and in our very lives to show
the marks of love divine.**

**Come with the gift to heal
the wounds of guilt and fear,
and to oppression's face reveal
the kingdom drawing near.
Where chaos longs to reign,
descend, O holy Dove,
and free us all to work again
the miracles of love.**

**Spirit of truth, arise:
Inspire the prophet's voice:
Expose to scorn the tyrant's lies,
and bid the poor rejoice.
O Spirit, clear our sight,
all prejudice remove,
and help us to discern the right,
and covet only love.**

**Give us the tongues to speak
the word of love and grace
to rich and poor, to strong and weak,
in every time and place.
Enable us to hear
the words that others bring,
interpreting with open ear
the special song they sing.**

**Come, Holy Spirit, dance
within our hearts today,
our earthbound spirits to entrance,
our mortal fears allay.
And teach us to desire,
all other things above,
that self-consuming holy fire,
the perfect gift of love.**

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Collect

Spirit of mountain and plain,
may we sweep the all encompassing sweep of your breath,
including all, rejecting nothing.
May we become able to find a room in our privilege
for this destitute by it and settle for less so all can be more than.
Amen.

A reading from the Book of Leviticus

[Leviticus 19: 1 – 2, 9 – 18]

¹ The Lord spoke to Moses, saying: ² Speak to all the congregation of the people of Israel and say to them: You shall be holy, for I the Lord your God am holy. ⁹ When you reap the harvest of your land, you shall not reap to the very edges of your field, or gather the gleanings of your harvest. ¹⁰ You shall not strip your vineyard bare, or gather the fallen grapes of your vineyard; you shall leave them for the poor and the alien: I am the Lord your God. ¹¹ You shall not steal; you shall not deal falsely; and you shall not lie to one another. ¹² And

you shall not swear falsely by my name, profaning the name of your God: I am the Lord. ¹³ You shall not defraud your neighbour; you shall not steal; and you shall not keep for yourself the wages of a labourer until morning. ¹⁴ You shall not revile the deaf or put a stumbling block before the blind; you shall fear your God: I am the Lord. ¹⁵ You shall not render an unjust judgment; you shall not be partial to the poor or defer to the great: with justice you shall judge your neighbour. ¹⁶ You shall not go around as a slanderer among your people, and you shall not profit by the blood of your neighbour: I am the Lord. ¹⁷ You shall not hate in your heart anyone of your kin; you shall reprove your neighbor, or you will incur guilt yourself. ¹⁸ You shall not take vengeance or bear a grudge against any of your people, but you shall love your neighbour as yourself: I am the Lord.

Hear what the ancestors speak into our world.

Psalm 119: 33—40 APBA page 349 - 8 am only

Second reading 8 am only

A Reading from Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians [1 Corinthians 3: 10—17]

¹⁰ According to the grace of God given to me, like a skilled master builder I laid a foundation, and someone else is building on it. Each builder must choose with care how to build on it. ¹¹ For no one can lay any foundation other than the one that has been laid; that foundation is Jesus Christ. ¹² Now if anyone builds on the foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw—¹³ the work of each builder will become visible, for the Day will disclose it, because it will be revealed with fire, and the fire will test what sort of work each has done. ¹⁴ If what has been built on the foundation survives, the builder will receive a reward. ¹⁵ If the work is burned up, the builder will suffer loss; the builder will be saved, but only as through fire. ¹⁶ Do you not know that you are God's temple and that God's Spirit dwells in you? ¹⁷ If anyone destroys God's temple, God will destroy that person. For God's temple is holy, and you are that temple.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church
Thanks be to God

Second Reading 10 am

who i am
is not mine
to declare

others define
who what
i am

my story
is interpreted
mediated

through the
language of
the other

the one
with the power
to designate

life
hope
possibility

or stereotypes
fitting
story

their meaning
making
myth

i am not i
i am who you
want to make me

since invasion
that is
how it is

nothing has changed

yany-ndhu gulbara (So you understand)

Hear what the ancestors speak into our world.

A Reading from the Gospel of Matthew

[Matthew 5: 38—48]

³⁸ "You have heard that it was said, "An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth.'
³⁹ But I say to you, Do not resist an evildoer. But if anyone strikes you on the right cheek, turn the other also; ⁴⁰ and if anyone wants to sue you and take your coat, give your cloak as well; ⁴¹ and if anyone forces you to go one mile, go also the second mile. ⁴² Give to everyone who begs from you, and do not refuse anyone who wants to borrow from you. ⁴³ "You have heard that it was said, "You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.'
⁴⁴ But I say to you, Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, ⁴⁵ so that you may be children of your Father in heaven; for he makes his sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the righteous and on the unrighteous. ⁴⁶ For if you love those who love you, what reward do you have? Do not even the tax collectors do the same? ⁴⁷ And if you greet only your brothers and sisters, what more are you doing than others? Do not even the Gentiles do the same?
⁴⁸ Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect.

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

Offertory Hymn:

1. We long for the days when the cries of distress are stilled
and the sound of weeping is heard no more
when the taste of the laughter fills the mouths of the people
and joy is in the land.

*Spirit of a new beginning,
Hear our cry before we call.
Answer when the time is ready;
Give us courage to endure.*

2. We long for the days when the hammer of arms is hushed
and the threat of warring is feared no more:
when the pulse of freedom fires the hearts of the people
and peace is in the land.

*Spirit of a new tomorrow,
Hear our cry before we call.
Answer when the time is ready;
Give us courage to endure*

3. We long for the days when the lost of earth are home
And the pain of hunger is felt no more:
When the dream of harvest lights the way of the people
And hope is in the land.

*Spirit of a new creation,
Hear our cry before we call.
Answer when the time is ready;
Give us courage to endure.*

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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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