



## Social Justice Sunday

20 February, 2022

*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 Wurrundjeri people of the Kulin nation on which we gather.*

**Outline of Today's Service from  
A Prayer Book for Australia**  
[Eucharist Setting **Together in Song 757**  
and Hymns 10 am Service only]

**Opening Hymn**                      **TIS 414**

**Holy Communion Page 119**

**The Collect**

**Readings**    **Genesis 45: 3—11, 15**  
                  **Psalm: 37**  
                  **1 Corinthians 15: 35—50**  
                  **Luke 6: 27-38**

**After the Sermon P. 124**

**Offertory Hymn**                      **TiS 640**

**After the Collection**                **P. 127**

**Prayer after Communion**        **P. 143**

**Final Hymn**                            **TIS 420**



### Today's Ministries

<b>8 am</b>	Reader	<b>J. Warfe</b>
<b>10 am</b>	Reader	<b>J. McPherson</b>
	Cantor	<b>W. Andrews</b>
	Intercessor	<b>K. Ennis</b>
	Welcome /	<b>W. Johnson</b>
	Offertory	<b>L. Lath</b>
	Morning Tea	<b>J. Johnson</b>
		<b>P. Johnson</b>



## **From the Vicar**

Last weekend I went to Canberra to do some work with the ANU Water Futures Institute and engaged with a group of early career researchers. It was a wonderful experience, and I was encouraged by their openness, interest, and desire to address one of the major issues facing our future, water equity.

On the Friday night I attended the opening of the “Molecule” art exhibition at the Belconnen Art Centre where I was a co-exhibitor with some wonderful artists including the tremendous Uncle Badger Bates. A number of revered artists took part, and it was a wonderful event. It is also contributing to the discussion about water.

Unfortunately, Saturday was marred by the Convoy to Canberra freedom march which travelled down Northbourne Avenue outside my hotel from 6am to 8pm, horns blaring, yelling out and abusing those who dared to wear a mask or whose children wore masks. The destruction caused in Canberra Showgrounds where they camped disrupted a fundraiser for Lifeline and the weekly farmers markets, both of which were cancelled, and both of which lost budgeted income.

My personal experience involved people pelting objects at the car I was travelling in with friends, all because people demanded we stop in the middle of a two lane on-ramp so they could walk higgilypiggily across the road. Fortunately, we were able to continue without hitting anyone. The consequences of doing so are not worth thinking about.

Now I understand that people have what they believe are legitimate concerns or beefs with Government. But attacking people, disrupting people going about their business and generally acting violently is not the way to resolve any such concerns. This rally seemed to have tapped into the latent anger in a cross-section of society (people from all walks of life were represented) and it is growing.

Our Gospel today cautions us to always revert to non-violent love in all circumstances of conflict. Jesus, the master of protest, lays down the ground rules for the types of encounters his listeners will face. It is simple; do not resist with violence, resist with acts of love and a going beyond what is demanded. Finding ways to put the onus back on others to look at what they are doing and demanding.

Worth thinking about currently.

**Glenn**

## Diary for the Week

**St Oswald's Facebook page**

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**Monday 21 February**

6 pm **Men of Glenburton**

**Tuesday 22 February**

7.30 pm **Parish Council Meeting**

**Wednesday 23 February, 2022**

10 am **Holy Communion**

**Thursday 24 February**

7,30 pm **Choir Practice**

**Sunday 27 February —Live streamed**

***Transfiguration***

8 am **Holy Communion**

10 am **Family Eucharist**

**Readings 27 February**

**Exodus 24: 29—35**

**Psalms 99**

**2 Corinthians 4: 12—4:2**

**Luke 9: 28—36**

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## Intercessions

**For the church:**

The Episcopal Church in Jerusalem & The Middle East; Ministry to the Defence Force; Melbourne Grammar School; City on a Hill Melbourne; 40th Anniversary of Tamil Christian Congregation of Victoria.

**For those who face challenges in daily living:**

Lesley Whitehead, Gaye Loughrey.

**Departed**

Don Whitehead, Noel Sherson, Thomas Armer.



In this week's gospel reading Jesus gives us practical advice about how to live a good life: we are to love those that we would not normally be drawn towards – our enemies. We are to do good to those who hate us, bless those who curse us, and pray for those who abuse us. This doesn't mean that those who do bad things to us should be immune from the consequences of their acts, but rather that we should not act in a way that damages ourselves even further. We are not to be judgemental, and we are to avoid condemning others. We are to try to fill our lives with goodness.

- Forgive me, Lord, for when- and wherever I have had abuse and hatred in my heart. Help me to amend my life so that I come closer to others and to you.
- Give thanks for the work and witness of the Church of the Province of Myanmar, especially at this time of tension.

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# Covid-19 Regulations

- Do not attend Church if you are experiencing flu like symptoms or if you are waiting for the results of a Covid-19 test. Please maintain social distancing at all times (keep 1.5 meters from other parishioners). Windows will be open and you are encouraged to use the hand sanitizer at the entrance.
- All are welcome at Church services (regardless of vaccination status). There is no limit on the number of people attending church services.
- All must check into St Oswald's using the QR Code poster. A Covid Marshal will assist you if you do not have a smart phone.
- Mask wearing is mandatory in the Church. You are strongly encouraged to wear a mask in order to help protect you and your families and friends
- Refreshments before or after services are for fully vaccinated people. People serving refreshments or food before or after services must wear masks. Self-service food is discouraged. You may be asked to show your proof of vaccination.
- As the Omicron variant becomes more prevalent it is possible that some restrictions may be re-introduced. If this occurs you may expect details in the news and confirmation from the Diocese.

## MEN OF GLENBURTON

The first MOG event for the year will be our bowls night at Ashburton Bowling Club on **Monday 21 February** commencing at 6:00pm. If you would like to join us contact **John O'Shea** on **9885 4864** by Friday 18 February. The cost will be approximately \$25 for bowls and a pizza dinner.

**SOCIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY 2022**

**PROCESSIONAL HYMN: TIS 414**

**There's a spirit in the air,  
telling Christians everywhere:  
'Praise the love that Christ revealed,  
living, working in our world.'**

**Lose your shyness, find your tongue,  
tell the world what God has done:  
God in Christ has come to stay.  
Live tomorrow's life today.**

**When believers break the bread,  
when a hungry child is fed,  
praise the love that Christ revealed,  
living, working in our world.**

**Still the Spirit gives us light,  
seeing wrong and setting right:  
God in Christ has come to stay.  
Live tomorrow's life today.**

**When a stranger's not alone,  
where the homeless find a home,  
praise the love that Christ revealed,  
living working in our world.**

**May the Spirit fill our praise,  
guide our thoughts and change our ways:  
God in Christ has come to stay.  
Life tomorrow's life today.**

**There's a Spirit in the air,  
calling people everywhere:  
'Praise the love that Christ revealed,  
living, working in our world.'**

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**ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY:**

**ACCLAMATION:**

Blessed be God, the Great Creator Being.  
**Blessed be God, the Breath of All,  
the Wisdom behind the Dreaming  
and the Way of Reconciliation, Justice, and Inclusion.**

**CALL TO WORSHIP:**

God of yesterday, today, and tomorrow,  
***we call to mind your presence within us and around us.***

Open our ears that we may hear your Word.  
**Open our hearts that we may understand your Word.  
Open our mouths that we may speak your World.**

Inspire us with the Gospel message,  
**that we may celebrate all that is life-giving,  
restore hope where it has been lost,  
and work to bring about change where it is needed.**

May we live the Gospel with courage, constancy and love.  
**May we be open to the challenge  
of your call to true freedom.**

May we be faithful to you in our daily choices and decisions.  
May we make your love known through our words and actions.

***May the triune God reign in our hearts, now and forever. Amen***

Let us pray.

**Creator God,  
we pray for the poorest and most vulnerable.  
Let us not just speak of justice,  
but let us act in just ways.  
May the oppressed and needy feel justice and equality  
and experience a world without hunger and poverty. Amen**

**COLLECT**

**God of compassion,  
you call us out of the bindings of death  
on this, our resurrection day:  
make us ready to surrender the fear in which we hide  
to step into your future alive and unashamed,  
through Jesus Christ, the life of the world. Amen.**

**FIRST READING: Genesis 45:3—11, 15**

<sup>3</sup>Joseph said to his brothers, ‘I am Joseph. Is my father still alive?’ But his brothers could not answer him, so dismayed were they at his presence. <sup>4</sup>Then Joseph said to his brothers, ‘Come closer to me.’ And they came closer. He said, ‘I am your brother Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt.’ <sup>5</sup>And now do not be distressed, or angry with yourselves, because you sold me here; for God sent me before you to preserve life. <sup>6</sup>For the famine has been in the land these two years; and there are five more years in which there will be neither ploughing nor harvest. <sup>7</sup>God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors. <sup>8</sup>So it was not you who sent me here, but God; he has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt. <sup>9</sup>Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, “Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt; come down to me, do not delay. <sup>10</sup>You shall settle in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children’s children, as well as your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. <sup>11</sup>I will provide for you there—since there are five more years of famine to come—so that you and your household, and all that you have, will not come to poverty.” <sup>15</sup>And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them; and after that his brothers talked with him.

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

## PSALM:37:

<sup>1</sup> Do not fret because of the wicked;  
do not be envious of wrongdoers,

<sup>2</sup> **for they will soon fade like the grass,  
and wither like the green herb.**

<sup>3</sup> Trust in the Lord, and do good;  
so you will live in the land, and enjoy security.

<sup>4</sup> **Take delight in the Lord,  
and he will give you the desires of your heart.**

<sup>5</sup> Commit your way to the Lord;  
trust in him, and he will act.

<sup>6</sup> **He will make your vindication shine like the light,  
and the justice of your cause like the noonday.**

<sup>7</sup> Be still before the Lord, and wait patiently for him;  
do not fret over those who prosper in their way,  
over those who carry out evil devices.

<sup>8</sup> **Refrain from anger, and forsake wrath.  
Do not fret—it leads only to evil.**

<sup>9</sup> For the wicked shall be cut off,  
but those who wait for the Lord shall inherit the land.

<sup>10</sup> **Yet a little while, and the wicked will be no more;  
though you look diligently for their place, they will not be there.**

<sup>11</sup> But the meek shall inherit the land,  
and delight in abundant prosperity.

<sup>15</sup> **their sword shall enter their own heart,  
and their bows shall be broken.**

## SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 15: 35—50

<sup>35</sup> But someone will ask, 'How are the dead raised? With what kind of body do they come?' <sup>36</sup>Fool! What you sow does not come to life unless it dies. <sup>37</sup>And as for what you sow, you do not sow the body that is to be, but a bare seed, perhaps of wheat or of some other grain. <sup>38</sup>But God gives it a body as he has chosen, and to each kind of seed its own body. <sup>39</sup>Not all flesh is alike, but there is one flesh for human beings, another for animals, another for birds, and another for fish. <sup>40</sup>There are both heavenly bodies and earthly bodies, but the glory of the heavenly is one thing, and that of the earthly is another. <sup>41</sup>There is one glory of the sun, and another glory of the moon, and another glory of the stars; indeed, star differs from star in glory.



<sup>42</sup> So it is with the resurrection of the dead. What is sown is perishable, what is raised is imperishable. <sup>43</sup>It is sown in dishonour, it is raised in glory. It is sown in weakness, it is raised in power. <sup>44</sup>It is sown a physical body, it is raised a spiritual body. If there is a physical body, there is also a spiritual body. <sup>45</sup>Thus it is written, 'The first man, Adam, became a living being'; the last Adam became a life-giving spirit. <sup>46</sup>But it is not the spiritual that is first, but the physical, and then the spiritual. <sup>47</sup>The first man was from the earth, a man of dust; the second man is from heaven. <sup>48</sup>As was the man of dust, so are those who are of the dust; and as is the man of heaven, so are those who are of heaven. <sup>49</sup>Just as we have borne the image of the man of dust, we will\* also bear the image of the man of heaven.

<sup>50</sup> What I am saying, brothers and sisters, is this: flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church

**Thanks be to God.**

*Please Stand*

Plainchant



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, - Al - le - lu - ia.

The image shows a musical staff with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody consists of quarter and eighth notes, with some notes beamed together. The lyrics 'Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, - Al - le - lu - ia.' are written below the staff, with hyphens indicating syllables across multiple notes.

**Gospel Acclamation:** I give you a new commandment:  
Love one another as I have loved you.

**THE GOSPEL:** Luke 6: 27—38

**Glory to you Jesus Christ**

<sup>27</sup> 'But I say to you that listen, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, <sup>28</sup>bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. <sup>29</sup>If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also; and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. <sup>30</sup>Give to everyone who begs from you; and if anyone takes away your goods, do not ask for them again. <sup>31</sup>Do to others as you would have them do to you. <sup>32</sup>'If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. <sup>33</sup>If you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. <sup>34</sup>If you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to

sinner, to receive as much again. <sup>35</sup>But love your enemies, do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return. \* Your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High; for he is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked. <sup>36</sup>Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful. <sup>37</sup>'Do not judge, and you will not be judged; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven; <sup>38</sup>give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap; for the measure you give will be the measure you get back.'

For the Gospel of our God,  
**Praise to you Jesus Christ.**

*Please sit*

**SERMON**

*Please stand*

**AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

Let us together affirm the hope we share.

**We are not alone,  
we live in God's world.**

**We believe in God:  
who has created and is creating,  
who has come in Jesus,  
the Word made flesh,  
to reconcile and make new,**

**who works in us and others  
by the Spirit.**

**We trust in God.**

**We are called to be the Church:  
to celebrate God's presence,  
to live with respect in Creation,  
to love and serve others,  
to seek justice and resist evil,**

**to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,  
our judge and our hope.  
In life, in death, in life beyond death,  
God is with us.  
We are not alone.  
Thanks be to God.**

### ***PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE***

Let us pray for the world and for the Church.  
**Hear our prayer.**

*Silence*

Almighty God, you have promised to hear our prayers.  
**Grant that what we have asked in faith  
we may by your kindness receive,  
through Jesus Chris. Amen.**

*Please stand*

### ***THE GREETING OF PEACE***

We are the body of Christ.  
**His Spirit is with us.**

The peace of the God be always with you.  
**And also with you.**

### ***OFFERTORY HYMN      TIS 640***

**Kneels at the feet of his friends,  
silently washes their feet:  
master who acts as a slave to them  
*Yesu, Yesu,  
fill us with your love,  
show us how to serve  
the neighbours we have from you***

**Neighbours are wealthy and poor,  
varied in colour and race,  
neighbours are near us and far away.**

**These are the ones we should serve,  
these are the ones we should love;  
all these are neighbours to us and you.**

**Loving puts us on our knees,  
silently washing their feet,  
this is the way we should live with you.**

*Thomas Stevenson Colvin 1025 –  
and people of Ghana alt.  
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### **OFFERTORY PRAYER**

**Generous God of our Shared Dreaming.  
Through your goodness we have these gifts of bread and wine to share.  
Accept and use our offerings for your benefit  
and for the fulfilment of your purposes.  
Wonderful be God for ever.**

### **THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

God of mercy and justice, be with us.  
We lift our hearts to you,  
not because we must,  
not because we are supposed to,  
but because it's how we respond to your unconditional love,  
because it feels good to know we are loved.

If there have been people to tell them,  
our ancestors in faith have shared stories of your mercy.  
**how you gave food to the poor,  
clothes to the naked, and shelter to the lost.**

And if there have been people to tell them,  
our ancestors in faith have shared stories of your mercy.

**Of how you gave freedom to the enslaved,  
opportunity to the outcast, and peace to the war-torn.**

You acted with both mercy and justice,  
**rescuing the Israelites from slavery in Egypt,  
providing them with manna when they were hungry.**

And your people acted with both mercy and justice,  
**Like the prophets who cried out to care for widow, orphan, and foreigner,  
And those who provided food, shelter, and community.**

You have shared your mercy and justice with us,  
not only as gifts to be received from you,  
but as gifts that we are to share with the world.  
We see this gift most clearly in the gift of your Son, Jesus Christ.

Jesus showed us what a life of mercy and justice looked like:

**In mercy, he gave food to the hungry.**

**In justice, he broke social custom**

**and shared tables with the powerful and the lowly at once.**

**In mercy, he cared for the sick.**

**In justice, he broke religious custom and healed on the Sabbath.**

**In mercy, he had compassion for the poor.**

**In justice, he spoke out against the Empire that held them in poverty.**

**In mercy, he washed his disciples' feet.**

**In justice, he died without protest to expose a corrupt system.**

On the night he was handed over to the unjust system that killed him,  
he protested by sharing a meal with his friends.  
There, he took bread, gave thanks for God's mercy in providing it,  
shared God's mercy by giving it to his friends,  
then called them to remember the injustice of his broken body every time they  
ate bread.

After they ate, he took the cup, gave thanks for God's mercy in providing it,  
shared God's mercy by giving it to his friends,  
then called them to remember the injustice of his spilled blood every time they  
drank wine.

**But that wasn't all.**

**God's mercy and justice burst forth when Jesus died,  
and his resurrection gave hope to all those  
who hunger for mercy and thirst for justice.**

**God will always equip those who seek to share mercy and justice.  
Even death cannot stop God's incredible grace.**

So, we ask God's Holy Spirit to be poured out on this meal,  
on these gifts of mercy: bread and wine,  
that we may remember Jesus' ministry of mercy and justice,  
that these gifts of mercy may become for us  
the body and blood of Christ,  
so that we may show mercy and do justice,  
not just for ourselves,  
but for the transformation of the world.

## **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**Our Father in heaven,**

**hallowed be your Name,**

**your kingdom come,**

**your will be done**

**on earth as in heaven.**

**Give us today our daily bread.**

**Forgive us our sins**

**as we forgive those who sin against us.**

**Save us from the time of trial,**

**and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours**

**now and forever. Amen.**

## **SHARING OF THE BREAD AND CUP**

**HYMN: TIS 420**

**Holy Spirit, go before us,  
every mind and heart prepare  
for good news of life in Jesus,  
for the joyful hope we share.**

**Gently lead the lost to safety,  
gently teach them Wisdom's way,  
till they come to seek you gladly,  
till we find the words to say.**

**Holy Spirit, come and help us  
give us words to speak of Christ.  
Teach us how to tell all people:  
deepest darkness can be light!  
Help us tell how faithful God is,  
and how Jesus sets us free;  
take our words, and make them gospel,  
so that many may believe.**

**Holy Spirit, stay and show us  
how to serve as Christ served us.  
May our words of love be grounded  
in love's actions, first and last.  
Your good news is news of justice,  
and the strong befriend the weak  
in your service, till compassion  
builds the peace the nations seek.**

*Elizabeth J. Smith  
1956 –*

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## **CLOSING PRAYER:**

God, through this meal,  
we pray that your grace would empower us to do justice,  
to offer mercy, and to do so with humility.  
You have given us your Son as an example,  
and your Holy Spirit as Advocate.

## **THE BLESSING:**

Go forth into the world in peace;  
be of good courage;  
hold fast to what is good;  
render to no one evil for evil;  
strengthen the faint-hearted;

support the weak, help the afflicted;  
give honour to all; love and serve the Lord,  
rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit;  
and the blessing of God  
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,  
be upon you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

**THE DISMISSAL:**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
**In the name of Christ. Amen.**

