



St. Oswald's
ANGLICAN CHURCH
GLEN IRIS

Fourth Sunday in Lent

19 March, 2023

*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

A Prayer Book for Australia

[Eucharist Setting **Philip Matthias**
Together in Song 757
and Hymns 10 am Service only]



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Today's Ministries

8 am	Reader	
10 am	Reader	J. McPherson
	Intercessor	Acting Vicar
	Welcome /	L. Williams
	Offertory	
	Morning Tea	V. Lee
		D. Lee

From the Acting Vicar

Dear parishioners and friends of St Oswald's Glen Iris,

In the privileged Western world, the quest for physical health has been taken by some to an extreme. But here in church, it is our spiritual wellbeing, the care of our spirit, heart and soul, that takes the front seat.

We are, first and foremost, spirit people, and as St Augustine of Hippo put it so eloquently over 1500 years ago, "our hearts [spirits] are restless until they rest in God."

This week's Scripture readings are each in their own way about the care of the soul. As followers of Jesus, the Christ, we need first to look to the health of our spirit, our soul; we need to look to the health of the heart of our being.

To live this way is to bear fruits that are good and right and true. This is what is pleasing to the Lord. Elsewhere, Paul tells us specifically of the fruits of a Godly Spirit, of a healthy soul, through which the light of the Holy Spirit shines in the darkness. In his letter to the Galatians he writes: "Live by the Spirit ... and the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control." (Galatians 6:16, 22-23)

In our Gospel reading this week, we hear of Jesus restoring sight to a man born blind. The story is not only about the restoration of the man's physical sight, as miraculous and wondrous as that is. Rather, it is about the spirit, specifically spiritual blindness, and about the restorative powers of faith. Contemporary theologian Rowan Williams, preaching on this Gospel text, said "If we wish to see God, life, and others as they really are then we must attend to what is going on within us. True seeing begins in the heart not the eyes. We must begin to acknowledge the fears, attachments, and beliefs that live within us and how they have impaired our vision."

As our Lenten journey continues, let us pay close attention to our heart, to our spirit, and reflect carefully on the health of that spirit. Is our life a living expression of the fruits of the spirit?

Blessings, **Sharne**

Diary for the Week

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Wednesday 22 March 2023

10 am **Holy Communion**

Thursday 23 March

7.30 pm **Choir Practice**

Sunday 26 March —Live streamed

Fifth Sunday in Lent

8 am **Holy Communion**

10 am **Sung Eucharist**

Readings 26 March

Exekiel 37: 1—14

Psalm 130

Romans 8: 6—11

John 11: 1—45

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Intercessions

For the church:

St Paul's Geelong; The Diocese of Riverina; Defence Force Chaplains;
National Bishop's Conference;

Departed

Winifred Mordue, Wilfred Gray, Maxwell Fernando, Patricia Wright.



From the Organist

It's my last Sunday of being 42 this Sunday, which was sadly how young Frances Ridley Havergal was when she died in 1879. Frances was sure of her commitment even as a 4 year old and never deviated from her devotion, learning Greek and Hebrew and expressing her love of God in poetry and song her entire short life. The Offertory hymns reminds us of the many ways we can apply ourselves to our personal journey of faith.

Last night a group of us had a great night out at the live broadcast of QandA on the ABC. I got to ask a question that related to our practice at St Oswald's of occasionally tweaking hymns to clean up language and better align them with a contemporary understanding of God's purpose. The question sparked a robust discussion, with some on the panel claiming to be upholding historical societal attitudes or protecting the integrity of the artist or writer's intentions.

Catherine Winkworth who translated many hymns from original languages such as old German and Latin understood the power of relevance. The beauty of her work was not an exact or literal translations but was to always reflect beauty and modern understanding to honour the underlying intentions of the original text. When you consider that she was probably reworking an even older text, you realise these songs are living and changing every few hundred years. And if they don't change, the song ceases to be sung.

Daniel Brace

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)

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.

Men of Glenburton

The next MOG event is an interesting talk and presentation by Peter Johnson.

Date: **Monday 27th March**

Topic: **Sustainable Timber Buildings - The Future or a Big Risk??**

This talk will be on the worldwide growth of timber framed residential and commercial buildings and their claims on sustainability. New high rise apartment and commercial buildings are now being designed and built up to 30 storeys high. The claim is that they are far more sustainable, with a lower carbon footprint than for concrete and steel framed buildings. The talk will address the types of timber being used, their global sources, the fire risks and the waterproofing risks. Would you want to buy a new apartment in one of these buildings?? The meeting will be at the church commencing at 7:30pm.

Please note that partners and friends will be most welcome

We would like to know probable numbers so please advise Peter of your attendance, including guests, preferably before 22nd March.

Peter's contact details:

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A few weeks ago, I got off the tram to walk down to the shops, in his usual spot was a homeless man, whose name I'm ashamed to say I don't know.

While I gave what change I had I was reminded of Psalm 23 "The Lord is my shepherd; I have everything I need ..." (GNB) is, at times difficult to reconcile when confronted with the problem of homelessness endemic in many large cities.

For me, Psalm 23 reminds me that God's love is for all, pulling me out of the self-absorption and apathy that's all too easy for us to fall into this time of year and to try to find ways to love my neighbour practically.

For me this reading reminds me that while I'm loved by God, 'he' loves all of his creation, and calls on us to act with love for all our neighbours helping them and acting with love and charity for those most in need.

- Give thanks for the love of God, the protection and guidance provided by 'him', even if not always obvious and pray that we as a society and church can do more to help those in need
- Give thanks for the work and witness of the Anglican Church of Kenya.

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Hymns, Collect and Readings

Processional Hymn: Tis 634

All who love and serve your city,
all who bear its daily stress,
all who cry for peace and justice,
all who curse and all who bless.

In your day of loss and sorrow,
in your day of helpless strife,
honour, peace and love retreating,
seek the Lord, who if your life.

In your day of wealth and plenty,
wasted work and wasted play,
call to mind the word of Jesus,
“I must work while it is day.”

For all days are days of judgment,
and the Lord is waiting still,
drawing near to those who spurn him,
offering peace and Calvary’s hill.

Risen Lord, shall still our city
be the city of despair?
Come today, our Judge, our Glory,
be its name “The Lord is there”.-

Erik Reginald Routley

1917 - 82

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Sentence for the Day

“I am the light of the world,” says the Lord;
“those who follow me will have the light of life.” *John 8: 12*

Collect

Gracious God,
in order that we children of earth
might discern good from evil
you sent your Son to be the light of the world:
as the light of Christ shines upon us,
may we learn what pleases you,
and live in truth and goodness;
through the same Jesus Christ our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. Amen.

A Reading from the First Book of Samuel

[1 Samuel 16: 1—13]

¹ The Lord said to Samuel, ‘How long will you grieve over Saul? I have rejected him from being king over Israel. Fill your horn with oil and set out; I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons.’ ² Samuel said, ‘How can I go? If Saul hears of it, he will kill me.’ And the Lord said, ‘Take a heifer with you, and say, “I have come to sacrifice to the Lord.”’ ³ Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do; and you shall anoint for me the one whom I name to you.’ ⁴ Samuel did what the Lord commanded, and came to Bethlehem. The elders of the city came to meet him trembling, and said, ‘Do you come peaceably?’ ⁵ He said, ‘Peaceably; I have come to sacrifice to the Lord; sanctify yourselves and come with me to the sacrifice.’ And he sanctified Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice. ⁶ When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, ‘Surely the Lord’s anointed is now before the Lord.’ ⁷ But the Lord said to Samuel, ‘Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him; for the Lord does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the Lord looks on the heart.’ ⁸ Then Jesse called Abinadab, and made him pass before Samuel. He said, ‘Neither has the Lord chosen this one.’ ⁹ Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, ‘Neither has the Lord chosen this one.’ ¹⁰ Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel, and Samuel said to Jesse, ‘The Lord has not chosen any of these.’ ¹¹ Samuel said to Jesse, ‘Are all your sons here?’ And he said, ‘There remains yet the youngest, but he is keeping the sheep.’ And Samuel said to

Jesse, 'Send and bring him; for we will not sit down until he comes here.' ¹² He sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy, and had beautiful eyes, and was handsome. The Lord said, 'Rise and anoint him; for this is the one.' ¹³ Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the presence of his brothers; and the spirit of the Lord came mightily upon David from that day forward. Samuel then set out and went to Ramah.

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

Psalm 23 TiS 10

**ALL The Lord's my shepherd, I'll not want.
 He makes me down to lie
 in pastures green, he leadeth me
 the quiet waters by.**

**My soul he doth restore again;
and me to walk doth make
within the paths of righteousness,
ev'n for his own name's sake.**

**Yea, though I walk in death's dark vale,
yet will I fear no ill:
for thou art with me; and thy rod
and staff me comfort still.**

**My table thou hast furnishèd
in presence of my foes;
my head thou dost with oil anoint,
and my cup overflows.**

**Goodness and mercy all my life
shall surely follow me:
and in God's house for evermore
my dwelling-place shall be.**

Scottish Psalter 1650

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A Reading from Paul’s Letter to the Ephesians

[Ephesians 5: 8—14]

⁸ For once you were darkness, but now in the Lord you are light. Live as children of light—⁹ for the fruit of the light is found in all that is good and right and true. ¹⁰ Try to find out what is pleasing to the Lord. ¹¹ Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. ¹² For it is shameful even to mention what such people do secretly; ¹³ but everything exposed by the light becomes visible, ¹⁴ for everything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says, ‘Sleeper, awake! Rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you.’

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Please stand

Plainchant

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

Gospel Acclamation “I am the good shepherd,” says the Lord
“I know my sheep, and mine know me.”

A Reading from the Gospel of John

[John 9: 1—41]

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

¹ As he walked along, he saw a man blind from birth. ² His disciples asked him, ‘Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?’ ³ Jesus answered, ‘Neither this man nor his parents sinned; he was born blind so that God’s works might be revealed in him. ⁴ We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming when no one can work. ⁵ As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world.’ ⁶ When he had said this, he spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva and spread the mud on the man’s eyes, ⁷ saying to him, ‘Go, wash in the pool of Siloam’ (which means Sent). Then he went and washed and came back able to see. ⁸ The neighbours and those who had seen him before as a beggar began to ask, ‘Is this not the

man who used to sit and beg?’⁹ Some were saying, ‘It is he.’ Others were saying, ‘No, but it is someone like him.’ He kept saying, ‘I am the man.’¹⁰ But they kept asking him, ‘Then how were your eyes opened?’¹¹ He answered, ‘The man called Jesus made mud, spread it on my eyes, and said to me, “Go to Siloam and wash.” Then I went and washed and received my sight.’¹² They said to him, ‘Where is he?’ He said, ‘I do not know.’¹³ They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind.¹⁴ Now it was a sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes.¹⁵ Then the Pharisees also began to ask him how he had received his sight. He said to them, ‘He put mud on my eyes. Then I washed, and now I see.’¹⁶ Some of the Pharisees said, ‘This man is not from God, for he does not observe the sabbath.’ But others said, ‘How can a man who is a sinner perform such signs?’ And they were divided.¹⁷ So they said again to the blind man, ‘What do you say about him? It was your eyes he opened.’ He said, ‘He is a prophet.’¹⁸ The Jews did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight until they called the parents of the man who had received his sight¹⁹ and asked them, ‘Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?’²⁰ His parents answered, ‘We know that this is our son, and that he was born blind;²¹ but we do not know how it is that now he sees, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him; he is of age. He will speak for himself.’²² His parents said this because they were afraid of the Jews; for the Jews had already agreed that anyone who confessed Jesus to be the Messiah would be put out of the synagogue.²³ Therefore his parents said, ‘He is of age; ask him.’²⁴ So for the second time they called the man who had been blind, and they said to him, ‘Give glory to God! We know that this man is a sinner.’²⁵ He answered, ‘I do not know whether he is a sinner. One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see.’²⁶ They said to him, ‘What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?’²⁷ He answered them, ‘I have told you already, and you would not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you also want to become his disciples?’²⁸ Then they reviled him, saying, ‘You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses.²⁹ We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from.’³⁰ The man answered, ‘Here is an astonishing thing! You do not know where he comes from, and yet he opened my eyes.³¹ We know that God does not listen to sinners, but he does listen to one who worships him and obeys his will.³² Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a person born blind.³³ If this man

were not from God, he could do nothing.’³⁴ They answered him, ‘You were born entirely in sins, and are you trying to teach us?’ And they drove him out.³⁵ Jesus heard that they had driven him out, and when he found him, he said, ‘Do you believe in the Son of Man?’³⁶ He answered, ‘And who is he, sir? Tell me, so that I may believe in him.’³⁷ Jesus said to him, ‘You have seen him, and the one speaking with you is he.’³⁸ He said, ‘Lord, I believe.’ And he worshipped him.³⁹ Jesus said, ‘I came into this world for judgement so that those who do not see may see, and those who do see may become blind.’⁴⁰ Some of the Pharisees near him heard this and said to him, ‘Surely we are not blind, are we?’⁴¹ Jesus said to them, ‘If you were blind, you would not have sin. But now that you say, “We see”, your sin remains.

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

Offertory Hymn TiS 437

**Blessèd Jesus, at your word
we are gathered all to hear you;
let our hearts and minds be stirred
now to seek and love and fear you;
by your gospel pure and holy
teach us, Lord, to love you solely.**

**All our knowledge, sense and sight
lie in deepest darkness shrouded,
till your Spirit breaks our night
with your beams of truth unclouded;
you alone to God can win us,
only you work good within us.**

**Glorious Lord, yourself impart,
light of light from God proceeding,
open lips and ears and heart,
help us by your Spirit’s leading;
hear the cry your church now raises,
Lord, accept our prayers and praises.**

*Tobias Clausnitzer 1619 = 84
Tr. Catherine Winkworth 1827—78 alt.
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Recessional Hymn TiS 599

**Take my life, and let it be
consecrated, Lord, to thee
Take my moments and my days,
let them flow in ceaseless praise.**

**Take my hands, and let them move
at the impulse of thy love.
Take my feet, and let them be
swift and beautiful for thee.**

**Take my voice and let me sing
always, only, for my King.
Take my lips, and let them be
filled with messages from thee.**

**Take my silver and my gold,
nothing, Lord, would I withhold.
Take my intellect, and use
every power as thou shall choose.**

**Take my will and make it thine,
it shall be no longer mine.
Take my heart, it is thine own;
it shall be thy royal throne.**

**Take my love, my Lord, I pour
at the feet its treasure-store.
Take myself, and I will be
ever, only, all for thee.**

*Frances Ridley Havergal
1836 – 79 alt.*

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