



Third Sunday in Lent

20 March, 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 756**
and Hymns 10 am Service only]

We welcome
Rev. Dr. Garry Deverell
as our Locum for today

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The Collect

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Today's Ministries

8 am	Reader	B. Loh
10 am	Reader	J. Barrat
	Cantor	J. Barrat
	Intercessor	W. Andrews
	Welcome /	J. Haigh
	Offertory	P. Dalrymple
	Morning Tea	L. McBeth
		E. Comeadow



Diary for the Week

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Wednesday 23 March, 2022

No Wednesday Service until 30 March.

Thursday 24 March

7.30 pm **Choir Practice**

Sunday 27 March —Live streamed

Fourth Sunday in Lent

8 am Holy Communion

10 am Family Eucharist

Readings 27 March

Joshua 5: 2—12

Psalm 32

2 Corinthians 5: 16—21

Luke 15: 11—32

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Intercessions

For the church:

La Iglesia Anglicana de Mexico; The Diocese of Bendigo; Tintern Grammar;
St Mark's Fitzroy.

For those who face challenges in daily living:

Lesley Whitehead, Gaye Loughrey.

Departed

Wilfred Gray, Maxwell Fernando, Patricia Wright.



Jesus talks about we are to bear fruit through the parable of the barren fig tree. The owner of the fig tree complains to his gardener that the tree is barren and has not borne fruit in three years. He wants to cut it down so that the soil is not wasted. However, his gardener asks for one more year in which the gardener will tend it with special care. Jesus, the gardener of our souls, wants us to live fruitful lives.

- Lord, on the day of Resurrection Mary Magdalene mistook you for a gardener; come, I pray you, into my soul and nourish it, that I may bear fruit for you.
- Give thanks for the work and witness of the Church of the Province of South East Asia.

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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.
- Check in is not mandatory for people attending church services. However you must check into St Oswald's using the QR Code poster if you are eating or drinking (this includes breakfast or morning tea after services).
- Mask wearing is not mandatory in a church setting except for people serving food and drinks. However you may prefer to wear a mask. Covid-19 is not over, and you will have heard Government announcements that mask wearing is still required in public transport, hospitals and aged care facilities.
- Refreshments before or after services are for fully vaccinated people. There is no density limit for food and drink. People serving refreshments after services or at catered functions must wear masks. Self-service food is discouraged.

Men of Glenburton

The next MOG meeting will be on **Wednesday 30 March** commencing at **7:30pm**. The speaker will be our ward Councillor Garry Thompson. During his recent term as Mayor, Garry played a major role in getting strategies on climate change and reconciliation in place. The meeting will be held in the church at St Oswald's. Any parishioners or friends would be most welcome. Please advise Dick Adams at rcadams@westnet.com.au or on 0408798128 if you would like to join us

Please stand

Opening Hymn TiS 550

**Our Father, God in heaven above,
we are your family through your love.
Your name be hallowed: help us Lord,
to keep in purity your word.
Your kingdom come: yours let it be
in time, and through eternity.**

**And may your will on earth be done
as it is done before your throne.
Curb flesh and blood and every ill
that sets itself against your will.
Give us this day our daily bread,
whatever for this life we need.**

**Forgive us all our sins, we pray;
take all their burdening guild away,
as we the sins of those forgive
who us by their offences grieve.
When testing comes on every hand,
Lord, give us strength that we may stand.**

**Deliver us from evil days;
throughout our lives, protect our ways,
And when we die, grant calm release,
and take us home to you in peace.
Thus in your name and at your word
we say: Amen, O hear us Lord.**

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Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
Blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever.

Greeting The Lord be with you.
 And also with you.

Opening Sentence

‘As the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts,’ says the Lord. *Isaiah 55.9*

Prayer of Preparation

**Almighty God
to whom all hearts are open,
all desires known,
and from whom no secrets are hidden:
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love you,
and worthily magnify your holy name,
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Collect **Living Mystery,
Whose way is not ours,
Whose name cannot be bought or sold:
Lead us from
Justice without compassion
And sacrifice without mercy
To a love which nurtures
and grace without price;
through Jesus Christ, the true Bread. Amen.**

A Reading from the Prophet Isaiah [Isaiah 55: 1—9]

¹ Ho, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and you that have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price.
² Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labour for that which does not satisfy? Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. ³ Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live. I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David. ⁴ See, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples. ⁵ See, you shall call nations that you do not know, and nations that do

not know you shall run to you, because of the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you. ⁶ Seek the Lord while he may be found, call upon him while he is near; ⁷ let the wicked forsake their way, and the unrighteous their thoughts; let them return to the Lord, that he may have mercy on them, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. ⁸ For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the Lord. ⁹ For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.

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

Psalm 63: 1—9



Andrew Moore

My soul is a-thirst for you as in a dry and thirs - ty land.

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Cantor:

¹ O God, you are my God, eagerly I seek you;
my soul is athirst for you.

² My flesh also faints for you,
as in the dry and thirsty land where there is no water.

³ So would I gaze upon you in your holy place,
that I might behold your power and your glory. **R**

⁴ Your loving-kindness is better than life itself
and so my lips shall praise you.

⁵ I will bless you as long as I live
and lift up my hands in your name.

⁶ My soul shall be satisfied, as with marrow and fatness,
and my mouth shall praise you with joyful lips, **R**

⁷ When I remember you upon my bed
and meditate on you in the watches of the night.

⁸ For you have been my helper
and under the shadow of your wings will I rejoice.

⁹ My soul clings to you;
your right hand shall hold me fast. **R**


A Reading from Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians [1 Corinthians 10: 1—13]

¹ I do not want you to be unaware, brothers and sisters, that our ancestors were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, ² and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, ³ and all ate the same spiritual food, ⁴ and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual rock that followed them, and the rock was Christ. ⁵ Nevertheless, God was not pleased with most of them, and they were struck down in the wilderness. ⁶ Now these things occurred as examples for us, so that we might not desire evil as they did. ⁷ Do not become idolaters as some of them did; as it is written, 'The people sat down to eat and drink, and they rose up to play.' ⁸ We must not indulge in sexual immorality as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in a single day. ⁹ We must not put Christ to the test, as some of them did, and were destroyed by serpents. ¹⁰ And do not complain as some of them did, and were destroyed by the destroyer. ¹¹ These things happened to them to serve as an example, and they were written down to instruct us, on whom the ends of the ages have come. ¹² So if you think you are standing, watch out that you do not fall. ¹³ No testing has overtaken you that is not common to everyone. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tested beyond your strength, but with the testing he will also provide the way out so that you may be able to endure it.

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

Please stand

Colin Mawby



Praise to you, O Christ, King of e - ter - nal glo - ry

The image shows a single line of musical notation on a five-line staff. It begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp (F#), and a time signature of 4/4. The melody consists of quarter and eighth notes, with a fermata over the final note. The lyrics are written below the staff.

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Gospel Acclamation

Repent, says the Lord;
The Kingdom of heaven is at hand.

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

¹ At that very time there were some present who told him about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. ² He asked them, ‘Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans? ³ No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did. ⁴ Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them—do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others living in Jerusalem? ⁵ No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish just as they did.’ ⁶ Then he told this parable: ‘A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. ⁷ So he said to the gardener, “See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?” ⁸ He replied, “Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig round it and put manure on it. ⁹ If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.”’

For the Gospel of the Lord
Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ

Please sit

Sermon

Please stand

The Creed

Let us together affirm the faith of the Church.

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light
true God from true God,**

**begotten, not made,
of one being with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary
and became truly human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son
is worshipped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the
 forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

Prayers of the People

Please sit or kneel

Let us pray for the world and for the Church.

Prayer Responses

Lord, in your mercy,
 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 grace receive,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Please stand

Invitation to Confession

God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy, welcoming sinners and inviting them to the Lord's table.

Let us confess our sins in penitence and faith, confident in God's forgiveness.

Confession

**Merciful God,
our maker and our judge,
we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
and in what we have failed to do:
we have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves;
we repent, and are sorry for all our sins.
Father, forgive us.
Strengthen us to love and obey you
in newness of life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

***Trisagion* Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal
have mercy on us.**

Absolution

Almighty God,
who has promised forgiveness to all who turn to him in faith:
pardon you and set you free from all your sins,
strengthen you in all goodness
and keep you in eternal life,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Greeting of Peace

We are the body of Christ.

His Spirit is with us.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

Offertory Hymn TiS 647

Refrain

***Comfort, comfort all my people
with the comfort of my Word.
Speak it tender to my people:
all your sins are taken away.***

**Though your tears be rivers running,
though your tears be an ocean full,
though you cry with the hurt of living:
comfort, comfort.**

**Every valley shall be lifted,
every mountain shall be low,
every rough place with be smoother:
comfort, comfort,**

Refrain

**Though your eyes see only darkness,
though your eyes can see no light,
though your eyes see pain and sorrow:
comfort, comfort.**

**Every night will have its morning.
every pain will have an end,
every burden will be lightened:
comfort, comfort.**

Refrain

*Robin Mann 1949 –
inspired by Isaiah 40*

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Offertory Prayer

**Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation.
Through your goodness
we have these gifts of bread and wine to share.
Accept and use our offerings for your glory
and for the service of your kingdom.
Blessed be God for ever.**

The Great Thanksgiving 2

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right to praise you, faithful God,
Always and everywhere,
for with your only begotten Son
and life-giving Spirit,
you are the one true God from everlasting to everlasting

At the dawn of time you wrought from nothing
a universe of beauty and splendour,
bringing light from darkness
and order from chaos.

You formed us in your image,
and endowed us with creative power.

We turned away from you but you did not abandon us.
You call us by name and searched us out,
making a covenant of mercy,
giving the law, and teaching justice by the prophets.

And so we praise you,
joining with your faithful people of every time and place,

singing the eternal song:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

**[Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.]**

When the fullness of time was come,
you sent your Son to be born of Mary.
Bright image of your glory,
he learnt obedience to you in all things,
even to death on a cross,
breaking the power of evil,
freeing us from sin, and putting death to flight.

You raised him from death,
exalting him to glory,
and the new day dawned.

On the night he was betrayed
your son Jesus Christ shared food with his friends,
his companions on the way.

While at table he took bread,
blessed, and broke it,
and giving it to them said:
'Take, eat; this is my body.'

He took a cup of wine,
and, giving thanks, he gave it to them, and said,
'This is my blood of the covenant,
which is poured out for many.
Do this in remembrance of me.'

Let us proclaim the Mystery of Faith

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Therefore, living God, as we obey his command,
we remember his life of obedience to you,
his suffering and death,
his resurrection and exaltation,
and his promise to be with us for ever.
With this bread and this cup
we celebrate his saving death until he comes.

Accept, we pray, our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving.
and send your Holy Spirit upon us and our celebration
that all who eat and drink at this table
may be strengthened by Christ's body and blood
to serve you in the world.

As one body and one holy people,
may we proclaim the everlasting gospel
of Jesus Christ our Lord.
through whom, with whom, and in whom,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all glory is yours, eternal God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

**Blessing and honour and glory and power
are yours for ever and ever. Amen.**

As our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are confident to pray,

**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 for ever. Amen.**

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

We who are many are one body

for we all share in the one bread.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us;

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us;

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, grant us your peace.

[The gifts of God for the people of God.]

Come let us take this holy sacrament of the body and blood of Christ in remembrance that he died for us, and feed on him in our hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

The people come forward to receive Holy Communion

The sacrament is given with the following words, after which the communicant responds **Amen.**

The body of Christ the bread of heaven keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

The blood of Christ the cup of salvation keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

After Communion

THE SENDING OUT OF GOD'S PEOPLE

God of mercy,

may we who have shared in this holy meal

know your forgiveness in our lives,

bring your reconciliation to others,

and be a sign of your wholeness in this broken world.

Most loving God,

you send us into the world you love.

Give us grace to go thankfully and with courage

in the power of your Spirit.

Final Hymn TIS 463

**May this Lenten discipline,
which we undertake with love,
turn our minds to things above.**

**Sin has sundered us from God,
selfish we have grown and cold,
foolish were the ways we trod,
evil habits keep their hold.**

**Now we fast that we may feast
where the Lord of Life presides;
may our hunger be increased
for the bread which he provides.**

**As we keep this Lent with prayer
and from pleasures are withdrawn,
minds and bodies we prepare
for the joy of Easter dawn.**

Clifford George Taylor

1915 – 94

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Dismissal

Christ our Saviour draw you to himself,
that you may find in him crucified
a sure ground for faith,
a firm support for hope,
and the assurance of sin forgiven.

and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be upon you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

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