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"If God is for us, who is against us?" (Rom 8:31)

Trinity Sunday
7th June 2020

***A Year to challenge violence, injustice & oppression, and work for peace
and reconciliation***

Welcome to St Paul's Church in this time! We acknowledge the Wathaurung people, the traditional custodians of this land. We gather in prayer from where ever we are. If you have found this order of service and are using it, please feel free to make yourself known. Contact details are on the last page.



Worship 9.30am [Zoom] *Contact Sister Elisa to be included via St Paul's email or phone number. See back page.*

Dear people of St Paul's,

In this time of separation from our church gatherings, we can affirm and encourage each other in prayer. We can also join in worship at our regular times using this form of prayer which is from the Anglican Churches Liturgy. We will use it on Sunday with our Zoom services but if this is not possible for you, then join us at 9.30 am in spirit.

You can use it on your own or with others around you. You may use all of it or a part of it as suits you. If you have some lovely recorded music which feeds your faith, then add that to the mix also.

Further, I suggest you create a prayer space, in it you could have a candle, a cross and /or a picture, none of these are essential, but may be a help for prayer.

Finally, I pray that this difficult season may be one which, despite hardship, enriches and strengthens your faith.

Every blessing

Sr Elisa

When all are gathered, the presider begins:

In the name of God: Father, + Son and Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

SCRIPTURE SENTENCE Proclaim the Name: The Lord, the Lord, a God who is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness." Exodus 34.6

Prayer of preparation

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, and 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.

The Penitential Rite

‘Hear O Israel, the Lord our God, the Lord is one; you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your mind, and with all your strength.’ Jesus said: ‘This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it: you shall love your neighbour as yourself’.

Silence to reflect.

Let us therefore bring our sins to the one true God, in penitence and faith.

**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.

Words of Assurance/ *absolution*

If anyone sins, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. He is the perfect offering for our sins, and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world. 1 John 2: 1-2

COLLECT OF THE DAY: *(pause for silent prayer)* Almighty and everlasting God, you have given to us your servants grace by the confession of a true faith to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity, and in the power of the divine majesty to worship the Unity: keep us steadfast in this faith, and evermore defend us from all adversities, for you live and reign, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen**

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING Exodus 34.1-8

A reading from the book of Exodus

The LORD said to Moses, “Cut two tablets of stone like the former ones, and I will write on the tablets the words that were on the former tablets, which you broke. ² Be ready in the morning, and come up in the morning to Mount Sinai and present yourself there to me, on the top of the mountain. ³ No one shall come up with you, and do not let anyone be seen throughout all the mountain; and do not let flocks or herds graze in front of that mountain.” ⁴ So Moses cut two tablets of stone like the former ones; and he rose early in the morning and went up on Mount Sinai, as the LORD had commanded him, and took in his hand the two tablets of stone. ⁵ The LORD descended in the cloud and stood with him there, and proclaimed the name, “The LORD.” ⁶ The LORD passed before him, and proclaimed,

“The LORD, the LORD,
a God merciful and gracious,
slow to anger,
and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness,
⁷ keeping steadfast love for the thousandth generation,
forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin,
yet by no means clearing the guilty,
but visiting the iniquity of the parents
upon the children
and the children’s children,
to the third and the fourth generation.”

⁸ And Moses quickly bowed his head toward the earth, and worshipped.

This is the Word of the Lord **thanks be to God**

PSALM Song of the Three

Blessed are you, the God of our forebears: worthy to be praised and exalted for ever.

Blessed is your holy and glorious name: worthy to be praised and exalted for ever.

Blessed are you, glorious in your holy temple: worthy to be praised and exalted for ever.

Blessed are you who behold the depths: worthy to be praised and exalted for ever.

Blessed are you on the throne of your kingdom: worthy to be praised and exalted for ever.

Blessed are you in the heights of heaven: worthy to be praised and exalted for ever.

SECOND READING 2 Corinthians 13.11-13

A reading from the second letter of Paul to the Corinthians

¹¹ Finally, brothers and sisters, farewell. Put things in order, listen to my appeal,¹ agree with one another, live in peace; and the God of love and peace will be with you. ¹² Greet one another with a holy kiss. All the saints greet you.

¹³ The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with all of you.

This is the Word of the Lord **thanks be to God**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Alleluia, alleluia! Glory to the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit: to God who is, who was, and who is to come.
Alleluia, alleluia!

GOSPEL Matthew 28.16-20

The gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew

+ Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ

¹⁶ Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. ¹⁷ When they saw him, they worshipped him; but some doubted. ¹⁸ And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹ Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰ and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

For the Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ

Reflection - Sr Elisa

Trinity Sunday

The Blessed Trinity makes no sense!

It makes no sense unless you are a Christian.

Even then, there are no words which can do it justice.

Why is this?

I am certain there is much more, but I have been considering three things.

1. God is beyond human comprehension.
2. God is a God who is love both internally and in his outward expression of creation, thus God made us and loves us and wants to have a relationship with us. Not only us... but with everything God has created.

3. God has facilitated a renewal of this intended relationship through breaking through all the boundaries of life and entered our world.

So, let us go back to the first point. The understanding of God described as the Holy Trinity, means that God is beyond human comprehension. To encounter God, Moses had to enter the cloud. A cloud hides the reality of what is present within it.

Again, with Jesus on the mountain after the resurrection and before his ascension, the disciples both worshipped and doubted. Doubt is not a lack of faith; it is not understanding and not being able to see.

The God who created the universe, in a biblical worldview, is intimately part of and connected with all of creation, but also much more than creation. We are bounded and limited by creation itself, and God is bounded by nothing other than Godself, which includes creation. God is present and his Spirit breathes within the life of creation, but God is more than creation. Thus, Scripture begins with creation, because that is where we first encounter the reality of the mystery and the wonder of God, who created all that is, both the known and the unknown.

Secondly God is a God of love, both within Godself and in God's outward expression of creation. To love implies relationship. There is an inner relationship within the divine which is passed on into the creation itself. In Genesis 1: 26 we hear God say, "let us make humankind in our own image, in our likeness", and then it goes on to say in verse 27, 'male and female, God created them'. The whole thing is in the plural, and thus we see that God is one but has an internal relationship or community within. This unity of community

in love, works together and joyfully in its creative dynamic, and the world into which we are born, is the fruit of it.

Again Genesis makes it clear, that God desires to be in relationship with his creation through a living communal relationship with human beings and so in Genesis chapter 2 we hear of the man and the woman, prior to the fall, walking in the garden in the cool of the evening talking to God and totally naked. Two things, first the intimate connection between God and the man and woman communing in the garden, this is what they were made for.

Secondly, the nakedness of the man and woman, implies there was nothing hidden between them, they were both physically and interiorly an open book to each other and to God. So, there were no complications caused by sin or divisions or brokenness affecting their relationship. And this is what God wanted. This is what God wants and longs for but with the fall through sin and disobedience to God, all this beauty became deeply broken and divided.

And this is where the deepest miracle and the proof of God's love occurred. God started to push through human rejection and division. In the beginning in small ways- placing a mark on Cain after he killed his brother to protect him within the world from the full and terrifying consequences of his action. Noah was given the opportunity to provide a renewal of creation through the flood and the covenant made with him by God. Joseph, despite his brothers betrayal, saved his family from drought through the grace of God by taking them to Egypt; and Moses liberated the people from Egypt and became a great prophet and received the law of God on the stone tablets at Sinai. So, it went on throughout all the events of

Israel's history, through the Law, through the Exile, through the Prophets, the Kings, and the temple, God kept reaching out and calling people back into relationship with himself.

In the end God went further than we could ever imagine, which was one of the problems. I mean we could never imagine that God could or would break through the barrier between the divine and God's own creation. But it happened. God became a human, God took on material life itself, and became one with us. The divine became created matter in the form of human flesh in order to facilitate a renewal of relationship between God and his creation.

Thus, Jesus was born-

In the beginning was the word and the word became flesh and dwelt among us full of grace and truth. [John 1]. This is powerfully Good News. God became one with us in order to enable us to be one with God.

And now we begin to have a knowledge of God, which has led us to name God as Trinity. Through knowing the stories of Jesus' life and entering a living relationship which enables us to know deeply, through Jesus, the great forgiveness of God. A forgiveness which looks at us and loves us despite our brokenness and separation.

And finally, this relationship is taken to a new level, when Jesus-named the Son of God, died on the cross and then rose from the dead and departed this world to re-enter his divine place within the Trinity. Somewhere, in this encounter the Holy Spirit which is the love of God poured into the world is given to us in our faith and in our baptism that we may continue to live the life of God as revealed

through Jesus, in our flesh and bones-despite our brokenness or even through it and beyond it. Thus, as St John puts it, Jesus abides in us through the power of his Spirit flowing in and through us.

And so, as we look today at the end of Matthew's Gospel, the energy of it reflects the love and energy of God. It affirms God's love and relationship with the disciples, who are so overcome by the reality they are experiencing that all they can do is worship and doubt. They are also assured of Christ's presence with them forever, and his authority over all of creation and promised that there will be a time when Jesus, the Christ returns to bring the fulfillment of all creation and the promises of God. Then, the disciples are not told to go home and welcome people into their place, so much as to be like Christ, to break through the barriers of the world, being the love and presence of God, where ever they are and taking the Gospel out into the world teaching people to love and obey and baptising them in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.

Thus, as followers of Christ, we live in a relationship with Jesus Christ as family, and we move into the world bearing God's love and grace, so that everyone everywhere can come to that place of worship and love. Like Christ, who came and lived among us, we are to live among those to whom we are sent. We are to be the bearers of God's love, a love which is compassionate, meaning it finds its belonging among those it is sent to be with. It is a love which through this compassion lifts the poor, the broken and the lonely into a healing relationship with God. It is a love which leaves its own comfort and place and enters the world. It is a love which forms a

community which reflects the life and love of God in every place it exists.

This is a high vocation, which as individuals we cannot achieve on our own, we need a living relationship empowered by the Trinitarian God, revealed to us by the Father through the Son in flowing through us through the fullness of the Holy Spirit and breathing new life and love into us. **Amen.**

Silence for reflection.

*I ask you now to affirm your faith in God the Trinity,
as the faith of the Church.*

Do you believe in God the Father?

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe in God the Son?

**I believe in Jesus Christ,
God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father;
from there he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,**

**the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

This is the faith of the church.

This is our faith:

We believe in One God:

Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Let us pray for the world and for the church.

Our intercessions today centre around the theme of community.

Let us pray.

Holy Friend, for that small community we call our family, with its strengths that nurture or its faults that hurt and inhibit its unity, we ask for a special blessing.

Three-person'd God, join together your separated children.

Holy Friend, for that community we call the church universal, with its many loves and its numerous failures and even its scandals, we ask for a special blessing.

Three-person'd God, join together your separated children.

Holy Friend, for that community we call our circle of friends, with its times of harmony and mutual joy and its incidents of misunderstanding or neglect, we ask a special blessing.

Three-person'd God, join together your separated children.

Holy Friend, for those communities we call health centres, and hospitals and hospices for the dying, with their skill and compassion yet also their pride and folly, we ask a special blessing.

Three-person'd God, join together your separated children.

Holy Friend, for those communities we call schools and universities, where much knowledge is imparted but love is not on the syllabus, we ask your special blessing.

Three-person'd God, join together your separated children.

Holy Friend, for that multi-ethnic community called our nation, with virtues that make us proud to be Australian. yet also with its prejudices and hurtful ways, we ask a special blessing.

Three-person'd God, join together your separated children.

Holy Friend, for that teeming community we call the world, rich with achievements for the good of all yet riven by greed, hatred, intolerance, injustice, arrogance, and war, we ask a special blessing.

Three-person'd God, join together your separated children.

Holy Father, thank you for sending your true Child Jesus to reconcile all things. By your Holy Spirit incite all people of faith and goodwill to strive untiringly for that communal harmony where the value of no one is denigrated, and where the gifts and successes of each person are celebrated with unstinted gratitude and joy. For your name's sake.

Amen. *Bruce Prewer.*

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.

GREETING OF PEACE

God is love and those who live in love live in God
and God lives in them.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you. Amen.

[We wave to each other as a sign of peace]

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Offertory Prayer

O loving God, in union with Christian people throughout the world and across the centuries gathered to make Thanksgiving, hearing your holy Word and receiving the Precious Body and Blood of your dear Son, we offer you praise and thanksgiving. Even though we are dispersed from tasting the Bread of Heaven and drinking the Cup of Salvation we pray that you will unite us with all the baptised and with your Son who gave his life for us. **Amen.**

The Eucharistic Prayer

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.

The preface continues...forever praising you and singing:

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.

The Eucharistic prayer continues...

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

The prayer concludes with ...in songs of never ending praise:

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 forever.
Amen.**

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD AND THE COMMUNION

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.
We who are many are one body in Christ,
for we all share in the one bread.

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,
have mercy upon us
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,
have mercy upon 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.

The body of Christ broken for you.
The blood of Christ poured out for you.

Prayer after Communion...

Almighty and eternal God, may we who have participated in this sacrament worship you in all we do, proclaim your word to all the world, and live in the power of your Spirit.

Father **we offer ourselves to you as a living sacrifice through Jesus Christ our Lord. Send us out in the power of your spirit, to live and work to your praise and glory, Amen.**

THE BLESSING

God the Holy Trinity make you strong in faith and love, defend you on every side, and guide you in all truth and peace;
and the blessing ...

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

Readings for next Sunday Genesis 18.1-15, Psalm 116.1-2, 11-18, Romans 5.1-11, Matthew 9.35-10.8

Diary for the next week

- 5pm. Tuesday Evening: Zoom Evening Prayer with focus on prayer for Covid19 & our Diocese. All welcome to join us.
- 5.30pm Wednesday: Zoom discussion re Bible Reading challenge.
- 10.30am. Thursdays. Cuppa and chat on Zoom – bring your own cuppa and join us.

Ministry Development Committee: Bible Reading Challenge for June.



An excellent resource, based around the Gospel reading for each day in June is now available. Sr Elisa will forward a copy via email next week. If any would like a full printed hard copy then please let Sr Elisa know ASAP.

We will have meetings on Wednesdays 5.30pm over June to reflect on the readings and questions. This will be our Bible Study for June.



Celebrating volunteers

Teach us, good Lord, to serve you as you deserve, to give and not to count the cost,
to fight and not to heed the wounds, to toil and not to seek for rest,
to labour and not to ask for any reward, save that of knowing that we do your will. Amen. The Prayer of St Ignatius of Loyola

We celebrate wholeheartedly our volunteer fire fighters this year. They epitomise the noble quality of free will giving. It is a felt pride Australians

have in the volunteer op shop worker, school canteen staff and sausage sizzle band. It was an identifiable trait even in 1891: “The voluntary system ... is almost universal in Australia”. St Ignatius’ prayer is one expression of Jesus’ call to discipleship, ‘Take up your cross and follow me’. It’s your choice, it’s voluntary, it’s born of love of God and love of others.

A generous person will be enriched, and one who gives water will get water. Proverbs 11:25

In Iraq, where there are no official care or support systems, Mothers’ Union members choose of their own free will and with Christian love, to volunteer their practical outreach work. In Jesus’ name, we thank them.

ANGLICARE

Items which are currently required for the Emergency Relief program are: tissues, toilet paper, pasta sauce, long life milk and any other long life food items. Please feel free to drop them in to Anglicare during opening hours. Anglicare staff have expressed thanks for the items already donated which, they say, are making a huge difference in their ability to assist those in need.

PLANT SALE

Gardening tips for our Plant Sale –

Date for our upcoming plant sale is Saturday 11th July 10 am - 12noon. Plans are in place for a pop up plant sale in the church carpark, with plants brought in on trailers, which allows plenty of space between plants. Time to tidy up any plants that you may ready for sale. More details next week.

BOOKS -a great time to sort out the bookcase for our book stall in November--and tell family and friends, can be collected later when we are able to get out and about.

SHEEP POO is for sale in \$1 & \$2 bags contact Avis - mob 0408 801 192, Noella 0418 501 382, or Deirdre 0408 433 481 to order.

METAL COLLECTION

Metals can now be taken to the Kings Marine Stores Scrap Metal Dealers but there are new regulations to follow.

The Depot in Skipton Street will only accept batteries, lead, copper, stainless steel, brass, aluminium.

The Depot in Hammer Court -off Coronet St, will only accept steel and white goods. There is a weigh bridge at this place.

When delivering metal tell them you are from St Pauls and they will give you a receipt for value of metal. pass this onto a member of the parish council / fundraising committee

Trading hours at both Depots are Mon - Friday 8am - 4,30pm, Sat 8am - 12 noon

At the end of June the total amount of money raised will be banked into the church account which should balance with the receipts.

If you require assistance with getting the metal to a depot please contact Noella 0418 501 382

BISHOP'S ANGLICARE APPEAL

This year's appeal will be directed toward youth engagement programs for youth across Western Victoria, the Community Breakfast Program based at Ballarat and for parish partnership grants for parishes in the Diocese of Ballarat. If you wish to make a donation the details are:

Account Name: Anglican Careforce Ballarat Bishops Appeal Account BSB: 633-000 Account: 158 418 194.

Alternatively you can specify where you would like your donation to go. For more information please contact Geoff Ryan on 0418628077 or geoff.ryan@anglicarevic.org.au or talk to one of the Ballarat Diocese Steering Committee: Bishop Garry, Marilyn Woodward, Kaye Hanks, Lynette Moore, Robyn Pierce, Heather Scott, Phoebe Nagle, Rosey Bell, Violet Cotsell, Chris Wells, Bill Wood, Constantine Osuchukwu, Geoff Ryan.

PRAYER REQUESTS AND REMEMBRANCES

Margaret, Keith, Bert, Mandy, Joyce, Jean, Carmel, Hazel, Heather, Ann, Stephanie, Tamara, Andrew, Aaron, Sue, Vera, Jenny, Jan, Fr Peter, Seth, Corey, Gillian, Pauline.

Those who are sick with Covid19. Governments, Medical personnel and Researchers working for our well-being and cure in this time.

YEARS MIND: Philip Hewetson, George Blythen (7), Oliver Mark, Jack Fellows, Herbert Reams, Joy Amor, Charles Phillips, Margaret Jane (8) George Anderson, Rinoldo Gordon, Arthur Coffield, Anthony Burns, Janet Milner, Bertie Lunnon, Maude Worladge, Geoffrey Saunders, William Sawyer, Baby Pinney, Ernest Sing, Richard Foxell (9) Alfred Deveson, Ames Daws, Thomas Brownlow, William Cox, John Moore, Amelia Dow, William Fleet (10), Margaret Clayton, Alice Barclay, Charles Trahar, Evelyn Lay(11) William Hudson, Ian Sutherland, Joan Smith, Frank Phillips, James Humphreys, John Bailey (12) Nick Stathis, Ivy Johnston, Vera Hornby, Albert Stevens, Minnie Trevor, Ernest Praetz, Ann Elsworth (13)



BIRTHDAYS JUNE 2020

5th Alan Glasson

14th Ivor Harris

16th Mike Robins

21st Ruthie Meadows

26th Simon Stewart

27th Bettina Harlos

28th Stan Kneeshaw

30th Graham Werner

CONGRATULATIONS

To Alan Glasson, who celebrated his 90th birthday on Friday

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