ANGLICAN CHURCH OF AUSTRALIA DIOCESE OF BALLARAT ST PAUL'S - BAKERY HILL



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

Second Sunday after Pentecost – 14th June 2020

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

Welcome to St Paul's! We acknowledge the Wathaurung people, the traditional custodians of this land. We gather in prayer 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

The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few; ask therefore the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into his harvest. Matthew 9.37-38

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*) All-powerful God, in Jesus Christ you turned death into life, and defeat into victory: increase our faith and trust in him, that we may triumph over evil, in the strength of the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen**

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING Genesis 18.1-15

A reading from the book of Genesis

The LORD appeared to Abraham by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the entrance of his tent in the heat of the day. ² He looked up and saw three men standing near him. When he saw them, he ran from the tent entrance to meet them, and bowed down to the ground. ³ He said, "My lord, if I find favour with you, do not pass by your servant. ⁴ Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree. ⁵ Let me bring a little bread, that you may refresh yourselves, and after that you may pass on—since you have come to your servant." So they said, "Do as you have said." ⁶ And Abraham hastened into the tent to Sarah, and said, "Make ready quickly three measures of choice flour, knead it, and make cakes." ⁷ Abraham ran to the herd, and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to the servant, who hastened to prepare it. ⁸ Then he took curds and milk and the calf that he had prepared, and set it before them; and he stood by them under the tree while they ate.

⁹ They said to him, "Where is your wife Sarah?" And he said, "There, in the tent." ¹⁰ Then one said, "I will surely return to you in due season, and your wife Sarah shall have a son." And Sarah was listening at the tent entrance behind him. ¹¹ Now Abraham and Sarah were old, advanced in age; it had ceased to be with Sarah after the manner of women. ¹² So Sarah laughed to herself, saying, "After I have grown old, and my husband is old, shall I have pleasure?" ¹³ The LORD said to Abraham, "Why did Sarah laugh, and say, 'Shall I indeed bear a child, now that I am old?' ¹⁴ Is anything too wonderful for the LORD? At the set time I will return to you, in due season, and Sarah shall have a son." ¹⁵ But Sarah denied, saying, "I did not laugh"; for she was afraid. He said, "Oh yes, you did laugh.

This is the Word of the Lord thanks be to God

4

PSALM 116.1-2, 12-14, 16-18

- ¹I love the LORD, because he has heard my voice and my supplications.
- ² Because he inclined his ear to me, therefore I will call on him as long as I live.
- ¹² What shall I return to the LORD for all his bounty to me?
- ¹³ I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the LORD,
- ¹⁴ I will pay my vows to the LORD in the presence of all his people.
- ¹⁶ O LORD, I am your servant;
 I am your servant, the child of your serving girl.
 You have loosed my bonds.
- ¹⁷ I will offer to you a thanksgiving sacrifice and call on the name of the LORD.
- ¹⁸ I will pay my vows to the LORD in the presence of all his people.

SECOND READING Romans 5.1-5

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans

Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, ² through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. ³ And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, ⁴ and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, ⁵ and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us. This is the Word of the Lord **thanks be to God** **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Alleluia, alleluia!** I am the living bread from heaven, says the Lord; whoever eats this bread will live for ever. **Alleluia, alleluia!**

GOSPEL Matthew 9.35-10.8

The gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew + Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ

³⁵ Then Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom, and curing every disease and every sickness. ³⁶ When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. ³⁷ Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few; ³⁸ therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into his harvest."

Then Jesus summoned his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to cure every disease and every sickness. ² These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon, also known as Peter, and his brother Andrew; James son of Zebedee, and his brother John; ³ Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; ⁴ Simon the Cananaean, and Judas Iscariot, the one who betrayed him.

⁵ These twelve Jesus sent out with the following instructions: "Go nowhere among the Gentiles, and enter no town of the Samaritans, ⁶ but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. ⁷ As you go, proclaim the good news, 'The kingdom of heaven has come near.' ⁸ Cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, cast out demons. You received without payment; give without payment.

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

Reflection - Sr Elisa

Since this Covid19 has started there has been a new group on Facebook called the Kindness Pandemic. It is a site where people share stories of how others have been good to them. Many of the stories are remarkable but they are stories of people just like you and me. I think they reflect what Jesus is teaching his disciples to be. That is his agents of compassion in the world. Here's one story:

> A woman filled her car with \$40 petrol before she read a sign that said cash only, no credit card. She only had her phone with Apple Pay on it and \$10. She went into the servo and apologised to the owner and began to leave her details with them so that she could go home and pick up some cash. Another lady overheard the conversation and asked if she could pay for the petrol. The first woman tried to resist, but the second said she had had a really hard day and wanted to do something good for someone. She paid the \$30. Then the first woman asked if she would like to tell her what had happened. It turned out her grandmother had had a fall and broken her hip and was in hospital. All the first woman could do was promise to pray for them.

Most of Matthew's teaching discourses are directed to his disciples or apostles, but always as he does this, he has the crowd within view. So, for example the 'Sermon on the Mount': there is a great crowd gathered to hear and see Jesus, and so he calls his disciples to him and begins to teach them beginning with the beatitudes We see this pattern repeated in our passage today.

7

³⁶ When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. ³⁷ Then he said to his disciples, ...

He had compassion for them. His calling and teaching his disciples comes from his compassion for the people.

Today Jesus is beginning to teach his disciples about the mission of his community. It is important as we consider our mission [as his 21st Century disciples], to reflect on this starting point. So, to begin with, I want to do a little word study on 'compassion'. What is compassion? Our English word comes from the Latin, compassio(n-), from compati: 'to suffer with'.

The root Greek word is 'splanchnon', which is always translated as compassion or tender hearted towards. It means, to feel in one's insides [feel in the guts]. This compassion is held up to Christians as a true Christian virtue and draws us to acts of Christian love in response.

One of my favourite commentators wrote this about compassion:

'The person in misery does not need a look that judges and criticises, but a comforting presence.

Jesus looked at the ordinary people, and seeing how needy they were, he had compassion on them and began to minister to them.

Compassion means I suffer with you,

I accept into my heart the misery that is yours,

I become one with you in your pain.

I may not be able to relieve that pain,

But by understanding it and sharing in it, I make it possible for you to bear it.

[When you think about it, that is exactly what God did for us in the person of Jesus]

Lord, give us warm and generous hearts so that we may be agents of your compassion to others'. *Flor McCarthy: SDB.* In the little story at the beginning, the two people in it were both compassionate to each other. One in her generosity and the other in her listening and prayer.

So we see that compassion occurs, when we touch each other's lives and experience the reality of the pain and joy of the other person.

In the Gospel this is what Jesus is doing. He is moving among the people of the villages in Galilee, and getting to know them and their circumstances, as he goes he eats with them and is at times a guest in their homes, and he responds to the things he can with healing and love and teaching and showing them the nature of God's love through his presence with them.

His compassion is stirred because 'they are like sheep without a shepherd'. They do not have leadership which cares for their needs or helps them to see and understand the meaning and purpose of their lives and so many of them are sick and needy. The truth is that this mission is more than one person can fulfil, even if you are Jesus. And so, he asks his disciples to pray for labourers to be sent out into the harvest and then he calls them to become the labourers for the harvest. In teaching his disciples about how to do this work, he showed them by his own example and then gave them instructions. He directed them to go to the lost sheep of Israel, that is; into their own local communities doing and acting as he did. Being God's love and presence amid the people. Being the compassion of Christ with them, journeying along- side of them through life's ups and downs and when opportunities arose, to provide comfort, support and healing grace, and sharing with them about what God has done for them, and desires for them, and finally inviting them into his Kingdom.

We may have issues with this call to mission! We may feel that it is too hard. We have no idea what we are doing. And let's be honest it is true! But, if we approach with compassion, the starting point is in having a tender heart- a heart that feels with the other, which means listening and understanding first. Then as we move forward, we may begin to have an idea of what we are doing in their lives. At the deepest level we are being Christ to them; on the surface, the difference to them may be unknown to us, but it is treasured by God.

The other reason it is hard is that our secular materialist society has no desire to know the Gospel as we understand it. Jesus in the next section of teaching says to his disciples, take nothing for the journey. That is 'do not take any baggage with you'. Be vulnerable and not pre-occupied with things or agendas. If you are welcomedremain there and be their guest. As a guest in another's place, you must adjust yourself to their life and ways of being. This is not something we are good at. Mostly we like to have others at our place- I know this is true for me, but we must be like Jesus and be prepared to move out of our place of familiarity and comfort into the place of the other.

If you are not welcomed, shake the dust from your shoes and move on. We're not always good at that either. We hate to let things gowe feel hurt and rejected, but Jesus makes it clear, we are not to stay where we are not wanted, it's that simple. And we carry the pain of it as we go, and we pray for the other. We can only be with people, in the places where people open their doors and their lives to us.

This kind of love and compassion which moves into the world is like Mother Teresa, who left her convent to move into the world of the people on the streets.

It is like St Francis of Assisi who threw off all his wealth to live with the poor as one of them.

It's like Mother Emily of my order, who welcomed the children who were abused and rejected because of the poverty and culture of English society of the day; who also went out into the streets and found the children who were hungry and uneducated and fed and taught them; or who went to the London docks during the strikes and gave out glasses of beer with meals to the men who had lost their work. William Booth of the salvation army who cared for and fed the poor. For the workers in Anglicare who provide a community breakfast for the people who struggle to have meals or are homeless. It's like the 'Little Sisters of Jesus', who move into local communities and befriend their neighbours and serve them in whatever way is needed. They simply become a part of the life of the community.

So how do we live this mission of Jesus, we are ourselves as we move around our neighbourhoods befriending and caring for those we are living alongside of day by day.

I knew a man whose wife had a stroke and had to go into a care facility, so he went to her place of residence every day and became part of the community there, not just caring for his wife, but talking and being involved with her in the life of that community. His presence there lifted the life and morale of his wife and every other person including the staff. The place was his place of mission at that point in his life.

None of us are perfect. The first disciples were very flawed. In the same way, we don't have to have it all together, we just need to love and when we fail, we need to confess and be open to learn. It's not easy, it is deeply human, deeply broken, but with a capacity to be Christ loving, serving and healing those whom we are sent to. Jesus looked at the crowds and he had compassion on them because they were like sheep without a shepherd.

Are we, and can we be signs of the good shepherd; loving our neighbours and having compassion towards those who we meet on the journey? Amen.

Silence for reflection.

I ask you now to affirm as yours the faith of the Church. I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. 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. 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.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Let us pray for the world and for the church.

Jesus, you have compassion on all people, hear the prayer we bring this day.

We pray for the nations of the world.

Especially in this time of Covid19 and the black lives matter movement.

For all your people who face conflict and oppression.

Those who face poverty and deprivation

Those who govern and those who administer law.

Equip us for your service and send us out to work for righteousness and peace.

Jesus, in your mercy. Hear our prayer.

We pray for your church. For its leaders and councils. For missionaries, evangelists, and chaplains. And for all who work to bring your Gospel to others. Equip us for your service to proclaim your good news in the world. Jesus, in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

We pray for our community and those we love:

Our families and our friends,

Those in our neighbourhoods,

For all shops and businesses reopening after the lockdown especially those whose resources are severely strained and those who are not able to open again.

Those who struggle for a living.

For all agencies of care and support.

Equip us for your service that we may work to create a just and compassionate society.

Jesus, in your mercy. Hear our prayer.

We pray for all who are in trouble or distress,

the lonely, the sick and the dying and those who mourn.

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,

For medical staff, pastoral workers and all who care for the suffering. Equip us for your service, that we may bring comfort to the sad, healing to the sick and new hope for those in despair.

Jesus, in your mercy. Hear our prayer.

We pray for all who have died in the faith.

We give thanks for those of every generation who have laboured faithfully to bring in your harvest; for those who have been the community of faith in this place.

Equip us for your service, that we also may labour for you, and bring us home, with all the saints, to share in the glory of your everlasting reign.

Jesus, in your mercy. Hear our prayer.

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 We are the body of Christ!

His Spirit is with us!

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

The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

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

Copyright 1995, The Anglican Church of Australia Trust Corporation. From the text of A Prayer Book for Australia, published under the imprint of Broughton Books by E.J.Dwyer (Australia) Pty Ltd. Reproduced with permission. CCLI License No: 218042.

Readings for next Sunday Genesis 21.8-21, Psalm 86.1-10, 16-17, Romans 6.1-11, Matthew 10.24-39

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. It is not too late to be a part of this.on Zoom at 5.30pm Weds.





Welcoming the stranger

This precept is one of the backbones of Jewish Law. Translated variously as *sojourner, alien, stranger: Deut 10:18-19,'* You shall love the stranger'. The books of the Law (Leviticus, Numbers, Deuteronomy) remind the people of Israel again and again and again, Remember, you were once refugees. But in the days of our Lord those who were 'strange', in creed, race and lifestyle, were not welcome. Our Lord went to the gallows for befriending them, loving and forgiving them, himself deserted a stranger to his friends. St Peter said, 'I do not know him'.

Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it. Hebrews 13:2

After a MULOA workshop in Uganda, members travelled to refugee camps to visit family members from whom they had been separated, in some cases for years. The sojourners were visited in Christ's name and blessed. The visitors followed Christ's teaching - when you visited them in my name you visited Me. This worldwide tragedy is distant for many of us.

ANGLICARE [out of DNews]

This week has seen winter crash into us. Lots of conversations on the street during Community Breakfast was focused on, how to stay warm, especially during the night. Requests for gloves with fingers and mittens

have increased 100 fold, also requests for "hand warmers". So todays call out is for gloves/mittens and hand warmers. We have plenty of scarves and beanies, and they are flying off the trolley. Winter is a really difficult time when you are homeless.

PLANT SALE

St Paul's \$2 Pop Up Plant Sale - Sat 11th July

For this sale plants will be loaded onto trailers at homes on Friday 10th July and transported to the church on the 11th July. We are only having plants as books, cakes and BBQs are not yet allowed. A list of homes with trailers will be available next week. Further preparation for the sale---Seeds collected during autumn can be packaged and labelled, indoor plants tidied up, and plants for sale named. Photos taken of plants when in bloom are very helpful to encourage sales.

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.

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.

Parish Directory

Bishop The Rt. Rev'd Garry Weatherill

Parish Priest Sr Elisa Helen, CSC Tel. 5332 6479 [leave a message]

Associate Clergy

The Rev'd Canon Geoffrey Tisdall The Rev'd Malcolm Thomas The Rev'd Deacon Bert Muysers

Parish Secretary: Lisa Smith

Organist: Ken Turner Wardens: Bryan Crebbin Mark Stewart: Heather Clinton Treasurer: Mark Stewart Parish Council Secretary: Lisa Smith

St. Paul's Office [closed during Covid 19 restrictions] At Anglicare: Cnr of St Paul's Way & Victoria St. PO Box 1460, Ballarat, 3354 Email: stpaulsballarat@hotmail.com www.stpaulsbakeryhill.org.au