



**Anglican Parish of the Parks  
St Silas & St Anselm, Albert Park**

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**Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost  
Holy Communion  
Sunday 26 September 2021**



*Give water to the thirsty* by Stan Bigda

**Today's service will be livestreamed and recorded for viewing at a later time:  
at <http://video.parishoftheparks.com.au>.**

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**We acknowledge and pay our respects to the Boonwurrung people, the original owners of this land, and acknowledge the people and elders of the Eastern Kulin nation who have traditional connections with, and responsibility for, the land on which we meet.**

## From Rev. Sophie

Whilst walking the dogs on the beach recently, I ran into someone I knew. They asked me “What’s news” I really didn’t know what to say! It’s not like I’ve been going anywhere interesting or doing anything of note. It is a very hard question to answer.

Now, had she asked me today, we could have talked about the earthquake. It is fascinating to me, for so long, all we’ve had to talk about has been the pandemic, restrictions, and the protests. Now we have an earthquake to discuss!

There are plenty of funny memes/cartoons floating around about the seismic activity here in Melbourne, none of which appropriate for me to share here, alas!

One wonders if Mother Nature has been trying to tell us something for a little while now....

As we begin to look ahead to the re-opening based on vaccination rates, my eyes were drawn to my button box.



Yes, of course it was, what else would catch my eye?! It wasn’t because it is colour coded, I promise. Rather, I was drawn by the idea of buttons and what they are used for. We use buttons to bring things together, hold things up and to protect ourselves from too much exposure.

Buttons are for bringing together. You sew them on to shirts and when one falls off, you can feel exposed. As you can see from my collection, I have a variety of styles and colours. Each one has their own place and purpose.

What do we need to draw us back together as a community? The Wardens and I are meeting in the coming week and then later with Parish Council to decide how we open up when we are allowed to do so. Whatever decisions we make, to my mind, our goal needs to be to offer a welcome and safe place of worship and to reconnect once again with one another prayerfully and socially.

If you have ever sewn a button on, you know you have to do it by hand. It can be slow and fiddly. You have to make sure you line the button up with the hole, you need to make choices about colour and style. It's not a quick fix. So too with reopening. Our goal is to bring us back together, but it will take time for us to get it right. Please be patient and please talk with us about your needs.

Grace, peace and love  
Sophie



## **Reminder**

**If you are attending the service please observe these important Covid safe rules:**

- If you or your close contacts are symptomatic please self-exclude
- Masks must be worn indoors
- Please maintain social distancing where possible
- Use the hand sanitiser provided at the entrance to the church
- Please do not to shake hands

**Registering your attendance via QR code is now compulsory:**

We can no longer use paper recording for your attendance. If you are unable to use the QR code, please ask a welcomer or Covid officer to register your attendance on their phone.

**For future registrations:** if you need assistance with downloading the Service Victoria app, please ask a welcomer or the Covid officer after the service. The sign-in app pre-fills your details and is easy to use.

### **Communion**

Please sanitise your hands before and after receiving communion.

# Gathering in God's name

Music before the service

*Elevation* by A. Daussoigne-Mehul (dates unknown)

*A bell is rung as a signal for all to stand*

**Hymn** TIS 188 vv 1,2 & 4

1. Where wide sky rolls down and touches red sand,  
where sun turns to gold the grass of the land,  
let spinifex, mulga and waterhole tell  
their joy in the One who made everything well.
2. Where rain-forest calm meets reef, tide and storm,  
where green things grow lush and oceans are warm,  
let every sea-creature and tropical bird  
exult in the light of the life-giving Word.
4. Now, people of faith, come gather around  
with songs to be shared, for blessings abound!  
Australians, whatever your culture or race,  
come, lift up your hearts to the Giver of grace.

Elizabeth J. Smith 1956–  
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Presider The Lord be with you.

**All And also with you.**

*Let us pray*

**All Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open,  
all desires known,  
and from whom no secrets are hidden:  
cleans 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.**

Hymn TIS 773



## The Prayer of the Day

Presider O God,  
your Son has taught us that those who give a cup of water in  
his name will not lose their reward:

**All open our eyes to see those who are in need,  
and teach us to set no store by riches and earthly rewards,  
so that, in surrendering ourselves to serve you in your  
children,  
we may labour for the treasure that endures;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## The Sacred Story

### The First Reading:

James 5: 12-20

<sup>12</sup> Above all, my beloved, do not swear, either by heaven or by earth or by any other oath, but let your 'Yes' be yes and your 'No' be no, so that you may not fall under condemnation. <sup>13</sup> Are any among you suffering? They should pray. Are any cheerful? They should sing songs of praise. <sup>14</sup> Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the church and have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord. <sup>15</sup> The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise them up; and anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven. <sup>16</sup> Therefore confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, so that you may be healed. The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective.

<sup>17</sup> Elijah was a human being like us, and he prayed fervently that it might not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the earth.

<sup>18</sup> Then he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain and the earth yielded its harvest. <sup>19</sup> My brothers and sisters, if anyone among you wanders from the truth and is brought back by another, <sup>20</sup> you should know that whoever brings back a sinner from wandering will save the sinner's soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins.

Reader For the word of the Lord,  
All **thanks be to God.**

**Hymn** TIS 650 vv 1-3

1. Brother, sister, let me serve you,  
let me be as Christ to you;  
pray that I may have the grace to  
let you be my servant too.
2. We are pilgrims on a journey  
and companions on the road;  
we are here to help each other  
walk the mile and bear the load.
3. I will hold the Christ-light for you  
in the night-time of your fear;  
I will hold my hand out to you,  
speak the peace you long to hear.

Richard Gillard 1953–  
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### **Gospel Acclamation**

Presider The Lord be with you.  
All **And also with you.**

Presider The Gospel of our Lord, according to Mark  
(Mark 9: 38-50).  
All **Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

<sup>38</sup> John said to him, ‘Teacher, we saw someone casting out demons in your name, and we tried to stop him, because he was not following us.’  
<sup>39</sup> But Jesus said, ‘Do not stop him; for no one who does a deed of power in my name will be able soon afterwards to speak evil of me.’

<sup>40</sup> Whoever is not against us is for us. <sup>41</sup> For truly I tell you, whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you bear the name of Christ will by no means lose the reward. <sup>42</sup> ‘If any of you put a stumbling-block before one of these little ones who believe in me, it would be better for you if a great millstone were hung around your neck and you were thrown into the sea. <sup>43</sup> If your hand causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life maimed than to have two hands and to go to hell, to the unquenchable fire. <sup>45</sup> And if your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life lame than to have two feet and to be thrown into hell.’ <sup>47</sup> And if your eye causes you to stumble, tear it out; it is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than to have two eyes and to be thrown into hell, <sup>48</sup> where their worm never dies, and the fire is never quenched. <sup>49</sup> ‘For everyone will be salted with fire. <sup>50</sup> Salt is good; but if salt has lost its saltiness, how can you season it? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another.’

Presider For the Gospel of our Lord,  
All **praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

*Please be seated*

## **The Sermon**

*Please stand*

## **Affirmation of Faith**

Presider Let us affirm as ours the faith of the Church (*APBA p 37*)

All **We believe in one God,  
who made and loves all that is.  
We believe in Jesus Christ,  
God’s only Son, our Lord,  
who was born, lived, died and rose again,  
and is coming to call all to account.  
We believe in the Holy Spirit,  
who calls, equips and sends out God’s people.  
and brings all things to their true end.**

Presider This is our faith, the faith of the Church:

**All We believe in one God,  
Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.**

## **The Prayers of the People**

*Please sit or kneel*

*After each petition: Hear our prayer.*

*The prayers conclude with:*

Presider Almighty God, you have promised to hear our prayers.

**All Grant that what we have asked in faith  
we may by your grace receive  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## **Confession and Absolution**

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

*Silence*

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

**All 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.**

Presider 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

*All stand for the Greeting of Peace.*

Presider We are the body of Christ.

All **His Spirit is with us.**

Presider The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All **And also with you.**

## The Offertory

*Please make your offering via online giving.  
<http://offertory.parishoftheparks.com.au>  
or scan the Offertory QR code at right.*



Offertory hymn TIS 686 vv 1,5 & 6



1. Lord Je—sus, we be—long to you, you live in us, we  
5. Let nothing that we do or say of— fend the weak so  
6. Keep us from missing out on life; give hands that help, and



live in you; we live and work for you —  
that they fall and lose their faith in you —  
sin — gle sight, and feet that walk your way —

*Refrain*



*be—cause we bear your name.*

Presider Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation  
through your goodness we have these gifts to share.  
Accept and use our offerings for your glory  
and for the service of your kingdom.

**All Blessed be God for ever.**

## The Great Thanksgiving

Presider The Lord be with you.

**All And also with you.**

Presider Lift up your hearts.

**All We lift them to the Lord.**

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**All It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

*The Presider continues the prayer*

... for ever praising you and saying:

**All 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 Presider continues the prayer*

... Let us proclaim the mystery of faith.

**All Christ has died,  
Christ is risen,  
Christ will come again.**

*The Presider continues the prayer*  
...in never-ending praise:

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

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

**All**      **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.**

## **The Breaking of the Bread and Communion**

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

**All**      **For we all share in the one bread.**

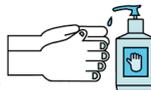
Presider    The gifts of God, for the people of God.

### **Communion Protocol**

1. Please remove your mask.



2. Sanitise hands at the pew.



3. Receive Communion and then  
put mask back on.



4. Sanitise hands back at the pew.



Music during Communion Organ meditation by CS Lang  
on hymn tune *St Columba*

*The Presider leads the post Communion prayer, concluding with*

Presider Most loving God,

**All you send us into the world you love.  
Give us grace to go thankfully and with courage  
in the power of your Spirit.**

## The Notices

Hymn TIS 626

1. Lord of creation, to you be all praise!  
Most mighty your working, most wondrous your ways!  
Your glory and might are beyond us to tell,  
and yet in the heart of the humble you dwell.
2. Lord of all power, I give you my will,  
in joyful obedience your tasks to fulfil.  
Your bondage is freedom; your service is song;  
and, held in your keeping, my weakness is strong.
3. Lord of all wisdom, I give you my mind:  
rich truth that surpasses our knowledge to find,  
what eye has not seen and what ear has not heard  
is taught by your Spirit and shines from your word.
4. Lord of all bounty, I give you my heart;  
I praise and adore you for all you impart,  
your love to inspire me, your counsel to guide,  
your presence to shield me, whatever betide.
5. Lord of all being, I give you my all;  
if ever I leave you I stumble and fall;  
but, led in your service your word to obey,  
I'll walk in your freedom to the end of the way.

Jack Copley Winslow 1882–1974 *alt.*  
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## **Blessing and dismissal**

Presider    The peace of God which passes all understanding ...

Go in peace, to love and serve the Lord.

**All            In the name of Christ.**

Organ voluntary *Marcia Elegiaca* by Ferdinand Hiller (1811-1885)

## Parish Prayer List

Wendy, Marcus, Yeshi, Tim, Marie, Holly, Rosemary, Helen, Richard, Louisa, Ian, Dianne, Margaret, Lee, Rhonda

*We pray for the departed and those whose anniversaries occur at this time and especially:*

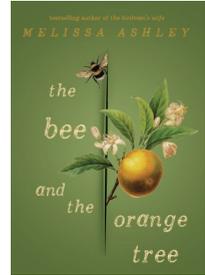
James Stirling Murray <i>Priest of the Church</i>	29 September 2009
Amelia Lucas	30 September 1968
Claudia Mackenzie Lark	30 September 2009
Louise Bradshaw ( <i>Requiem</i> )	1 October 1980

*May they rest in peace and rise in glory.*

## Notices

**Book group** is next meeting on Tuesday 28 September at 8pm to discuss 'The Bee and the Orange Tree' by Melissa Ashley.

Please contact Sophie for the Zoom link.



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<http://tma.melbourneanglican.org.au/this-months-tma>

As well as the current edition, you can also view old editions in the archives.

**Anglicare Victoria** published the Spring edition of *Imagine* this week:

Available online at: <https://www.anglicarevic.org.au/about-us/newsletters/imagine-news-spring-2021/>

## Morning tea on Sunday 3rd October

Please join us for morning tea on Sunday 3rd October at 11am via Zoom.

Click or tap the link

<http://morningtea031021.parishoftheparks.com.au>

And use the passcode: 254566

Or you can open Zoom on your device and enter the meeting ID and passcode when prompted.

Meeting ID: 867 9850 2806

Passcode: 254566





<b>Rosters</b>	<b>26 September 2021</b>	<b>3 October 2021</b>
<b>Welcomers</b>		
<b>Reader</b>	Karen	Karen
<b>Servers</b>		
<b>Covid Officer</b>	Marcia	Marcia
<b>Emerald Hill pick up</b>		
<b>Flowers</b>		
<b>After church cleaning</b>	Marcia	Marcia
<b>Side person</b>		
<b>Morning tea</b>	<i>There will be no morning tea at this time</i>	<i>There will be no morning tea at this time</i>
<b>Intercessions</b>	Karen	Stuart
<b>Sunday Suppers</b>	David, Frank, Jo & Cecilia	Gina, Liz, Jam, Kat, Shell, John O, Jett, Vero, Autumn

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