



Sixth Sunday of Easter

9 May 2021

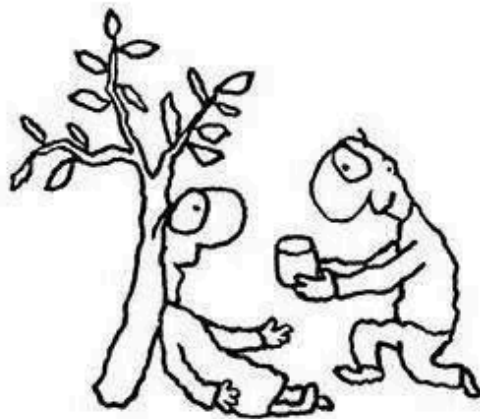
*We acknowledge the Boon Wurrung and Wurundjeri people of the Kulin nation
as the Traditional Custodians of the land upon which we meet.*

*We pay our respects to their Elders past and present,
acknowledge their continuing spiritual connection to Country,
and affirm our commitment to walk together the path of reconciliation.*

Love one another and you will be happy.

It's as simple and difficult as that.

There is no other way.



MUSIC FOR TODAY'S 10.00AM SERVICE

Hymns: 391, 640, 534, 595
Setting: *Christ Church Mass Philip Matthias (TiS 757)*
Psalm 98: TiS 57
Anthem: *Ubi caritas* Maurice Duruflé (1902-1986)
(*Where there is charity and love, God is there*)
Postlude: *Divertissement* Louis Vierne (1870-1937)

FROM THE CURATE

No Other Way!

We are fast coming towards the end of Easter!

In the words of the gospel, which flows directly on from last Sunday, we continue to have the sense of eavesdropping on an intimate conversation as Jesus speaks with his disciples. Jesus is opening his heart to them. Night has fallen. The disciples have been profoundly moved by Jesus' extraordinary gesture of washing their feet. They are troubled by his talk of treachery and desertion. You could describe the atmosphere as 'intense'.

Several sayings from the text have lodged in our collective memory:

"As the father has loved me, so I have loved you"

"Love one another as I have loved you"

"No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends"

"I do not call you servants any longer ... I have called you friends"

I leave you with a more modern day saying that I believe expresses these words of Jesus in a similar vein ...

"Love one another and you will be happy.

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There is no other way."

Michael Leunig.

Sentence

Jesus said, 'You did not choose me, but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit.'

Collect

Loving God,
your Son has chosen us
and called us to be his friends:
give us grace to keep his commandments,
to love one another,
and to bear fruit which will abide;
through him who is the true vine,
the source of all our life,
Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

First Reading

While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, 'Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?' So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

PSALM 98

8.00am – APBA Page 325

10.00am – TiS 57

Second Reading

Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, for whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers

the world, our faith. Who is it that conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

This is the one who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ, not with the water only but with the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one that testifies, for the Spirit is the truth. There are three that testify: the Spirit and the water and the blood, and these three agree. If we receive human testimony, the testimony of God is greater; for this is the testimony of God that he has testified to his Son. Those who believe in the Son of God have the testimony in their hearts. Those who do not believe in God have made him a liar by not believing in the testimony that God has given concerning his Son. And this is the testimony: God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life.

Gospel Acclamation

All Alleluia! Alleluia!

All who love me will keep my words,
and my Father will love them and we will come to them.

All Alleluia!

Reader The Lord be with you

All And also with you

Reader A reading from the holy gospel according to John

All Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ

As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.

'This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.

INTERCESSIONS FOR THIS WEEK

For the Anglican Church

We pray for The Anglican Church of Kenya; The Diocese of Gippsland; Melbourne Grammar School; The Parish of All Saints, Rosebud w. St Katherine's, McCrae; Chinese Congregation Mitcham; St Oswald's Glen Iris; St John's Blackburn; St Paul's Inverleigh; St John's Bannockburn.

For all in need

May all who are in trouble, in need or sickness find peace and refreshment in you. We pray for Jenny, Sam, Milroy, Coral, David, Tony, Paul, Christine, Lei and her family, Keith, Peter, Leon, Erica, Josh, Eric, Tim, Wendy, Vincent and others we mention before God in the silence of our hearts.

For the Faithful Departed

We pray for those who have died recently and for those whose anniversary of death occurs this week: Phyllis Ramsden, Myra Lesley Douglas, Peggy Shannon, Edgar Chandler, Albert Wilson, Anne Nicholls, Margery Johnson.

THE WEEK AHEAD

Monday, 10 May	2.00pm	Book Group
Tuesday, 11 May	8:45am 10.30am	Cabrini Ministry (Prayers at 12 noon) Knitting Group
Thursday, 13 May	10:15am 3.00pm	Holy Eucharist Mecwacare, Malvern Eucharist
Next Sunday, 16 May	8:00am 10:00am 5:00pm	Holy Eucharist Holy Eucharist with Hymns Eucharist with Meditation
Weekdays Monday-Saturday	9:00am 5:00pm	Morning Prayer Evening Prayer

Bible Readings next week

Acts 1:15-17
I John 5:9-13

Seventh Sunday of Easter

Psalm 1
John 17:6-19

NOTICES

Covid 19 Normal Regulations

The restrictions and rules for services often change in these times of Covid19 pandemic.

Please observe all the current guidelines:

- **If you feel unwell, you must not attend church.**
- Whilst it is not mandatory to wear a mask on the church site, or in the buildings, the Diocese strongly recommends that **masks be worn while singing.**
- **Sanitising of hands is mandatory as you enter AND leave the church.**
- The density quotient of **2** sq m per person can only be used if **everyone registers electronically** prior to the start of the service. This allows **102** to attend the service, making a total of **120** including choir, clergy, servers etc. The 2 sq m spatial distancing rule means ensuring a minimum of an elbow's distance at all times.
- When people do not register electronically, prior to the start of a service, we are required to use the density quotient of **4** sq m per person. This allows only **51** people to attend and they must sit in alternate pews, maintaining a distance of 1.5m.
- You are reminded that shaking hands, hugging, kissing or any other kind of physical contact is not permitted **at any time**, with anyone not in your immediate family/household.
- There will be no passing of the collection bowl. The collection bowls are placed at the door for your offering as you arrive.
- Communion remains in one kind only, that is, no sharing of a common cup, for the foreseeable future.
- All Pew Sheets are single use only. Please do not leave them in the church or on site after the service, but take them home for re-use or disposal.
- Please note that whilst we have multiple services and the premises are again being hired out, the church, parish centre and offices are cleaned and sanitised following WorkSafe pandemic guidelines, so you can be assured of the cleanliness of the buildings and furnishings.

Pastoral Care Group

We are seeking to convene a group of parishioners willing, with the clergy, to visit parishioners no longer able to attend church regularly. These visits are specifically to provide Pastoral Care and to take the sacrament. If you feel called to such a ministry, and can commit to a monthly Group Meeting (as well as the monthly visits), please send your expressions of interest to Brenda by email: curate@stgeorgesmalvern.org. The first meeting of this Group will be tomorrow Monday, 10 May at 3.30pm in the North Room.

Parishioners no longer able to attend church regularly

There are approximately 18 parishioners no longer able to attend church regularly. As we seek to establish regular monthly visiting of these parishioners, please email the names (and contact details) of any other parishioners also unable to attend to Brenda, in order that a comprehensive list is drawn up. Brenda would rather receive the same person's name from many people, than risk not knowing of someone who may be left out. Brenda: curate@stgeorgesmalvern.org

Access to the church

Please note that the church is now open from 9:00am to 5:30pm each day. You are encouraged to join the small group that gathers daily for Morning and Evening Prayer (at 9:00am and 5:00pm), but the church will remain open for personal prayer, reflection, or just some stillness between those services. If you come or just 'pop in', please ensure you 'sign in' with the Covid 19 QR Code.

Book Group

The Book Group will meet tomorrow 10 May at 2.00pm in the North Room. The book for discussion is *Pandora's Jar*.

Knitting Group

The Knitting Group will be meeting this coming Tuesday, 11 May at 10.30am-12.30pm in the North Room. All new knitters welcome.

Notices and information for the pewsheets

Please be advised that all notices and information for the pewsheets must reach Nisha by 9.00am on Thursday each week.

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