



The Anglican Parish of Christ Church Geelong



"A community of faith in service to others"

www.christchurchgeelong.com.au

'Deck Thyself, My Soul, With Gladness'

*Deck thyself, my soul, with gladness,
leave the gloomy haunts of sadness;
come into the daylight's splendour,
there with joy thy praises render
unto him whose grace unbounded
hath this wondrous banquet founded:
high o'er all the heavens he reigneth,
yet to dwell with thee he deigneth.*

*Now I sink before thee lowly,
filled with joy most deep and holy,
as with trembling awe and wonder
on thy mighty works I ponder:
how, by mystery surrounded,
depth no mortal ever sounded,
none may dare to pierce unbidden
secrets that with thee are hidden.*

*Sun, who all my life dost brighten,
light, who dost my soul enlighten,
joy, the sweetest heart e'er knoweth,
fount, whence all my being floweth,
at thy feet I cry, my Maker,
let me be a fit partaker
of this blessed food from heaven,
for our good, thy glory, given.*

*Jesus, Bread of Life, I pray thee,
let me gladly here obey thee;
never to my hurt invited,
be thy love with love requited:
from this banquet let me measure,
Lord, how vast and deep its treasure;
through the gifts thou here dost give me,
as thy guest in heaven receive me.*

[Johan Franck 1618-77;
Trans. Catherine Winkworth 1827-78; TNEH 280]

Vicar:	The Reverend Russell Trickey	M: 0433 933738
	Email: trickeyrussell13@gmail.com	
Associate Priest:	The Reverend John St Q Howells	5244 0649
Organist:	Mr Winton Barry	
Office:	Email: enquiries@christchurchgeelong.org 5221 8000	
Office Administrator:	Mrs Patricia Cowling	

Mission Statement

Christ Church seeks to be a centre for the worship of Almighty God, providing strength and assistance for all who enter, and enabling God's love in Christ to reach out to the community and world in which we live.

NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

2nd August 2020

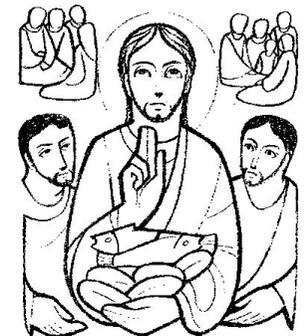
Liturgical Colour: **Green**

Sentence

The Lord is near to all who call on him in truth.
He fulfils the desire of all that fear him,
hears their cry, and saves them.

Prayer of the Day *

**O God, giver of life and health,
whose Son Jesus Christ has called us
to hunger and thirst for justice:
refresh us with your grace,
that we may not be weary in well-doing,
for the sake of him who meets all our
needs,
Jesus Christ our Saviour;
who lives and reigns with you
and the Holy Spirit,
one God, world without end. Amen**



*We acknowledge the Wathaurong people of the Kulin Nation as the
traditional custodians of the lands on which Christ Church and its building
now stand.*

The Vicar Writes



In today's Gospel we see the love of Christ working the miracle of the loaves and fishes. Jesus took five loaves and two fish and fed a multitude of 5000 people with food left over. This miracle is a testimony to Christ's love and power. Jesus was concerned for those who made the effort to hear him. He wanted to bless them and increase the faith in their hearts and so he worked this miracle before their very eyes.

Many scholars have spoken about this miracle and have pondered its meaning and asked, how did he do it? The miracle has been connected to the Eucharist because as with the Last Supper, Jesus took the bread, gave thanks and broke it and then gave it to his disciples who then distributed it. Similarly, Jesus gave the Eucharist to his disciples and their followers have continued to distribute this blessed bread to an enormous amount of people through the ages down to the present day.

But at the time, Jesus was preaching out in the field and drew on God's power to multiply the loaves and fishes. If an eyedropper were to be connected to an infinite reservoir of water, it could be used to give drink to thousands of people. Likewise, Jesus who is the eternal Son of God is always connected to the infinite omnipotent reservoir of his Father energies. Drawing from that infinite resource, Jesus was able to supply thousands of people from a small amount of food.

The blessing of the love and compassion of Christ is fully available for us today because the Lord is eternal, he is not restricted by time and space. At the Eucharist we are in his presence; when we pray and meditate, we are in his presence. Christ is always in our hearts and the supreme controller of our lives. Although the Lord is unlimited and we are small, when we offer our hearts and lives to Him, he considers it to be very significant. As he was able to make a lot of food from a very little, so he can take our surrendered soul's and bring us into the Kingdom of God where we may live eternally and enjoy limitless life of bliss and knowledge. The miracle of the loaves and fish stands to assure us of the limitless potential of a life with God. May we take full advantage of the Lord's grace and sail on the winds of his grace into eternal blessedness.

The Lord be with you, Fr Russell

REMINDER – WORKING BEE

*Next Saturday, 8th August from 9.00am.
All welcome – even for an hour or so –
there is always something to be done.
Any help is always appreciated!!*



“Psalm 17:1-7,16”

Hear my just cause, O Lord, give heed to my cry:
listen to my prayer, that comes from no lying lips.

Let judgement for me come forth from your presence:
and let your eyes discern the right.

Though you search my heart, and visit me in the night-time:
though you try me by fire, you will find no wickedness in me.

My mouth does not transgress, like the mouth of others:
for I have kept the word of your lips.

My steps have held firm in the way of your commands:
and my feet have not stumbled from your paths.

I call upon you, O God, for you will surely answer:
incline your ear to me, and hear my words.

Show me the wonders of your steadfast love,
O saviour of those who come to you for refuge:
who by your right hand deliver them
from those that rise up against them.

And I also shall see your face, because my cause is just:
when I awake and see you as you are, I shall be satisfied.

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

THE WORLD: Those afflicted with the Covid-19 virus and strengthen all who have the responsibility for care; please provide a cure and give wisdom to those seeking to develop a vaccine for this condition.

THE CHURCH: The New Province of Alexandria; Diocese of Perth; Mentone Grammar School; St Phillip's Collingwood; Parish of Upwey; Episcopal Church of Sudan.

THE PARISH/COMMUNITY: That God would reward those who wrestle with their faith with a clearer vision of all things that appear to be mystical or incomprehensible (ABM).

THOSE IN SPECIAL NEED: Those on our prayer list and in our hearts.

THE DEPARTED: Our own departed and those whose yearly remembrance falls at this time (Syd Thomson). We remember with thanks: John Baptist Vianney, priest of Ars, France, d.1895 (Tuesday).

NEXT SUNDAY -9TH AUGUST 2020

TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Readings: Genesis 37:1-4,12-28; Psalm 105:1-6,16-22

Romans 10:4-15 Gospel: Matthew 14:22-36

