



The Anglican Parish of
Christ Church Geelong



"A community of faith in service to others"

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Sois La Semilla (You are the Seed)

*You are the seed that will grow a new sprout;
you're a star that will shine in the night;
you are the yeast and a small grain of salt,
a beacon to glow in the dark.*

*You are the dawn that will bring a new day;
you're the wheat that will bear golden grain;
you are a sting and a soft, gentle touch,
my witnesses where'er you go.*

Refrain: *Go, my friends, go to the world, proclaiming love to all,
messengers of my forgiving peace, eternal love.*

**Be, my friends, a loyal witness, from the dead I arose;
"Lo, I'll be with you forever, till the end of the world."**

*You are the flame that will lighten the dark,
sending sparkles of hope, faith, and love;
you are the shepherds to lead the whole world
through valleys and pastures of peace.*

*You are the friends that I chose for myself,
the word that I want to proclaim.*

*You are the new kingdom built on a rock
where justice and truth always reign. **Refrain***

*You are the life that will nurture the plant;
you're the waves in a turbulent sea;
yesterday's yeast is beginning to rise,
a new loaf of bread it will yield.*

*There is no place for a city to hide,
nor a mountain can cover its might;
may your good deeds show a world in despair
a path that will lead all to God. **Refrain***

[*"Sois La Semilla"* by Caesareo Gabarain, 1979.
Trans *"You Are The Seed"* by Racquel Gutierrez-Achon.
Harmonized by Skinner Chavez-Melo, 1987.]

NEXT SUNDAY -26TH JULY 2020

EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Readings: Genesis 29:15-28; Psalm 105:1-11;

Romans 8:126-39 Gospel: Matthew 13:44-58



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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.

SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

19th July 2020

Liturgical Colour: Green

Sentence

You, O Lord, are a God merciful and gracious,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness.

Prayer of the Day *

**Saving God,
in Jesus Christ you opened for us
a new and living way into your
presence:
give us pure hearts and constant wills
to worship you in spirit and in truth;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you
and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. Amen**





Dear People of Christ Church

I know you are as disappointed as I am that instead of an easing of restrictions, we must now be very careful as we are only a few cases away from going back to stage 3 lockdown like Melbourne. My recommendation is that people should still worship via the service online on the Christ Church Geelong web page. It is possible for me to supply the Reserved Sacrament for you to receive as you watch the videoed Communion service at home.

You could collect this from the church sitters on Thursday or Friday and keep it safe until Sunday. For the few who are not leaving their houses at all I could deliver it to you every few weeks, please contact me to arrange this. I had been looking forward to opening the church and sharing the sacrament with you all.

How can we get back to the sacraments?

At present we are recording Sunday's Eucharist on Wednesday mornings at 10am. We could accept a few more participants at this service, you would need to book with me by SMS or phone call, so we do not exceed our limit. Enter by the South door to the chapel and be quiet so as not to disturb the recording. Remember our new rules, only come if in perfect health, list name and phone number, use hand sanitiser, safe distance and probably wear masks.

I am also taking a small service on Sunday at 4pm, a few of you might like to join this. Book with me as above and use the South door. This service was originally intended as a non-public celebration of the Eucharist to ensure that the prayers of the Eucharist were said in our historic church each week and as such continue its unbroken tradition of worship. Because some interest in attending this has been expressed, I am compromising and allowing for people to attend if they book ahead via text, and if the number does not exceed 20. Some of you may not think this the right thing for you to be doing, and if we go to Stage 3 like Melbourne, all services will be off and only on-line services will be available. We are not expecting a relaxing of restrictions for months. I do hope this is a blessing to you as we continue to worship at a distance.

Yours in Christ

Fr Russell

“Psalm 139: 1-12, 23-24”

O Lord, you have searched me out and known me.
You know when I sit or when I stand,
you comprehend my thoughts long before.
You discern my path and the places where I rest:
you are acquainted with all my ways.
For there is not a word on my tongue:
but you, Lord, know it altogether.
You have encompassed me behind and before:
and have laid your hand upon me.
Such knowledge is too wonderful for me:
so high that I cannot endure it.
Where shall I go from your spirit:
or where shall I flee from your presence?
If I ascend into heaven you are there:
if I make my bed in the grave you are there also.
If I spread out my wings towards the morning:
or dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea,
Even there your hand shall lead me:
and your right hand shall hold me.
If I say ‘Surely the darkness will cover me;
and the night will enclose me’.
The darkness is no darkness with you,
but the night is as clear as the day:
the darkness and the light are both alike.
For you have created my inward parts:
you knit me together in my mother’s womb.
Search me out, O God, and know my heart:
put me to the proof and know my thoughts.
Look well lest there be any way of wickedness in me:
and lead me in the way that is everlasting.

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

THE WORLD: Continue to pray for our world, our nation, our leaders, our health care workers, our community and our families during the Covid-19 pandemic.

THE CHURCH: Pray for the Episcopal Church in the Philippines; Diocese of Bathurst; Angliss Health Services; Parish of Caroline Springs; Parish of St Martin’s, Belgrave Heights w. All Saints, the Carlotta Tye Memorial Church, Selby; and the Anglican Church of Korea (*Daehan Seong Gong Hoe*)

THE PARISH/COMMUNITY: We read of Jacob’s dream at Bethel. Once Jacob woke, he said, ‘Surely the Lord is in this place—and I did not know it!’ How many times have we taken God’s presence for granted, or worse, ignored the fact that wherever we are, God is by our side; pray that we will discern God’s presence with us hour by hour; and that we will listen to God’s voice (*Source: 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. We remember with thanks: Mary Magdalene (Wednesday); and James, Apostle and Martyr (Saturday).
