



***“Put thou thy trust in God”***

*Put thou thy trust in God,  
In duty's path go on;  
Walk in His strength with faith and hope,  
So shall thy work be done.  
Commit thy ways to Him,  
Thy works into His hands,  
And rest on His unchanging Word,  
Who Heaven and earth commands.*

*Though years on years roll on,  
His covenant shall endure;  
Though clouds and darkness hide His path,  
The promised grace is sure.  
Give to the winds Thy fears;  
Hope, and be undismayed;  
God hears thy sighs and counts thy tears;  
God shall lift up thy head.*

*Through waves, and clouds, and storms,  
His power will clear thy way;  
Wait thou His time, the darkest night  
Shall end in joyous day.  
Leave to His sovereign sway  
To choose and to command;  
So shalt thou, wondering, own His way,  
How wise, how strong His hand.*

**[Paul Gerhardt 1607-76;  
Tr. John Wesley 1703-91 alt; TAHB 583]**

*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 Anglican Parish of  
Christ Church Geelong***



***“A community of faith in service to others”***

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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.**

**FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

**28<sup>th</sup> June 2020**

**Liturgical Colour: Green**

**Sentence**

The wages of sin is death,  
but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

**Prayer of the Day \***

**O God,  
your Son has taught us  
that those who give a cup of water in  
his name  
will not lose their reward:  
open our hearts to the needs of your  
children,  
and in all things make us obedient to your will,  
so that in faith we may receive your gracious gift,  
eternal life in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**



## The Vicar Writes



In Matthew's gospel today, Jesus instructs us on a very important aspect of devotional life, which is on serving and loving the servants of the Lord. Jesus states "Those who receive you receive me and those who receive me receive Him who sent me." This is the nature of mission; the mission of the Church belongs to God and we are here to serve that mission. It is not our mission it is God's mission and our humble contribution is offered to the Lord with a view to pleasing Him.

Jesus is pointing out that He is sent by the Father and we are sent by Jesus. Those who serve the servants of the Lord serve the lord. It works in a straight line, through the servants of God to God. It also works the other way. When we spend time with God or worship Him, pray to the Lord or even remember Him we are serving the servants of the Lord.

This fact is necessary to understand. Our growing in the love of God flows on to affect those around us, our families, our friends and faith community. A person who grows in the love of God is auspicious to everyone. The fruits of the Spirit beginning with humility manifests in the heart of those who love God and those fruits empower mission.

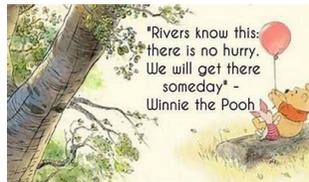
To be situated in God's service is the purpose of human life and to be a servant of God's servants is the greatest blessing for anyone. Jesus says such a person shall not lose their reward. It is just as important to avoid offending the Lord's servants because that will draw negative reactions and impede our growth in devotional faith.

If we want a strong happy faith community, we must adhere to this principle of being the servant of the Lord's servants. It is a brave fool who thinks they are the master of the lord's servants or who thinks they can abuse or criticize them. We can all fall victim to this mistake from time to time and we need to be aware of that tendency to keep it in check. I pray our community can grow in the

The Lord be with you,

Fr Russell

*Please note that until further notice, due to the latest COVID-19 restrictions, we will not be able to resume services in the church at this time!*



### *"Psalm 13"*

*How long, O Lord, will you so utterly forget me:  
how long will you hide your face from me?  
How long must I suffer anguish in my soul,  
and be so grieved in my heart day and night:  
how long shall my enemy triumph over me?*

*Look upon me, O Lord my God, and answer me:  
lighten my eyes, lest I sleep in death;  
Lest my enemy say 'I have prevailed':  
lest my foes exult at my overthrow.*

*Yet I put my trust in your unfailing love:  
O let my heart rejoice in your salvation.*

*And I will make my song to the Lord:  
because he deals so bountifully with me.*

### **PLEASE PRAY FOR:**

**THE WORLD:** This week we celebrate the two great missionaries – St Peter and St Paul, both of whom were martyred for their faith in Jesus Christ. Both faced great hardships for Christ as they ministered to the communities in which they worked... May we, their successors in the faith, be empowered by the same Spirit that caused them to proclaim God's love both locally and globally throughout our interconnected world (*ABM*).

**THE CHURCH:** The United Church of North India; Diocese of Newcastle; Karingal – St Laurence Community Services; St Paul's Boronia.

**THE PARISH/COMMUNITY:** Give thanks for all those who help others in Christ's name to find fullness of life by showing them God's copious unconditional love.

**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 (Agnes Jickell; Bruce Thomson). We remember with thanks: Peter and Paul, Apostles and Martyrs (Monday); The Coming of the Light, first missionaries to the Torres Strait, 1871 (Wednesday).

**NEXT SUNDAY -5<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2020**

**FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

**Readings: Genesis 24:34-38, 42-49, 58-67;**

**Psalm 45:10-17; Romans 7:14-25;**

**Gospel: Matthew 11:15-19, 25-30**

