



Anglican Parish of Warracknabeal

Warracknabeal, Areegra, Minyip, Hopetoun, Brim

Pentecost 18

4th October 2020

Hello everyone!

Here we meet again, me staring out the window searching for inspiration to share with you while you read with a cuppa or maybe reading the pewsheet is an evening routine for you with a glass of wine and a bit of chocolate...or maybe that's just me?!

The parable in today's gospel appears in the Matthew, Mark and Luke. Jesus is speaking to the chief Priests and Pharisees and most likely this conversation would have stirred the pot and angered them. Perhaps they would have had Jesus arrested if they had not been afraid of the crowd's reaction.

I believe we have all been given a vineyard by God. Our families, our communities, our work, our church, our environment are all parts of our vineyard. God does not exclude anyone from their vineyard. We exclude ourselves by failing to tend to the vineyard we have been given.

I am called by God to produce good fruits in this vineyard. In this time of pandemic, how am I using the gifts God gave me to help others?

I am the tenant in the parable, God has provided me with everything I need to make my vineyard prosper. God has given me the freedom to run my vineyard as I choose - but it is God's. I need to be aware of what God desires of me. What fruits will I produce for the Lord?

Heavenly Father, do not let us neglect Your Spirit or the gifts You have given us. Give us courage to use these gifts and the humility to not use them for our glory, but for You and Your glory. Help us see the good work You have ready for us and embrace that work with willingness and joy. In Jesus' Name, Amen. -

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There will be NO Coffee ZOOM tomorrow!



Prayer in the Parish

In the Parish & Beyond: +Garry; Fr Michael; for all experiencing ill health; for teachers and students as they head back to school; all our parish's endeavours; The Golder Family

Community: Front-line health care workers; for those feeling trapped and disempowered by COVID restrictions; for Rev's Revolution & our supporters!

Years Mind: Marion Arnold, David Hooper, William McIntosh, Betty Coates, Charles Mapstone, Les Garsed

Pentecost 18 youTube from Rev:

Stay tuned for more youTube fun from Rev next week

Bishop Garry's youTube message:

Growing in Authority, Relinquishing Control

<https://youtu.be/oYGOjYqd0SU>



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Sunday Morning ZOOM Church - 10.30am

Once again we will brave the wonders of the world wide web and weave and duck our way through what we now call ZOOM Church.

Join us!

Link for Sunday mornings:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87347014597?pwd=KzBjMmo4dTdXU2hHSEpNNUw4alRDQT09>

Meeting ID: 873 4701 4597

Passcode: 304651

The Sunday School Teacher asks, "Now, Johnny, tell me frankly do you say prayers before eating?"

"No sir," little Johnny replies, I don't have to. My mum is a good cook."

KEYS PLEASE!

Parish Council is setting up a key register and we need to know who has keys for: the Vestry; the Parish Centre Front Entrance; the Kitchen Entrance; the Store Room.

If you have any of these keys, would you please ring:

Sandra Taylor 0408 991 235 or Jill Martin 0429 197 847 *Thank you for your co-operation.*

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A Simple Service – for Pentecost 18

Hymn: We Plough the Fields, and Scatter

We plough the fields, and scatter
the good seed on the land,
but it is fed and watered
by God's almighty hand;
he sends the cold in the winter,
the warmth to swell the grain,
the breezes and the sunshine,
and soft refreshing rain.

*All good gifts around us are sent from
heaven above; then thank the Lord, O
thank the Lord for such abounding love.*

We glorify the maker
of everything that is,
who gives to us to care for
the earth, the air, the seas,
who wills that all the peoples
might have their daily bread,
that we might share our plenty
as channels of God's love.

We thank you, gracious giver
of all things bright and good,
the seed-time and the harvest,
our life, our health, our food.
Help us in our thanksgiving
to use your gifts with care,
to serve as friends and neighbours
your children everywhere.

(Matthias Claudius 1740-1815)

Reflection:

- a) *What made you think differently about the world this week?*
- b) *What virtue or characteristic is God calling us to this week?*

Prayer of Preparation:

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

Readings:

Videos: +Garry and/or Rev

Reflection:

What words or phrases give evidence to;
Loving nature of God; Tricky nature of God;
Extravagant nature of God; Creative nature
of God; Challenging nature of God?

Prayer:

Praise. Petition. Intercession. Thanksgiving.
(or follow your own discipline.)
The Lord's Prayer.
Collect for the Day.

Blessing:

"The LORD bless you and keep you;
The LORD make His face shine upon you,
And be gracious to you;
The LORD lift up His countenance upon
you, And give you peace;
this day and always" Amen.
[Numbers 6:24-26]

Song: Seek Ye First

Ask and it shall be given unto you,
seek and you shall find,
knock and it shall
be opened unto you.
Allelu, alleluia.

*Alleluia, alleluia,
alleluia, allelu alleluia.*

We shall not live by bread alone,
but by every word
that proceeds
from the mouth of the Lord.
Allelu, alleluia.

*Alleluia, alleluia,
alleluia, allelu alleluia.*

(Karen Lafferty)

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TODAY'S READINGS

PENTECOST 18

First Reading : Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20

A reading from the Book of Exodus

And God spoke all these words: 'I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery. 'You shall have no other gods before me. 'You shall not make for yourself an image in the form of anything in heaven above or on the earth beneath or in the waters below. 'You shall not misuse the name of the Lord your God, for the Lord will not hold anyone guiltless who misuses his name. 'Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy. Six days you shall labour and do all your work, 'Honour your father and your mother, so that you may live long in the land the Lord your God is giving you. 'You shall not murder. 'You shall not commit adultery. 'You shall not steal. 'You shall not give false testimony against your neighbour. 'You shall not covet your neighbour's house. You shall not covet your neighbour's wife, or his male or female servant, his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbour.' When the people saw the thunder and lightning and heard the trumpet and saw the mountain in smoke, they trembled with fear. They stayed at a distance and said to Moses, 'Speak to us yourself and we will listen. But do not let God speak to us or we will die.' Moses said to the people, 'Do not be afraid. God has come to test you, so that the fear of God will be with you to keep you from sinning.'

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Psalm:

Response: *Remember your mercies, O Lord.*

1. Your ways, O LORD, make known to me; teach me your paths, guide me in your truth and teach me, for you are God my saviour. **(R)**
2. Remember that your compassion, O LORD, and your love are from of old.
The sins of my youth and my frailties remember not; in your kindness remember me, because of your goodness, O LORD. **(R)**
3. Good and upright is the LORD; thus he shows sinners the way.
He guides the humble to justice, and teaches the humble his way. **(R)**

Second Reading:

Philippians 3

A reading from the letter to the Philippians

Further, my brothers and sisters, rejoice in the Lord! It is no trouble for me to write the same things to you again, and it is a safeguard for you. Watch out for those dogs, those evildoers, those mutilators of the flesh. For it is we who are the circumcision, we who serve God by his Spirit, who boast in Christ Jesus, and who put no confidence in the flesh – though I myself have reasons for such confidence. If someone else thinks they have reasons to put confidence in the flesh, I have more: circumcised on the eighth day, of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews; in regard to the law, a Pharisee; as for zeal, persecuting the church; as for righteousness based on the law, faultless. But whatever were gains to me I now consider loss for the

sake of Christ. What is more, I consider everything a loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whose sake I have lost all things. I consider them garbage, that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which is through faith in Christ – the righteousness that comes from God on the basis of faith. I want to know Christ – yes, to know the power of his resurrection and participation in his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, and so, somehow, attaining to the resurrection from the dead. Not that I have already obtained all this, or have already arrived at my goal, but I press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me. Brothers and sisters, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: forgetting what is behind and straining towards what is ahead, I press on towards the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenwards in Christ Jesus. All of us, then, who are mature should take such a view of things. And if on some point you think differently, that too God will make clear to you. Only let us live up to what we have already attained. Join together in following my example, brothers and sisters, and just as you have us as a model, keep your eyes on those who live as we do. For, as I have often told you before and now tell you again even with tears, many live as enemies of the cross of Christ. Their destiny is destruction, their god is their stomach, and their glory is in their shame. Their mind is set on earthly things. But our citizenship is in heaven. And we eagerly await a

Saviour from there, the Lord Jesus Christ, who, by the power that enables him to bring everything under his control, will transform our lowly bodies so that they will be like his glorious body.

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia! **Alleluia!**

Open our hearts, O Lord, to listen to the words of your Son.

Alleluia!

Gospel:

Matthew 21:33-46

***A reading from the Holy Gospel
according to Matthew***

‘Listen to another parable: there was a landowner who planted a vineyard. He put a wall round it, dug a winepress in it and built a watchtower. Then he rented the vineyard to some farmers and moved to another place. When the harvest time approached, he sent his servants to the tenants to collect his fruit. ‘The tenants seized his servants; they beat one, killed another, and stoned a third. Then he sent other servants to them, more than the first time, and the tenants treated them in the same way. Last of all, he sent his son to them. “They will respect my son,” he said. ‘But when the tenants saw the son, they said to each other, “This is the heir. Come, let’s kill him and take his inheritance.” So they took him and threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. ‘Therefore, when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?’ ‘He will bring those wretches to a wretched end,’ they replied, ‘and he will rent the vineyard to other tenants, who will give him his share of the crop at harvest time.’ Jesus said to them, ‘Have you never read in the Scriptures : “The stone the builders rejected has become the cornerstone ; the Lord has done this , and it is marvellous in our

eyes"? 'Therefore I tell you that the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people who will produce its fruit. Anyone who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; anyone on whom it falls will be crushed.' When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard Jesus' parables, they knew he was talking about them. They looked for a way to arrest him, but they were afraid of the crowd because the people held that he was a prophet.

This is the gospel of the Lord
Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ

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The Sustainable Development Goals – (for your information)

The Sustainable Development Goals are the blueprint to achieve a better and more sustainable future for all.

Goal 11: Sustainable Cities and Communities

Reducing inequalities and ensuring no one is left behind are integral to achieving the Sustainable Development Goals. Inequality within and among countries is a persistent cause for concern. Despite some positive signs toward reducing inequality in some dimensions, such as reducing relative income inequality in some countries and preferential trade status benefiting lower-income countries, inequality still persists.

COVID-19 has deepened existing inequalities, hitting the poorest and most vulnerable communities the hardest. It has put a spotlight on economic inequalities and fragile social safety nets that leave vulnerable communities to bear the brunt of the crisis. At the same time, social, political and economic inequalities have amplified the impacts of the pandemic. On the economic front, the COVID-19 pandemic has significantly increased global unemployment and dramatically slashed workers' incomes.

COVID-19 also puts at risk the limited progress that has been made on gender equality and women's rights over the past decades. Across every sphere, from health to the economy, security to social protection, the impacts of COVID-19 are exacerbated for women and girls simply by virtue of their sex. Inequalities are also deepening for vulnerable populations in countries with weaker health systems and those facing existing humanitarian crises. Refugees and migrants, as well as indigenous peoples, older persons, people with disabilities and children are particularly at risk of being left behind. And hate speech targeting vulnerable groups is rising.



MAKE CITIES AND HUMAN SETTLEMENTS INCLUSIVE, SAFE, RESILIENT AND SUSTAINABLE

BEFORE COVID-19

SHARE OF URBAN POPULATION
LIVING IN SLUMS
ROSE TO 24% IN 2018



ONLY HALF
THE WORLD'S URBAN
POPULATION HAS
CONVENIENT ACCESS
TO PUBLIC TRANSPORT
(2018)



COVID-19 IMPLICATIONS



OVER 90%
OF COVID-19
CASES ARE IN
URBAN AREAS



AIR POLLUTION
CAUSED 4.2 MILLION
PREMATURE DEATHS
IN 2016



47% OF POPULATION LIVE WITHIN 400 METRES
WALKING DISTANCE TO OPEN PUBLIC SPACES



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