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WARRACKNAEAL

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Warracknabeal, Areegra, Minyip, Hopetoun, Brim

Pentecost 11  
16<sup>th</sup> August 2020

Hello everyone!

How are you? Genuinely!

There is nothing normal about what is happening across the State, and if you find yourself irritable or not coping - I think that would be an appropriate response to these circumstances. Sure - we're luckier than some, but I urge people to talk it out!

In a new (and expensive) book entitled "Finding Resilience", the author Brian Walker suggests that through CSIRO research of Nature and how it copes with the world around it - that resilience "is an ability to absorb disturbance."

I find this a very helpful phrase. So, rather than resilience forcing us on being 'tougher' or being able to 'repel' the circumstances that are placed upon us - learning skills to allow us to 'absorb disturbance' is at the heart of Nature's ability to "change without being changed."

I would like to suggest, that as a faith community - we have skills that we can help teach, share and encourage others to develop under COVID conditions. Such as 'Prayer' - that we can address a personal God who genuinely cares for our welfare and wellbeing - with NO STRINGS ATTACHED. 'Faith' - an ability to trust and be sustained by the Holy Spirit - that can bring healing and a return to wholeness - is in itself a skill that many people don't possess. Our example of displaying hope, and courage and reaching out to others is where we can 'shine'! Do it! Don't delay.

And finally, we are a 'motley crew' aren't we - I mean really! Where else do such diverse people and opinions and backgrounds meet together to seek harmony and a unity not born of uniformity? I encourage people to find a way to join us via the ZOOM platform on Sunday mornings. It isn't the answer - granted! It will not 'nourish you' like a normal Sunday morning would. BUT - it is a chance to explore God's Word with each other and not feel so alone in the world.

Get in touch if you need to. I'm finding it difficult to phone everyone every couple of weeks - so if you want a chat - get on the 'dog & bone'!

That's all for now. With every blessing, Rev James

## Coffee by ZOOM!

9.30am on Tuesday mornings – join a few people to chew the fat and solve the problems of the world. It's fun!  
Ask Rev for ZOOM-in details!



### Prayer in the Parish

**In the Parish & Beyond:** +Garry; AGM business & process (it being different); safety in mind, heart and soul; for faith that leads to ACTION!; the people of Central America.

**Community:** Front-line health care workers; ZOOM meetings; for all those anxious with isolation; for patience and persistence in all our endeavours under current situation.

**Years Mind:** Brenda Cousins, Christina Sands, Winifred Shalders, Charlie Harberger

Pentecost 11 YouTube from Rev:

'Opening the Timber'

<https://youtu.be/C4pc092LHsk>

Bishop Garry's YouTube message:

*Close encounters of a God-like kind*  
<https://youtu.be/gm4z8J4dSm8>



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## Rev's REVOLUTION – as part of Project REGENERATE

You can also follow Rev on Instagram - [revsrevolution2020](#)

**DONATE: via details on our website - [warrackanglican.org.au](http://warrackanglican.org.au)**

Updated Parish Website is live!

In recent weeks, we've been doing some work to update our website ... check it out and if you have information or additions you'd like to make - get in touch with Rev!

[warrackanglican.org.au](http://warrackanglican.org.au)

### Sunday Morning ZOOM - 10.30am

Due to recent COVID restrictions we have begun ZOOM Church - on Sunday Mornings at 10.30am. You are welcome to attend!

Link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84020945540?pwd=YWFoSWYyY2ZJL0I2bXVvaUlFbXZydz09>

Meeting ID: 840 2094 5540      Passcode: 304651

If you have a device and are connected to the internet - we have trainers available to help you connect if your family are unable to assist. Get in touch. Please give Rev a call ... and we'll sort something out!

# A Simple Service –for Pentecost 11

## Hymn: Sizohamba

Sizohamba naye, wo wo wo,

Sizohamba naye. (*repeat*)

Ngomhla wnejabula,

Sizohamba naye. (*repeat*)

We will walk with God, my brothers,

We will walk with God.

We will walk with God, my sisters,

We will walk with God.

We will go rejoicing,

Till the kingdom has come. (*repeat*)

John L. Bell

## Reflection:

- What was your favourite moment this week?*
- What would you like to ask God for 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 was the phrase that ‘jumped out’ at you this morning?
- What word or image would best describe who God is for you from the readings and your reflections?

## 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: Christ is the World’s Light

Christ is the world’s light, he and no other;  
born in our darkness, he became our brother.  
If we have seen him, we have seen the  
Father: *Glory to God on high.*

Christ is the world’s peace, he and no other;  
no one can serve him and despise his brother.  
Who else unites us, one in god the Father?  
*Glory to God on high.*

Christ is the world’s life, he and no other;  
sold once for silver, murdered here, our  
brother – he, who redeems us, reigns with  
God the Father: *Glory to God on high.*

Give God the glory, God and no other;  
give God the glory, Spirit, Son and Father;  
give God the glory, God in man my brother:

*Glory to God on high.*

Frederick Pratt Green

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## THE PROPS

**Sentence:** Thus says the Lord, ‘Maintain justice, and do what is right, for soon my salvation will come, and my deliverance be revealed.’

**Collect:** God of freedom, you have broken the tyranny of sin and sent the Spirit of your Son into our hearts: give us grace to dedicate our freedom to your service, that all people may know the glorious liberty of the children of God; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

# TODAY'S READINGS

## PENTECOST 11

First Reading :

Genesis 45:1-15

### *A reading from the Book of Genesis*

Then Joseph could no longer control himself before all his attendants, and he cried out, ‘Make everyone leave my presence!’ So there was no one with Joseph when he made himself known to his brothers. And he wept so loudly that the Egyptians heard him, and Pharaoh’s household heard about it. Joseph said to his brothers, ‘I am Joseph! Is my father still living?’ But his brothers were not able to answer him, because they were terrified at his presence. Then Joseph said to his brothers, ‘Come close to me.’ When they had done so, he said, ‘I am your brother Joseph, the one you sold into Egypt! And now, do not be distressed and do not be angry with yourselves for selling me here, because it was to save lives that God sent me ahead of you. For two years now there has been famine in the land, and for the next five years there will be no ploughing and reaping. But God sent me ahead of you to preserve for you a remnant on earth and to save your lives by a great deliverance. ‘So then, it was not you who sent me here, but God. He made me father to Pharaoh, lord of his entire household and ruler of all Egypt. Now hurry back to my father and say to him, “This is what your son Joseph says: God has made me lord of all Egypt. Come down to me; don’t delay. You shall live in the region of Goshen and be near me – you, your children and grandchildren, your flocks and herds, and all you have. I will provide for you there, because five years of famine are still to come. Otherwise you and your household and all who belong to you will become destitute.” ‘You can see for

yourselves, and so can my brother Benjamin, that it is really I who am speaking to you. Tell my father about all the honour accorded me in Egypt and about everything you have seen. And bring my father down here quickly.’ Then he threw his arms around his brother Benjamin and wept, and Benjamin embraced him, weeping. And he kissed all his brothers and wept over them. Afterwards his brothers talked with him.

This is the word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

Psalm:

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**Response: O God let all the nations praise you!**

1. Let God be gracious to us and bless us: and make his face shine upon us, That your ways may be known on earth: your liberating power among all nations. (R)
2. Let the peoples praise you, O God: let all the peoples praise you. Let the nations be glad and sing: for you judge the peoples with integrity, and govern the nations upon earth. (R)
3. Let the peoples praise you, O God: let all the peoples praise you. Then the earth will yield its fruitfulness: and God, our God, will bless us. God shall bless us. (R)

Second Reading:

Romans 11:13-32

### *A reading from the letter to the Romans*

I am talking to you Gentiles. Inasmuch as I am the apostle to the Gentiles, I take pride in my ministry in the hope that I may somehow arouse my own people to envy and save some of them. For if their

rejection brought reconciliation to the world, what will their acceptance be but life from the dead? If the part of the dough offered as firstfruits is holy, then the whole batch is holy; if the root is holy, so are the branches. If some of the branches have been broken off, and you, though a wild olive shoot, have been grafted in among the others and now share in the nourishing sap from the olive root, do not consider yourself to be superior to those other branches. If you do, consider this: you do not support the root, but the root supports you. You will say then, ‘Branches were broken off so that I could be grafted in.’ Granted. But they were broken off because of unbelief, and you stand by faith. Do not be arrogant, but tremble. For if God did not spare the natural branches, he will not spare you either. Consider therefore the kindness and sternness of God: sternness to those who fell, but kindness to you, provided that you continue in his kindness. Otherwise, you also will be cut off. And if they do not persist in unbelief, they will be grafted in, for God is able to graft them in again. After all, if you were cut out of an olive tree that is wild by nature, and contrary to nature were grafted into a cultivated olive tree, how much more readily will these, the natural branches, be grafted into their own olive tree! I do not want you to be ignorant of this mystery, brothers and sisters, so that you may not be conceited: Israel has experienced a hardening in part until the full number of the Gentiles has come in, and in this way all Israel will be saved. As it is written: ‘The deliverer will come from Zion; he will turn godlessness away from Jacob. And this is my covenant with them when I take away their sins.’ As far as the gospel is concerned, they are enemies for your sake; but as far as election is

concerned, they are loved on account of the patriarchs, for God’s gifts and his call are irrevocable. Just as you who were at one time disobedient to God have now received mercy as a result of their disobedience, so they too have now become disobedient in order that they too may now receive mercy as a result of God’s mercy to you. For God has bound everyone over to disobedience so that he may have mercy on them all.

This is the word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

**Gospel Acclamation:**

**Alleluia, Alleluia**

The Word of God became a man and lived among us. He enabled those who accepted him to become the children of God. **Alleluia**

**Gospel:**

**Matthew 15:21-28**

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

Leaving that place, Jesus withdrew to the region of Tyre and Sidon. A Canaanite woman from that vicinity came to him, crying out, ‘Lord, Son of David, have mercy on me! My daughter is demon-possessed and suffering terribly.’ Jesus did not answer a word. So his disciples came to him and urged him, ‘Send her away, for she keeps crying out after us.’ He answered, ‘I was sent only to the lost sheep of Israel.’ The woman came and knelt before him. ‘Lord, help me!’ she said. He replied, ‘It is not right to take the children’s bread and toss it to the dogs.’ ‘Yes it is, Lord,’ she said. ‘Even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their master’s table.’ Then Jesus said to her, ‘Woman, you have great faith! Your request is granted.’ And her daughter was healed at that moment.

This is the gospel of the Lord

**Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ**

## **Looking after yourself in these strange times:**

**Keep things in perspective:** No matter the discomfort, what we are asked to do is for the benefit of the common good. Hang in there! Don't despair and give another some hope.

**Take care of your body:** Try to eat well, sleep soundly and exercise. If you become unwell – take time to rest and recover. Find a good book. Find some sunshine or a cat. Drink well.

**Check your screen time:** Engage with media that helps you feel connected and positive.

**Look after your head ... and your heart:** Be kind to yourself. Try and do something you enjoy every day. The cleaning can wait for tomorrow. Look in the mirror – see beauty!

**Reach out to others:** Support and kindness go a long way. Talk, listen and offer help when you can. Phone that person you have been thinking about. Connect with your neighbour.

**Use this time:** Do some things you've always wanted to do. No matter how small the task – saviour a sense of accomplishment. Try something new. Dance – in the kitchen. Sing!

**Ask for help:** You are not alone! There is no honour in 'being tough' this time around!

### **National Coronavirus Helpline**

Call this line if you are seeking information on Coronavirus. The line operates 24 hours a day, seven days a week.      **Telephone: [1800 675 398](tel:1800675398)**

## **Parish AGM – 23<sup>rd</sup> August 2020 – 11.30am – A REMINDER!**

- Please follow instructions provided within AGM documents (sent out last weekend) - in order for us to conduct our business and address any issues that we may have about the life, operation and wellbeing of our parish. Please direct ALL question to Rev James.
- **SEND IN YOUR ATTENDANCE FORM!**
- We still need at least TWO PAROCHIAL NOMINATIONS: 1 x Committee and 1 x substitute. This ensures that, should Rev get hit by a bus, there is a panel who can appoint the next incumbent with diligence and integrity. Please contact Sarah-Jayne Holland.

## **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 4: Quality Education**

Education enables upward socioeconomic mobility and is a key to escaping poverty. Over the past decade, major progress was made towards increasing access to education and school enrollment rates at all levels, particularly for girls. Nevertheless, about 260 million children were still out of school in 2018 — nearly one fifth of the global population in that age group. And more than half of all children and adolescents worldwide are not meeting minimum proficiency standards in reading and mathematics.

In 2020, as the COVID-19 pandemic spread across the globe, a majority of countries announced the temporary closure of schools, impacting more than 91 per cent of students worldwide. By April 2020, close to 1.6 billion children and youth were out of school. And nearly 369 million children who rely on school meals needed to look to other sources for daily nutrition.

Never before have so many children been out of school at the same time, disrupting learning and upending lives, especially the most vulnerable and marginalised. The global pandemic has far-reaching consequences that may jeopardize hard won gains made in improving global education.

## Goal 4: Quality Education



ENSURE INCLUSIVE AND EQUITABLE QUALITY EDUCATION AND PROMOTE LIFELONG LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES FOR ALL

BEFORE COVID-19

PROGRESS TOWARDS  
INCLUSIVE AND EQUITABLE QUALITY  
EDUCATION WAS TOO SLOW



OVER 200 MILLION CHILDREN WILL  
STILL BE OUT OF SCHOOL IN 2030

COVID-19 IMPLICATIONS



SCHOOL CLOSURES KEPT  
90% OF ALL STUDENTS OUT OF SCHOOL  
REVERSING YEARS OF PROGRESS IN EDUCATION



ONLY 65% OF PRIMARY SCHOOLS  
HAVE BASIC HANDWASHING FACILITIES  
CRITICAL FOR COVID-19 PREVENTION

INEQUALITIES IN EDUCATION ARE  
EXACERBATED BY COVID-19

IN LOW-INCOME COUNTRIES,  
CHILDREN'S SCHOOL COMPLETION RATE IS



79% IN RICHEST  
20% OF HOUSEHOLDS



34% IN POOREST  
20% OF HOUSEHOLDS

REMOTE LEARNING REMAINS  
OUT OF REACH FOR  
AT LEAST  
500 MILLION STUDENTS



SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS

ACCESS MORE DATA AND INFORMATION ON THE INDICATORS AT [HTTPS://UNSTATS.UN.ORG/SDGS/REPORT/2020/](https://unstats.un.org/SDGs/REPORT/2020/)

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## Joseph & His Brothers, Part 2

Joseph said to his brothers, "I am Joseph! Is my father still living?" But his brothers were not able to answer him, because they were terrified at his presence. Genesis 45:3 (NIV)

The puzzle is based on Genesis 32:22-31



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YEARS	FAMINE	LIVING	BENJAMIN	BROTHER
SON	FATHER	JOSEPH	EGYPT	ANGRY
KISSED	WEEPING	LAND	EMBRACE	PHARAOH

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