As a Christian community, meeting together to worship God, we affirm our commitment to ensuring the safety of each child who interacts with our community.

Our statement of commitment for Child Safety is available on our website or in the Narthex of each Parish Centre.

Mission Statement: To live as disciples of Christ Embracing his teaching of love and service to all.

**Vision Statement:** To be known as God's people of prayer, to be welcoming of all our sisters and brothers by being inclusive and sensitive to diversity, open to change and growing as a community by the love and grace of Christ.

#### PARISH BANK ACCOUNT DETAILS

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#### **DIARY THIS WEEK**

#### PLEASE OBSERVE Stage 4 Covid Restrictions. Stay Safe

Tuesday 8th. September Birth of Mary, Mother of the Lord

Wednesday 9th. September 10.00 am. Morning Prayer on Zoom

Sunday 13th, September 10.30 am, Recorded Service

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Right now, we're all facing the same storm, but we're all doing so in different boats... Some have yachts, others are in tinnies. Some have a substantial crew on board, others are rowing alone. Some have life jackets (higher resilience, stronger relationships, more optimism, use their strengths and more positivity), others don't even have a working rudder... I have been using this boat analogy a lot this week (after hearing it from @janewundersitz) to explain why some people are handling the current crisis better than others..

"We are not all in the same boat. We are all in the same storm." That summation of our current situation originally came from Damian Barr (the illustration is by Barbara Kelley), who suggested that some of us will sail through this pandemic with our health and jobs intact, yet others will lose one or both, or potentially more.

So if you're wondering why others are fairing better or worse than you at the moment, perhaps it's worth considering what type of boat they are in...

Anna Glynn



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#### **WELCOME**

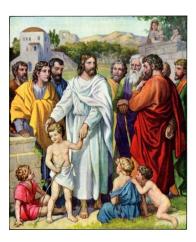
During this time of online services,

Please feel free to follow along if you have a prayer book at home.

The service begins on page 119 of A Prayer Book for Australia

# Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost





6th. September 2020

## Acknowledgement of Land

(An act towards reconciliation by the Parish of Glenroy/ Hadfield / Merlynston)

For thousands of years indigenous people have walked in this land. Their relationship with the land is at the centre of their lives. We acknowledge the Wurundjeri people of the Kulin nation, for their stewardship throughout the ages.

**Sentence:** 'Where two or three are gathered in my name,' says the Lord, 'I am there among them'

Matthew 18. 20;

**Collect:** Go before us, O Lord, and further us with your continual help, that in all our works, begun, continued, and ended in you, we may glorify your holy name, and finally, by your mercy, obtain everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.** 

### Readings

#### Exodus 12. 1-14:

The LORD said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt: This month shall mark for you the beginning of months: it shall be the first month of the year for you. Tell the whole congregation of Israel that on the tenth of this month they are to take a lamb for each family, a lamb for each household. If a household is too small for a whole lamb, it shall join its closest neighbour in obtaining one; the lamb shall be divided in proportion to the number of people who eat of it. Your lamb shall be without blemish, a year-old male; you may take it from the sheep or from the goats. You shall keep it until the fourteenth day of this month; then the whole assembled congregation of Israel shall slaughter it at twilight. They shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and the lintel of the houses in which they eat it. They shall eat the lamb that same night; they shall eat it roasted over the fire with unleavened bread and bitter herbs. Do not eat any of it raw or boiled in water, but roasted over the fire, with its head, legs, and inner organs. You shall let none of it remain until the morning; anything that remains until the morning you shall burn. This is how you shall eat it: your loins girded, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand; and you shall eat it hurriedly. It is the passover of the LORD. For I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike down every firstborn in the land of Egypt, both human beings and animals; on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgements: I am the LORD. The blood shall be a sign for you on the houses where you live: when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plaque shall destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt. This day shall be a day of remembrance for you. You shall celebrate it as a festival to the LORD: throughout your generations you shall observe it as a perpetual ordinance.

#### Psalm 149

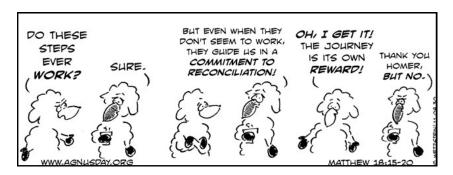
- 1 O praise the Lord, and sing to the Lord a new song;
  - O praise him in the assembly of the faithful.
- 2 Let Israel rejoice in him that made him:
  - let the children of Zion be joyful in their king.
- 3 Let them praise him in the dance;
  - let them sing his praise with timbrel and with harp.
- 4 For the Lord takes delight in his people;
  - he adorns the meek with his salvation.
- 5 Let his faithful ones exult in his glory;
  - let them sing for joy upon their beds.
- 6 Let the high praises of God be in their mouths:
  - and a two-edged sword in their hands;
- 7 To execute vengeance on the nations;
  - and chastisement upon the peoples.
- 8 To bind their kings in chains;
  - and their nobles with fetters of iron:
- 9 To visit upon them the judgement that is decreed;
  - such honour belongs to all his faithful servants.

## Romans 13. 1-10;

Let every person be subject to the governing authorities; for there is no authority except from God, and those authorities that exist have been instituted by God. Therefore whoever resists what God has appointed, and those who resist will incur judgement. For rulers are not a terror to good conduct, but to bad. Do you wish to have no fear of the authority? Then do what is good, and you will receive its approval; for it is God's servant for your good. But if you do what is wrong, you should be afraid, for the authority does not bear the sword in vain! It is the servant of God to execute wrath on the wrongdoer. Therefore one must be subject, not only because of wrath but also because of conscience. For the same reason you pay taxes, for the authorities are God's servants, busy with this very thing. Pay to all what is due them—taxes to whom taxes are due, revenue to whom revenue is due, respect to whom respect is due, honour to whom honour is due. Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. The commandments, 'You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet'; and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, 'Love your neighbour as yourself.' Love does no wrong to a neighbour; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law.

#### GOSPEL Matthew 18, 10-20 :

Take care that you do not despise one of these little ones; for, I tell you, in heaven their angels continually see the face of my Father in heaven. What do you think? If a shepherd has a hundred sheep, and one of them has gone astray, does he not leave the ninety-nine on the mountains and go in search of the one that went astray? And if he finds it, truly I tell you, he rejoices over it more than over the ninety-nne that never went astray. So it is not the will of your Father in heaven that one of these little ones should be lost. 'If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax-collector. Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.



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