

**“Be thou My Vision “**

<https://youtu.be/ihJAJA4ibEs>

**A Pilgrim Liturgy (Readapted)**

**All Saints’ Anglican Parish Newtown & Geelong West**

**Holy Communion in Stage 3 restrictions**

**Sunday 20 September 2020 St.Matthew**



**“Pentecost” by Sawai Chinnawong**

**The Liturgy begins at home.**

**Hymn- Monks singing Gregorian Chant**

<https://youtu.be/CBwh1OXw6ul>

## **The Greeting**

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**And also with you**

## **Prayer of Preparation**

Let us pray

**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**

The Two Great Commandments.

'Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God, the Lord is one; you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength.' Jesus said: 'This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it: you shall love your neighbour as yourself.'

## **Hymns of Hildegard von Bingen- Feast day 17/9 (12th century)**

<https://youtu.be/OYTOiJ-zjP0>

Glory to God in the highest,  
and peace to God's people on earth.  
Lord God, heavenly King,

almighty God and Father,  
 we worship you, we give you thanks,  
 we praise you for your glory.  
 Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,  
 Lord God, Lamb of God,  
 you take away the sin of the world:  
 have mercy on us;  
 you are seated at the right hand of the Father:  
 receive our prayer.  
 For you alone are the Holy One,  
 you alone are the Lord,  
 you alone are the Most High  
 Jesus Christ,  
 with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

## **Collect and The Ministry of the Word**

**Readings for the day (separate sheet)**

**“My Song Is Love Unknown”**

<https://youtu.be/HMart4wXsI0>

### **Creed**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
 creator of heaven and earth.  
 I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s only Son, our Lord,  
 who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
 born of the virgin Mary,  
 suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
 was crucified, died, and was buried;  
 he descended to the dead.  
 On the third day he rose from the dead;  
 he ascended into heaven,  
 and is seated at the right hand of the Father;  
 from there he will come to judge  
 the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

### **Ephesians 4**

**“Bear with one another through love, striving to preserve the unity of the Spirit through the bonds of peace: One Body and One Spirit”.**

### **The Reflection**

#### **PREFACE:**

This Sunday we remember St Matthew who’s Feast Day is September 21. As we read in the Gospel, Matthew was going about his business at the custom post.

Jesus was just passing by; saw Matthew and said: “Follow me”, which Matthew did. Caravaggio’s painting (below) captures the “who me?” moment, while the others around Matthew just keep counting the money. Call and Response! Matthew responds, as we pray we do when the Call comes, including a Call in fresh ways.



Like this Call to pray for the “healing of the land”, led by First Nation Christian elders. This week, I realised how, to this end, I needed to pray intently as regards the personal “healing of the family tree”.

Responding to the Call of Jesus took me places I had not been expecting, both spiritually and physically. This is elaborated below.

Perhaps this reflection on a national and personal call may also have some resonances with your responses to the call of Jesus. Together, as our Ephesians reading reminds us:” We are the Body of Christ”.

***PRAYING FOR “THE HEALING OF THE LAND” ON SATURDAY 26 AND SUNDAY 27 SEPTEMBER, LED BY FIRST NATION CHRISTIAN LEADERS..***

I imagine that you are now aware of this initiative. In summary, after our National Day of Prayer regarding the Pandemic ,on August 2, new connections were made to Indigenous Christian leaders as we planned for subsequent Days of Prayer. Guided by the Holy Spirit , after listening to some of their dreams and visions of recent years ,and discerning their yearning for our unity in Godly purpose , our Indigenous Christian leaders have been asked to lead our prayers on September 26-27.

As we pray each day, towards September 26-27 and our National Solemn Assembly, the purpose keeps taking us all deeper. We are seeking God’s face “for the healing of the land” ( Chronicles 7:14).

Jesus assures us in the Sermon on the Mount that the pure in heart will see God. (Matthew 5:8). Hence our praying for the healing of “ this great south land of the Holy Spirit “ ( as our First Nation Christian leaders keep referring to our continent ) , necessarily involves our personal and corporate endeavour to live with a pure heart.

Our yearning for the healing of our land; our prayers to this end , in openness to the Holy Spirit , is therefore bringing many matters into awareness . Matters that broke hearts; matters that , in response, made a purer heart more difficult and more problematic.

With this summary (and recognising you can see the elaboration again in recent Reflections), let me offer three reflections as to why I am asking for your prayerful contribution . These are reflections of a more personal kind.

\*In our most recent Preparatory Zoom meeting on Tuesday 8 September at 4 pm ,with now some 90+ joining in , Pastor Peter Walker , our leader in this, reflected that the First Nation people have to keep dealing with their own stuff in apology and forgiveness .

” The white folk have their own issues to deal with”, he said in his gracious and matter of fact manner. That is how it is , on the journey towards the healing of our land . We each have to take responsibility for our own stuff and cease projecting onto others those things we should face in ourselves. In my case, that has taken me back in time - praying in Jesus , for circumstances and people long ago.

The nature of this has been most unexpected. As ever, one does not know all the” why “of this or the spiritual effect of these prayers.

It is just a matter of being faithful and following the promptings of the Holy Spirit when matters and people, in that wonderful phrase.” come to mind”.

As one example, a forebear on my father’s side came here as a convict. He was a boy of 15. Later, his father also came as a convict, we surmise, to try and find his lost son (which never happened). The life of the boy, Thomas Napier, has been researched by our family historian and a friend. The story is full of brutality by those with power in Tasmania and on Norfolk Island. Both towards young Thomas, but also, as the record shows, towards the First Nation people. Our family historian, my cousin Margaret Munro, has recently discovered the unmarked grave where Thomas is buried , in Inglewood , not far from where our family has farmed since around 1870.

I do not know whether Thomas was ever prayerfully trusted to God’s eternal care. On Monday, we met beside his grave and I offered the prayers of the church for him and for others “ brought to mind”. We read the Road to Emmaus Gospel ; burned some incense; placed under rocks a cross from Jerusalem ,offered prayers. Afterwards, Margaret said she felt very peaceful. Something important was completed emotionally and spiritually.

Margaret and Paul Haw, with the blessing and permission of the Dja Dja Wurrung elders , have also written a history of the Aboriginal people in that area near Boort in Central Victoria .It is called “Footprints across the Loddon Plains” and has a foreword from Gary Murray Yong Balug Clan, Boort -grandson of Pastor Doug Nichols . It is a story of displacement, in a generation or two, of people who’d inhabited the area for over a 1000 generations! “The land of Australia”, in its fullest meaning as including us all as well as the rivers and oceans, every living creature, needs deep healing.

On September 26-27, we are praying for this, in the healing power of our Risen Lord Jesus. Our country farmhouse kitchen in Central Victoria , had a picture of Aboriginal men with ceremonial markings, taken down on the nearby Loddon River . It is now quite a famous picture. They look so healthy. Soon after they were all gone. Mostly because of imported diseases ...

Elsewhere there were massacres. When Bishop up on the north coast of NSW, I was asked by local Indigenous people to come and pray in an area of massacre, near Ballina . Long after the massacre, bones could still be found close to the

surface of the earth. Trust had been built over a long period, leading up to this ceremony. I was inheriting the work of many others before me. It was very public. I prayed as best I could but, years later, I feel that it was all too rushed. We should have sat longer together. I should have heard more of the stories. There should have been more time for the tears. Much more time was needed so that we could ponder together what the next steps were for genuine and lasting reconciliation. I regret that I did not help us go deeper in relational and spiritual harmony.

As there, how many other places? “The healing of our land. “

Our prayers, leading to September 26-27, are opening us up to being more reconciled and reconciling, “till God is all in all.” ( I Corinthians 15:28).

So we keep praying :

“Jesus, Lamb of God, have mercy on us.

Jesus, bearer of our sins, have mercy on us.

Jesus, redeemer of the world, grant us your peace.”

When we reach Saturday 26 and Sunday 27 September, there will be prayers and biblical reflections offered from 9am to 9 pm each day. To reaffirm, this is being led by our Indigenous Christian leaders, as guided into place by the Holy Spirit.

In recent days, an international connection is shaping so that Indigenous Christian leaders in Africa, Asia, the Americas , etc. are also joining in. The whole world needs reconciliation in the healing power of our Risen Lord Jesus. Nothing is more obvious. The pandemic has amplified this reality.

As current President of the NCCA, I have been drawn into this, also unexpectedly. I write all this now in a personal way to make one thing clear.

The matter I would make clear is that this is all about prayer. It is not about politics. It is not about the various “reconciliation “agendas and programs which people promote or dispute. It is entirely about people who are disciples of Jesus, of many different backgrounds, offering their prayers for the healing of our land. I have to emphasise this because, in a culture habituated to division, the innocence of this prayerful purpose can be lost.

Without undue elaboration, I hope you will understand why I might be saying this. We walk the Way of the Cross and know what spiritual forces can get aroused along the way. The Program for the days involves a 90 minute cycle repeated 8 times , with different Indigenous Speakers , their Songs and Prayers taking up most of the 90 minutes , aside from a 5-7 minute offering from non-Indigenous leaders. It will all be virtual. The Zoom address is below:

<https://www.nationaldayofprayer.org.au/wp-content/uploads/sites/2/2020/08/National-Solemn-Assembly-2020-JPEG-OPT-002.jpg>

Reconciled and reconciling - that is God's yearning for us.  
With prayers now,

+ Philip.



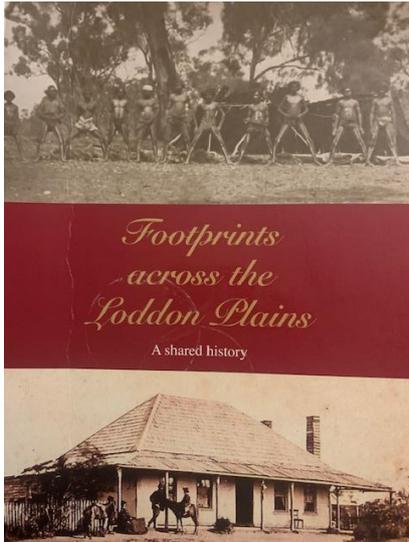
### **Dragon fly**

The Dragonfly carries the wisdom of transformation & adaptability in life. When the dragonfly shows up in your life it may remind you to bring a bit more lightness and joy into your life. It's also an indication that it is time for change. Just like the dragonfly changes colours as it matures, you may be called to live and

experience yourself differently.  
Painting and story by Chistinaray Wadya Weetra.

Mendelssohn Violin Concerto in E minor

<https://youtu.be/K67o86CS5uo>



Margaret Munro book



Thomas Napier grave

### THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

**Sun 20** Pray for the Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan; Diocese of Ballarat; Caulfield Grammar School; Parish of St Paul's, Inverleigh w. St John's, Bannockburn and Church of the Epiphany, Meredith; Parish of St John's, Cranbourne w. Christ Church, Tooradin ; St Agnes Glenhuntly; Christ Church Newport.

### Years Mind 21- 27 Sept

John Cave, Roderick Fraser, Barbara Ryan, Walter (Bill) Dexter, Josie Cave, Ken McKeown, Pearlie Brennan, Bruce Fletcher, Neville King, Arthur Collins and Rory McLeod.

We pray for the peace of the world.

We pray for the welfare of your holy Church.

We pray for seasonable weather.

We pray for children, all God's children.

We pray for those in need.

We pray for ourselves and for each other.

We praise you, Lord God, for the communion of saints and for the glorious hope of the resurrection to eternal life.

Our prayer in support of our Incumbency Committee.

“ Bountiful God ,give to our All Saints Parish a faithful pastor who will faithfully speak your word and minister your sacraments;

an encourager who will equip your people for ministry  
 and enable us to fulfil our calling with warm and generous hearts.  
 Give your discerning wisdom to those who will choose: our John, Dinah and  
 Peter along with+ Kate. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN

### **Shalom Aleichem**

<https://youtu.be/913jZFL1bdE>

**Our Father in heaven,  
 hallowed be your name,  
 your kingdom come,  
 your will be done,  
 on earth as in heaven.  
 Give us today our daily bread.  
 Forgive us our sins  
 as we forgive those who sin against us.  
 Save us from the time of trial  
 and deliver us from evil.  
 For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours  
 now and for ever. Amen.**

### **Confession and Kyrie**

Lord, we have sinned in thought, word and deed:

Lord have mercy

**Lord have mercy**

We are truly sorry and we ask you to forgive us:

Christ have mercy

**Christ have mercy**

Help us by your Spirit to live in newness of life:

Lord have mercy

**Lord have mercy**

Hebrews 7:25- "Jesus is able for all time to save those who draw near to God through Him, since Jesus always lives to make intercessions for them". (ABPA Pg. 39)

**For those able the Pilgrimage continues at All Saint's Church Hall driveway for the sacrament from 10am-11am.**

### **The Greeting of Peace**

We are the body of Christ.

**His Spirit is with us.**

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**And also with you.**

**Hymn- Inta Elaahi "You are my God"**

<https://youtu.be/F4vgl4ZVvc8>

### **Reception of Holy Communion in Hall Driveway**

#### **The Sending out of God's people**

Living God, in this holy meal you fill us with new hope.

May the power of your love,  
which we have known in word and sacrament,  
continue your saving work among us,  
give us courage for our pilgrimage,  
and bring us to the joys you promise.

All say together

**Father, we offer ourselves to you**

**as a living sacrifice**

**through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

**Send us out in the power of your Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory.**

**Blessing**

**The peace of God which passes all understanding keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. Amen.**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord:

**In the name of Christ. Amen**

**We Pilgrimage on together in the grace of Jesus- praying a blessing on our Australia.**

**Tchaikovsky-Hymn of the Cherubim - Liturgy of St John Chrysostom**

<https://youtu.be/ggUtlUHIqQQ>

## **Parish News**

### **For Your Prayers**

Hassan and family, Clive S, Rev'd Jill McCoy and Rev'd Carlie. Please continue to keep in your prayers those who are elderly and frail including Anne S, Shirley P, Joy, Clarice, Dot W and Jean. Prayers for those on our parish phone communication list.

**Warden Peter Bufton has a new email address: woolondon3640@gmail.com**



**To keep us connected, this section will be for what you might like to share- a story, a photo, poem, painting??** Thanksgiving for Liz & Peter Bufton- 50th Wedding Anniversary this weekend. They were married at All Saints'. Congratulations to the young lovers- blessed and a blessing to so many.

