

Tongan Appeal Update

The response to the Tongan Appeal has been extraordinary. Individuals and churches have given generously to many of the different agencies who are working together to restore water supplies, electricity, rebuild homes and restore the fishing fleets, the cropping gardens and farming plantations all destroyed either by the volcanic ash or the salt water that reached every part of the islands. Every day ships are arriving with both short term and long term aid, so much so that they need people and machinery to help distribute it and use it for where it is needed. Even with so much, so much more is needed. If you haven't contributed yet, please do so, and become part of the work that God is doing among his people in these pacific islands." God loves a cheerful giver".

NEXT WEEK: SUNDAY 27 FEBRUARY

8TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Preacher and Presider: Rev. Oliver Roberts

Readings:

Isaiah 55: 10-13, Psalm 92: 1-4, 12-15

1 Corinthians 15: 51-58, Luke 6: 39-49

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Holy Trinity Anglican Church Fitzroy



7th Sunday in Ordinary Time.

20 February 2022

Presider & Preacher: Rev. Geoff Rodley



We stand and sing

Praise to the Holiest in the height,
and in the depth be praise;
in all his words most wonderful,
most sure in all his ways!

O loving wisdom of our God!
when all was sin and shame,
a second Adam to the fight
and to the rescue came.

O wisest love! That flesh and blood,
which did in Adam fail,
should strive afresh against the foe,
should strive and should prevail.

And that the highest gift of grace
should flesh and blood refine:
God's presence and his very self,
and essence all-divine.

And in the garden secretly,
and on the cross on high,
should teach his brethren, and inspire
to suffer and to die.

Praise to the Holiest in the height,
and in the depth be praise;
in all his words most wonderful,
most sure in all his ways.

The Sentence

O Lord how manifold are your works; in wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures. Psalm 104: 25

The Collect

God of welcome, we encounter you in those different from us; enlarge the tent of our lives to embrace both friend and foe, so that we grow to be more like you; through Jesus Christ our Liberator, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

A reading from Psalm 37: 1-11, 39-40

¹ Do not fret because of the wicked; do not be envious of wrongdoers,

² **for they will soon fade like the grass,
and wither like the green herb.**

³ Trust in the LORD, and do good; so you will live in the land, and enjoy security.

⁴ **Take delight in the LORD,
and he will give you the desires of your heart.**

⁵ Commit your way to the LORD; trust in him, and he will act.

⁶ **He will make your vindication shine like the light,
and the justice of your cause like the noonday.**

⁷ Be still before the LORD, and wait patiently for him; do not fret over those who prosper in their way, over those who carry out evil devices.

⁸ **Refrain from anger, and forsake wrath.
Do not fret—it leads only to evil.**

⁹ For the wicked shall be cut off, but those who wait for the LORD shall inherit the land.

¹⁰ **Yet a little while, and the wicked will be no more;
though you look diligently for their place, they will not be there.**

¹¹ But the meek shall inherit the land, and delight themselves in abundant prosperity.

³⁹ **The salvation of the righteous is from the LORD;
he is their refuge in the time of trouble.**

⁴⁰ The LORD helps them and rescues them;
he rescues them from the wicked, and saves them, because they take refuge in him.

A reading from Genesis 45: 3-11, 15 ³ Joseph said to his brothers, "I am Joseph. Is my father still alive?" But his brothers could not answer him, so dismayed were they at his presence. Then Joseph said to his brothers, "Come closer to me." And they came closer. He said, "I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt." ⁵ And now do not be distressed, or angry with yourselves, because you sold me here; for God sent me before you to preserve life. ⁶ For the famine has been in the land these two years; and there are five more years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvest. ⁷ God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors. ⁸ So it was not you who sent me here, but God; he has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt. ⁹ Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, 'Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt; come down to me, do not delay. ¹⁰ You shall settle in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children's children, as well as your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. ¹¹ I will provide for you there—since there are five more years of famine to come—so that you and your household, and all that you have, will not come to poverty.

¹⁵ And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them; and after that his brothers talked with him.

What's on this week

Today	20.2.22	9.45am	Eucharist
Tuesday		1.30pm	Knit & Knatter
Thursday		4.30-5.30pm	On the House
Sunday	27.2.22	9.45am	Eucharist

KNIT & KNATTER

We meet again on **Tuesday, 22 February 2022**, at 1.30pm at Norma Benton's home. All welcome. Call Norma on 758 6783 with any queries.

MOSAIC YOUTH

This group of young people has just started up again for this year, for Years 9-13. If you know of anyone who would like to join up, they would be very welcome. Please contact Kim Wright (0211663234) for more information. Term planner out shortly.

TONGAN APPEAL

Besides prayers for the trauma at Tonga, donations would be extremely acceptable. Please place your donation in our church account, and this will be included in your donations total, eligible for the Governments Donation Rebate. It would then be forwarded on to the Anglican Missions Board.

Details are: Holy Trinity Vestry Account - 15-3953-0421422-000
More details in the next newsletter received on your computer.

PARKING FOR DISABLED

Just a reminder – please leave these spaces free for those who need them!

The Lenten Season

Lent is the traditionally season of 40 days leading up to Good Friday and Easter. It begins each year on Ash Wednesday, which this year falls on March 2nd. During Lent we are encouraged to focus once more on preparing our own hearts for the celebration of Jesus death on the cross, so that we become more aware of the great sacrifice Jesus made for us at Calvary, and find ways of responding in our own lives, to all He did for us. Its suggested we make extra time to study God's Word, to pray very specifically for needs with in the life of the Church and to contribute to the needs of the poor and vulnerable overseas. We usually have Lenten Boxes or Lenten envelopes to enable us to make donations during Lent that support particular needs. This year there will be no boxes or envelopes. Mission has gone digital, so we are all asked to make our donations online. You can send your donation to the Anglican Missions Board using their bank number 02 0585 0001796 00. Call it 'Lent 2022'.

Final song:

God's Spirit is in my heart,
He has called me and set me apart
This is what I have to do,
What I have to do:

*He sent me to give the good news to the poor
Tell prisoners that they are prisoners no more;
Tell blind people that they can see,
And set the downtrodden free.
And go tell everyone
the news that the Kingdom of God has come,
And go tell everyone
the news that God's Kingdom has come.*

Just as the Father sent me
So I'm sending you out to be
My witness throughout the world
The whole of the world.

He sent me to give the good news to the poor...

Don't carry a load in your pack,
You don't need two shirts on your back,
Christ's workers can earn their own keep.
Can earn their own keep.

He sent me to give the good news to the poor ...

Don't worry what you have to say,
Don't worry because on that day,
God's Spirit will speak in your heart
Will speak in your heart.

He sent me to give the good news to the poor...

A reading from 1 Corinthians 15: 35-38, 42-50

³⁵ But someone will ask, "How are the dead raised? With what kind of body do they come?" ³⁶ Fool! What you sow does not come to life unless it dies. ³⁷ And as for what you sow, you do not sow the body that is to be, but a bare seed, perhaps of wheat or of some other grain. ³⁸ But God gives it a body as he has chosen, and to each kind of seed its own body. ⁴² So it is with the resurrection of the dead. What is sown is perishable, what is raised is imperishable. ⁴³ It is sown in dishonour, it is raised in glory. It is sown in weakness, it is raised in power. ⁴⁴ It is sown a physical body, it is raised a spiritual body. If there is a physical body, there is also a spiritual body. ⁴⁵ Thus it is written, "The first man, Adam, became a living being"; the last Adam became a life-giving spirit. ⁴⁶ But it is not the spiritual that is first, but the physical, and then the spiritual. ⁴⁷ The first man was from the earth, a man of dust; the second man is from heaven. ⁴⁸ As was the man of dust, so are those who are of the dust; and as is the man of heaven, so are those who are of heaven. ⁴⁹ Just as we have borne the image of the man of dust, we will also bear the image of the man of heaven. ⁵⁰ What I am saying, brothers and sisters, is this: flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable.

We sing

"Forgive our sins as we forgive,"
You taught us, Lord, to pray;
But you alone can grant us grace
To live the words we say.

How can your pardon reach and bless
The unforgiving heart
That broods on wrongs and will not let
Old bitterness depart?

In blazing light your cross reveals
the truth we dimly knew:
How trifling others debts to us;
How great our debt to you!

Lord, cleanse the depths within our souls
And bid resentment cease;
Then, by your mercy reconciled,
Our lives will spread your peace.

The Holy Gospel according to St Luke chapter 6, verse 27-38

²⁷ "But I say to you that listen, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, ²⁸ bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. ²⁹ If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also; and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. ³⁰ Give to everyone who begs from you; and if anyone takes away your goods, do not ask for them again. ³¹ Do to others as you would have them do to you. ³² "If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. ³³ If you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. ³⁴ If you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to receive as much again. ³⁵ But love your enemies, do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return. Your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High; for he is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked. ³⁶ Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful. ³⁷ "Do not judge, and you will not be judged; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven; ³⁸ give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap; for the measure you give will be the measure you get back."

We sing

Gentle God, when we are driven
past the limits of our love,
when our hurt would have a weapon
and the hawk destroy the dove,
at the cost of seeming weak,
help us turn the other cheek.

Gentle Spirit, when our reason
Clouds in anger, twists in fear,
when we strike instead of stroking,
when we bruise and sting and smear,
Cool our burning, take our pain,
bring us to ourselves again.

In the mirror of earth's madness
let us see our ravaged face,
in the turmoil of all people
let compassion find a place,
Touch our hearts to make amends,
see our enemies as friends.

Let our strength be in forgiving
as forgiven we must be,
one to one in costly loving,
finding trust and growing free,
gentle God, be our release
gentle Spirit, teach us peace.

We remain standing and sing our Offertory Hymn:

Father all loving, who rulest in majesty,
judgement is thine, and condemneth our pride;
stir up our leaders and peoples to penitence,
sorrow for sins that for vengeance have cried.

Blessed Lord Jesus, who camest in poverty,
sharing a stable with beasts at thy birth,
stir us to work for thy justice and charity,
truly to care for the poor of the earth.

Come, Holy Spirit, create in us holiness,
lift up our lives to thy standard of right;
stir every will to new ventures of faithfulness,
flood the whole Church with thy glorious light.

Holiest Trinity, perfect in unity,
bind in thy love every nation and race;
may we adore thee for time and eternity,
Father, Redeemer, and Spirit of grace.

We sing

Love divine, all loves excelling,
Joy of heaven, to earth come down
Fix in us thy humble dwelling,
All thy faithful mercies crown
Jesus, thou art all compassion,
Pure unbounded love thou art
Visit us with thy salvation,
Enter every trembling heart.

Come, Almighty to deliver,
Let us all thy grace receive,
Suddenly return, and never,
Never more thy temples leave
Thee we would be always blessing,
Serve thee as thy hosts above,
Pray, and praise thee, without ceasing,
Glory in thy perfect love.

Finish then thy new creation
Pure and spotless let it be;
Let us see thy great salvation,
Perfectly restored in thee,
Changed from glory into glory,
Till in heaven we take our place,
Till we cast our crowns before thee,
Lost in wonder, love, and praise.