



Anglican Church of Australia

Diocese of Gippsland

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Parish of Wonthaggi & Inverloch

St. George's,

McBride Ave., Wonthaggi

The Church of the Ascension

4-6 The Crescent, Inverloch

Bunurong Country

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Seventh Sunday of Easter – 29th May



The Prodigal son & his brother

Welcome to Graeme & Jenny MacRobb who join us today for this combined service and to share some insights into the lives of the two brothers.

So often we look at this passage, as we do with many passages, from one perspective. The usual perspective is to look at the wayward son, the one who squanders his inheritance. Now, this is not a wrong approach, in fact it is most appropriate, but what of the other perspective, the one that involves the other son, the wayward son's brother. What is going on for him? Do you identify with him?

I would hazard a guess that there are many who have wayward siblings that they have neither the time nor place for.

Take time out to see this passage in it's whole, from both perspectives, it may revolutionise your home and family life.

Rev. Graeme

Sentence:

GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

God has raised Christ from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named. Ephesians 1.20–21 Acts 16.31

Collect

Eternal God,
by raising Jesus from the dead
you proclaimed his victory,
and by his ascension,
you declared him Lord of all:
lift up our hearts to heaven,
where he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

First Reading

Isaiah 61:1-3

The spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me, because the LORD has anointed me; he has sent me to bring good news to the oppressed, to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and release to the prisoners; ² to proclaim the year of the LORD's favor, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all who mourn; ³ to provide for those who mourn in Zion—to give them a garland instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning, the mantle of praise instead of a faint spirit. They will be called oaks of righteousness, the planting of the LORD, to display his glory.

*This is the word of the Lord,
Thanks be to God.*

2nd Reading

Ephesians 3:14-19

¹⁴ For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, ¹⁵ from whom every family in heaven and on earth takes its name. ¹⁶ I pray that, according to the riches of his glory, he may grant that you may be strengthened in your inner being with power through his Spirit, ¹⁷ and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love. ¹⁸ I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth, ¹⁹ and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

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Gospel

Luke 15:11-24

¹¹ Then Jesus said, “There was a man who had two sons. ¹² The younger of them said to his father, ‘Father, give me the share of the property that will belong to me.’ So he divided his property between them. ¹³ A few days later the younger son gathered all he had and traveled to a distant country, and there he squandered his property in dissolute living. ¹⁴ When he had spent everything, a severe famine took place throughout that country, and he began to be in need. ¹⁵ So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed the pigs. ¹⁶ He would gladly have filled himself with the pods that the pigs were eating; and no one gave him anything.

¹⁷ But when he came to himself he said, ‘How many of my father’s hired hands have bread enough and to spare, but here I am dying of hunger! ¹⁸ I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, “Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; ¹⁹ I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands.”’ ²⁰ So he set off and went to his father. But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him. ²¹ Then the son said to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.’ ²² But the father said to his slaves, ‘Quickly, bring out a robe—the best one—and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. ²³ And get the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate; ²⁴ for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!’ And they began to celebrate.

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Invitation to Confession

Christ has entered heaven itself, there to appear before God on our behalf.

Silence may be kept.

Let us therefore draw near in full assurance of faith, and confess our sins to the God of grace.

Preface

All glory and honour be yours always and everywhere,
mighty Creator, everliving God.

We give you thanks and praise for your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ,
who by the power of your Spirit was born of Mary
and lived as one of us.

By his death on the cross and rising to new life,
he offered the one true sacrifice for sin
and obtained an eternal deliverance for his people.

You have highly exalted him,
and given him the name which is above all other names,
that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow
and every tongue confess
that Jesus Christ is Lord.

Therefore with angels and archangels,
and with all the company of heaven,
we proclaim your great and glorious name,
for ever praising you and saying:

THE SENDING OUT OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Prayer after Communion

God of glory
you sent your Son Jesus Christ into the world
to preach the gospel of the kingdom.
Strengthen us who share this meal
to continue his mission
by living the good news we proclaim.

Blessing

Christ our exalted king pour upon you his abundant gifts and bring you to reign with him in glory; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Notices:

PENTECOST SUNDAY

5th June – Guest Preacher: David Beischer
Celebrant: Rev. John Davies

Intercessory Prayers:

Please pray with us for:

Our Bishop Richard & Leanne

Our Rector: Graeme & Susan

Locum Tenens – Cathedral (Dec’ 21 – Jun’ 22): Liam Matthews & Madeleine
& Trafalgar – Greg Jones

Please give Liam wisdom as he leads the parish of Sale and Greg as he conducts services in the parish of Trafalgar, during these parish transitional periods and please keep them safe in their travelling.

Parish of Rosedale Lyndon Phillips, Harry
Aboriginal Clergy Phyllis Andy, Kathy Dalton

Aboriginal Ministry Support Group: Edie Ashley

The Abbey Raymond Island: Edie Ashley, Anna Esdaile

Abbey Chapter

The Australian Church

Aboriginal Ministry: Nungalinga College & Wontulp-Bi-Buya College

Diocese of Sydney: Archbishop - Kanishka Raffel

Bishops: Peter Hayward, Peter Lin, Michael Stead, Chris Edwards, Gary Koo

Special Focus: Nursing, Medical and Paramedical staff and all who minister to the sick, Hospital Chaplains. Hospices and Aged Care Facilities & those suffering mental illness.

Please comfort and heal all those suffering in Spirit, Soul or body, especially those affected by the COVID 19 virus. Please give people the courage to face this pandemic head on and to be assured of their salvation in Jesus Christ.

Please bring healing and strength to those we have been asked to pray for:
Amy Davis, Chris Peters, Denise, James, Murray, Doug, Ron Lawson, Jefter, Beth & family, Simone, Mark, Marie Wilson, Cecily, Robin, Barb Bickley, Trish, Ross Smith, Tania, Russell, Hayley, Barbara Manns, Mary A, Meredith, Richard B, Mary B, Lee, Paul Butterfield, Bev, Stuart, Vladimir, Erika, Rita, Elijah, Rodney & Geoffrey W, Luke M, Terry, Emily, Ian M^cBurnie, Graeme Peters & Samantha F.

We give thanks for the faithful departed.

Lord please comfort grieving families who are grieving the loss of loved ones. We especially bring before you Bob, Judy & Rhonda Delahoy as they grieve the passing of Wayne. We give thanks for his life and leave him in your care.

Ministry Team

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Direct Debit: Would you please, if you haven't already, consider giving to the ministry through setting up a direct debit from your account. Thank you!

Our Bank Details: Anglican Parish of Wonthaggi & Inverloch

BSB: 083-975 **Acc No:** 51 612 6552

Thank you to all who have already set up this means to support the Parish!

INFORMATION

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| Readings 5 June | Acts 2.1-21 | Psalm 104.26-36 |
| Easter 8 | Romans 8.14-17 | John 14.8-17 |
| Tuesday 31st May | 10am – Church of the Ascension Inverloch – Rev Amy 11:30am – Ascension – Prayer Meeting – Sue Lester | |
| Wednesday 1st June | 10.00am – St George’s Wonthaggi – HC – Rev John 11-11:30am Food Rescue @ St George’s | |
| Friday 3rd June | 11-11:30am Food Rescue @ St George’s | |

Rosters 5th June, Easter 8

| <u>Activity</u> | <u>St George’s</u> | <u>Church of the Ascension</u> |
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| Bible Reader | Robert Mesley | Sue Lester |
| Sides Person | Ron Osborne | Ted/Ray |
| Prayers | Alan Price | Marcia Smith |
| Service Leader | David Beischer | Sue Lester |
| Eucharistic assistant | Janette Elder | Sue Lester |
| Musician | Laren Hooke | Ian McB & Elsie |
| Children’s Ministry | Jill Price | |

If you are unable to fulfil your roster position would you please organise for someone else to take your place.

Bible Discovery Groups: (Check with group leaders for details)

Beischer’s – Tuesdays, 7:30pm at the Beischer’s.

196 Chisholm Rd, Wonthaggi. Ph 0437 070 579 for details.

Davies’ - Thursdays, 1:30pm @ St George’s Hall.

Liersch’s – Tuesdays 4pm @ Alan & Jills, Pound Creek, Inverloch.

Ph: 0407 343 876 for details.

Boer’s – Tuesdays 6:30pm. *(In recess for the next 6 weeks)*

Contact Geoff or Jennifer on 0431 440 073 for further details.

Alycia/Tonya’s – Wednesdays 12:30pm Ph: 0408 100 068 for details.