

The Twenty-Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

1 Samuel 1.4-20; Song of Hannah Hebrews 10.11-25; Mark 13.1-11

The beginning of the end or the begetting of a new beginning? What we witness in Mark's apocalyptic Gospel passage heralds not only the actual, physical destruction of the Temple of Jerusalem itself, but also the end of the then-world order. Jesus advises caution, dampening over-zealousness and discouraging overreaction to various signs. Before the End is nigh, the Gospel must be spread to all nations. Change, although ordained from above, must emerge from within through the transformation of hearts.

Pray that the nations of the world will open their ears to the saving grace of the Gospel message.
Pray for the Church of Ceylon, giving thanks for the work they do to further God's mission in the world.

Text: The Rev Laurette Glasgow, Special Advisor for Government Relations for the Anglican Church of Canada and the Diocese of Ottawa.

On the lighter side.....

Jimmy and Johnny, two friends were having a conversation together the week after Jimmy's sister got married. Johnny asks, "How was the wedding?" Jimmy replied, "It was okay, I guess. The ceremony was a bit long, not to mention the sermon and the fancy food at the Reception was a bit scarce!"
"But wasn't it good to finally see your sister married?" says Johnny.
"Yes, I suppose so, but one thing puzzles me, it appears my sister's now a bigamist," exclaims Jimmy.
"Really," replies Johnny, "How do you figure that one out?"
"Well, says Jimmy thoughtfully, "It was only when the Priest got to one part of the marriage service that I realized my sister must be real man magnet, although I must say she's got an odd bunch of husbands: four richer, four poorer, four better, four worse!"

PARISH HEALING LIST:
Please pray for

Bali, Anna, Keith, Herbert, Prudence, Brian, Allan, Kirrili, Libby & Luke, Ben, Chrissie, Glen, Peter, Louise, Maddie & Paul, Allan, Ny, Pru, Jan, Rhonda, Stephen, Verena, Helen, Ian, Gerald, Carmel, Bernard and Claire.

Anniversaries:
Jessie Jenkins (2005)

If there are people you know who do not require to stay on the prayer list please let Fr Ian know. Likewise the same goes if you know people who would like to be kept in our prayers, we have space to put them on.



**St Paul's Kyneton
& St John's Malmsbury
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26th Sunday after Pentecost



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TODAY'S LITURGY

158 God has spoken by his prophets
437 Blessed Jesus at your word
Pew sheet—Here is a place we meet with Christ
687 God gives us a future

ORGANIST:

Rosemary Howarth

ROSTER THIS SUNDAY

Lay Reader: Ruth Murphy
Eucharist Assistant: Betty Jenner
Server: Rosemary Love
Reader: Betty Jenner
Prayers: Helen Forsyth
Sides People: Jean Stringer & Norma Proctor
Morning Tea: Roni Taubman

ROSTER NEXT SUNDAY

Lay Reader: Adrian Rothwell
Eucharist Assistant: Elizabeth Hannah
Server: Elizabeth
Reader: Helen Forsyth
Prayers: Allison Howarth
Sides People: Ian Brown & Michael Bloxsome
Morning Tea: Jean Stringer

*Let us worship joyfully,
serve God faithfully,
care for one another
lovingly and outreach
enthusiastically with our
words and actions this
week*

ST JOHN'S: This Sunday

Cleaning: Warren & Judi
Reader 1: Ian
Reader 2: Dorothy

ST JOHN'S: Next Week

Cleaning: Lilla, Rose, Ian & Dorothy
Reader 1: Peter
Reader 2: Ling

READINGS NEXT WEEK

Christ the King
2 Samuel 23:1-7
Psalm 132:1-12
Revelation 1:4b-8
John 18:33-37

Priest's Ponderings

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

Welcome to worship as we celebrate the 25th Sunday after Pentecost and looking ever closer to the end of the Church Year.

In reflecting on today's Gospel, I came across some thoughts by Tom Smail, a leading Scottish Theologian, preacher and writer.

Universally, whenever and wherever Christ comes, the more powerful his presence, the more tumultuous is the resistance to it. The true Messiah will be challenged by false prophets, there will be outbreaks of murderous strife on an international scale, even the forces of nature will, in earthquake and famine, be stirred into a rebellion that frustrates the life-giving will of their Creator.

The Church, where in word and sacrament Christ is most explicitly present, will feel the full brunt of persecuting opposition and internal division, and will be driven to pray for that quality of endurance that will bring it to its goal of salvation in the fully unveiled majesty of its crucified and risen Lord.

One could put up a mirror and say that some of this is happening and has happened at many points in history. What is important, is to keep the faith and our lives grounded in prayer and fellowship with the God of infinite love. Fr Ian

CONTEMPLATIVE HARP SERVICE

Journeying with Loss

To be held on Sunday 25th November, 5pm with Harpist Mary Doumani leading our music and song. It will be an opportunity, as we come to the end of the church year (on the Feast of Christ the King) to reflect on areas of our lives where we may feel loss, a little or deeply. We sense loss in many different ways and for many varied reasons. Whatever those reasons may be, you are welcome to come.

CINEMA@ST JOHN'S - Friday 14th December, 7pm

Screening 'The Man who invented Christmas'. The story behind how Charles Dickens came to write 'A Christmas Carol' in facing his own past and recognizing the wider needs around him and responding with generosity.

COMING EVENTS

TODAY—Malmsbury Village Fayre 10am-4pm

25 November—12.30pm Next Parish Council Meeting

25 November—Contemplative Harp Service (Living with loss) 5pm St Paul's

14 December—Cinema@St John's 7pm screening 'The Man who Invented Christmas.'

THIS WEEK:

SUNDAY: 8.45am Holy Eucharist—St John's **Pentecost 26**

10.30am Sung Eucharist— St Paul's

10am-4pm Malmsbury Fayre

5.00pm VEWS—Iona Eucharist

Tuesday: 8.00am Holy Eucharist (Braemar—Woodend Campus)
5.00pm Evening Prayer (St Paul's)

Wednesday: 10.00am Holy Eucharist (St Paul's)
3.30pm Holy Eucharist (R.M. Begg)
5.00pm Evening Prayer (St Paul's)

Thursday: 9.00am Morning Prayer
PM—Parish Visiting
5.00pm Evening Prayer (St Paul's)

Friday: 9.30am Morning Prayer (St John's)
10.30am Malmsbury Knitters (St John's)
5.00pm Evening Prayer (St Paul's)

Saturday: 9.30am Morning Prayer (St Paul's)
1.00pm Trentham Guild Flower Show (Trentham Community Centre)

NEXT SUNDAY: 8.45am Holy Eucharist (St John's Malmsbury) **Christ the King**
10.30am Sung Eucharist (St Paul's Kyneton) **King**
5.00pm VEWS— Contemplative Harp (Journeying with Loss)

MACEDON RANGES TOYSHOP

We are invited to participate in the Macedon Ranges Toy Shop Appeal.

As previously, we are asked to donate new toys or vouchers, that can assist families with children and teenagers, who would otherwise not receive Christmas gifts due to family circumstances. A box to receive donations will be available from next week. Gifts must be in no later than Sunday 9th December.

FLOWER SHOW AT TRENTHAM

St George's Guild are holding their Annual Flower Show, next Saturday 24th November with the opening being held at 1pm. All are welcome to attend.

worry beforehand about what you are to say; but say whatever is given you at that time, for it is not you who speak, but the Holy Spirit.

For the Gospel of the Lord,
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

HYMN: HERE IS A PLACE WE MEET WITH CHRIST

Tune: St Peter

1. Here is a place we meet with Christ
in prayer and word and deed;
to take upon our lips his name,
in heart and mind we need.

2. Here in this place we break the bread
and share in mystic wine;
body and blood of Christ we share,
with Christians of all time.

3. With prophets, saints and martyrs, too,
angels and all of God;
large congregations and of few
to venture where Christ trod.

4. His cross the place of sacrifice
for sins the whole world through;
an empty tomb and risen Lord,
aids us here to renew.

5. Our vows this day to take our place
to share Christ's love in peace;
bring hope to hungry, thirsty souls,
God's unity unleash.

6. Creating God, renew your world
redeeming grace restore;
Spirit giving new hope and life,
for Christ to live in all.

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Sentence of the Day:

The Lord will judge the ends of the earth; he will give strength to his king;
and exalt the power of his anointed. 1 Samuel 2:10

Collect:

O God, welcoming refuge for the outcast, and upholder for the justice of the oppressed: maintain the hope of the poor, so that the time may soon come when no one need want for food and shelter, and all will learn to share freely following the example of your Son, who gave his very self; who now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

FIRST READING

A reading from the First Book of Samuel (1:4-20)

On the day when Elkanah sacrificed, he would give portions to his wife Peninnah and to all her sons and daughters; but to Hannah he gave a double portion, because he loved her, though the LORD had closed her womb. Her rival used to provoke her severely, to irritate her, because the LORD had closed her womb. So it went on year after year; as often as she went up to the house of the LORD, she used to provoke her. Therefore Hannah wept and would not eat. Her husband Elkanah said to her, 'Hannah, why do you weep? Why do you not eat? Why is your heart sad? Am I not more to you than ten sons?'

After they had eaten and drunk at Shiloh, Hannah rose and presented herself before the LORD. Now Eli the priest was sitting on the seat beside the doorpost of the temple of the LORD. She was deeply distressed and prayed to the LORD, and wept bitterly. She made this vow: 'O LORD of hosts, if only you will look on the misery of your servant, and remember me, and not forget your servant, but will give to your servant a male child, then I will set him before you as a Nazirite until the day of his death. He shall drink neither wine nor intoxicants, and no razor shall touch his head.'

As she continued praying before the LORD, Eli observed her mouth. Hannah was praying silently; only her lips moved, but her voice was not heard; therefore Eli thought she was drunk. So Eli said to her, 'How long will you make a drunken spectacle of yourself? Put away your wine.' But Hannah answered, 'No, my lord, I am a woman deeply troubled; I have drunk neither wine nor strong drink, but I have been pouring out my soul before the LORD. Do not regard your servant as a worthless woman, for I have been speaking out of my great anxiety and vexation all this time.' Then Eli answered, 'Go in peace; the God of Israel grant the petition you have made to him.' And she said, 'Let your servant find favour in your sight.' Then the woman went to her quarters, ate and drank with her husband, and her countenance was sad no longer.

They rose early in the morning and worshipped before the LORD; then they went back to their house at Ramah. Elkanah knew his wife Hannah, and

the LORD remembered her. In due time Hannah conceived and bore a son. She named him Samuel, for she said, 'I have asked him of the LORD.'

Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

For the Psalm: SONG OF HANNAH (APBA p.429)

- 1 My heart exults in the Lord; ♦
my strength is exalted in my God.
- 2 My mouth derides my enemies, ♦
because I rejoice in your salvation.
- 3 There is no Holy One like you, O Lord, ♦
nor any Rock like you, our God.
- 4 For you are a God of knowledge ♦
and by you our actions are weighed.
- 5 The bows of the mighty are broken, ♦
but the feeble gird on strength.
- 6 Those who were full now hire themselves out for bread, ♦
but those who were hungry are well fed.
- 7 The barren woman has borne sevenfold, ♦
but she who has many children is forlorn.
- 8 Both the poor and the rich are of your making; ♦
you bring low and you also exalt.
- 9 You raise up the poor from the dust, ♦
and lift the needy from the ash heap.
- 10 You make them sit with the rulers ♦
and inherit a place of honour.
- 11 For the pillars of the earth are yours ♦
and on them you have set the world.

SECOND READING

A reading from the Letter to the Hebrews (10:11-25)

And every priest stands day after day at his service, offering again and again the same sacrifices that can never take away sins. But when Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, 'he sat down at the right hand of God', and since then has been waiting 'until his enemies would be made a footstool for his feet.' For by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are sanctified. And the Holy Spirit also testifies to us, for after saying,

'This is the covenant that I will make with them
after those days, says the Lord:
I will put my laws in their hearts,

and I will write them on their minds',
he also adds,

'I will remember their sins and their lawless deeds no more.'

Where there is forgiveness of these, there is no longer any offering for sin.

Therefore, my friends, since we have confidence to enter the sanctuary by the blood of Jesus, by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain (that is, through his flesh), and since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us approach with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. Let us hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who has promised is faithful. And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

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Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia. Alleluia!

Stay awake, praying at all times

for the strength to stand with confidence before the Son of Man.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL READING

+ The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Mark (13:1-11)

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

As he came out of the temple, one of his disciples said to him, 'Look, Teacher, what large stones and what large buildings!' Then Jesus asked him, 'Do you see these great buildings? Not one stone will be left here upon another; all will be thrown down.'

When he was sitting on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter, James, John, and Andrew asked him privately, 'Tell us, when will this be, and what will be the sign that all these things are about to be accomplished?' Then Jesus began to say to them, 'Beware that no one leads you astray. Many will come in my name and say, "I am he!" and they will lead many astray. When you hear of wars and rumours of wars, do not be alarmed; this must take place, but the end is still to come. For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be earthquakes in various places; there will be famines. This is but the beginning of the birth pangs.

'As for yourselves, beware; for they will hand you over to councils; and you will be beaten in synagogues; and you will stand before governors and kings because of me, as a testimony to them. And the good news must first be proclaimed to all nations. When they bring you to trial and hand you over, do not