



ALKING POINT

KNOWING JESUS CHRIST AND MAKING HIM KNOWN

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Dear Friends in Christ,

This morning I read through the Traralgon District Annual Report (2019). It was most informative and provided a picture of a very active and engaged church community. It left me thinking about how deeply the Covid lockdown may be affecting you personally, how it has been affecting your many active groups, and your ministry. Maybe you have been experiencing something of an ‘unintentional pause’?

We have all heard that the new ‘normal’ will be different. None of us knows exactly how yet. To some extent it will be up to us, and the ‘intentional pause’ that IIM offers, to create the new normal of ministry in this district. In the meantime, meditation on Philippians 4:8 might be a good place to start.

Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honourable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. (Phil. 4:8)

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Traralgon District Uniting Church

Incorporating: Traralgon, Glengarry & Rosedale.



Traralgon, Glengarry, and Rosedale Uniting churches Worship at Home
ORDER OF SERVICE FOR SUNDAY 6th September 2020

Songs:

[We Belong to the Day](#) Emu Music

[The Passover Song](#) - Sean Carter and Caroline Cobb – Exodus 12:1-14

Call to Worship: Based on Psalm 149

Praise the Source of life!
Sing to the Holy One a new song.
Praise the One we name God among the communion of saints.

Let the people of God rejoice in their creator.
Let all the saints jump for joy;
let them cry out with gladness where they rest.

Let high praises of Divine be in their throats:
word and song that overcome injustice,
binding rulers in chains and the powerful in iron shackles;
bringing justice to them, and honour to all God's faithful.

Praise the Source of all that is!

Let us acknowledge the First Peoples of the lands and waters here, the Gunai Peoples and offer respect to the Elders, past, present and emerging.

Let us remember the sacredness of God's good creation and celebrate with the Communion of Saints, who dwell among us in God's Commonwealth of Love.

Hymn: [Jesu](#) (Gurrumul)

Prayers of Adoration & Invocation:

Ever-renewing and energising Creator,
Come, stir in us the Spirit of Your Son,
Jesu the Christ.

Ever-living and affirming Son,
Come, warm the buds of our relationships,
Pour Holy Spirit upon us.

Ever-faithful and fruitful Spirit,
Come, clear the winter debris
Warm us in Your Liberating Presence.

Come to us, God of Love,
Father, Son and Spirit
That we may worship and know You.

Hymn: [O Thou who Camest from Above](#)
(Rochester Cathedral Choir)



Prayer of Confession:

Lord God, we have not loved with our whole hearts,
We have not loved enough to bring one another to life in you,
We lay down our misgivings and pray...

Prayer of Confession: [Lord Have Mercy](#), (TiS 735, Taize)

God is ever faithful and just, forgiving beyond our imaginings.

Christ's word of grace is for all:

'We are forgiven and free.'

Thanks be to God.



Doxology: [No Longer Slaves](#) - Bethel Music (Jonathan David & Melissa Helsner)

Praise God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen

Scripture Reading:

Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.

Romans 13:8-14; Matthew 18:15-20

In this we hear the word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Hymn: [We are the Church](#) (Christopher Walker)

Read the [Sermon](#) now: Building the Commonwealth of God

Offering Hymn: [This is my Offering](#) (Third Day)

A Prayer in Spring *Robert Frost*

Oh, give us pleasure in the flowers today;
And give us not to think so far away
As the uncertain harvest; keep us here
All simply in the springing of the year.

Oh, give us pleasure in the orchard white,
Like nothing else by day, like ghosts by night;
And make us happy in the happy bees,
The swarm dilating round the perfect trees.

And make us happy in the darting bird
That suddenly above the bees is heard,
The meteor that thrusts in with needle bill,
And off a blossom in midair stands still.

For this is love and nothing else is love,
The which it is reserved for God above
To sanctify to what far ends He will,
But which it only needs that we fulfil.



Prayers of the People: Sue Scarlett

We think of the people in our Congregation, Community and further afield, who are isolated, missing friends and family. People who are yearning to join in fellowship and a cuppa with friends. Lord, give them strength, fortitude and sense of hope that that day is coming closer.

We think of the families who are mourning the loss of a loved one. Lord, support them with your love and uphold their faith as they grieve and share memories of a life well lived.

We think of our health workers and essential workers who are in the Community to provide a service for us. Lord, protect them and give them the strength to return each day, their gift for us.

We think of the leaders of our Community and Governments who have to make decisions to keep us safe in order to move forward. God give them the strength and wisdom to consider what is best for our Community in the face of adversity.

We offer thanks for Kerry and Rob, as they join our Congregation to care for, support and empower us on our Church journey.

As we sit, waiting, waiting, waiting, life continues around us. Spring is starting to unfurl its colour and scent. The birds are active nesting and noisy, the sun is beginning to warm the soil and our faces. God's creation is alive and around us.

Rejoice in hope, persevere in prayer and be confident of God's love and Grace in the everyday routine of our lives.

Amen

Hymn: [Let All the World in Every Corner Sing](#) (TiS 105)
(St Martins-in-the-Fields Choir & Congregation)

Benediction & Word of mission:

Hymn: [Lift High the Cross](#) (TiS 351, John Birkhead))

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But when the Holy Spirit controls our lives
he will produce this kind of fruit in us:
love, joy, peace, patience, kindness,
goodness, faithfulness, gentleness
and self-control . . .

—Galatians 5:22,23 (TLB)



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