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PARISH OF WEST WYALONG
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Wyalong and Yalgogrin Nth.

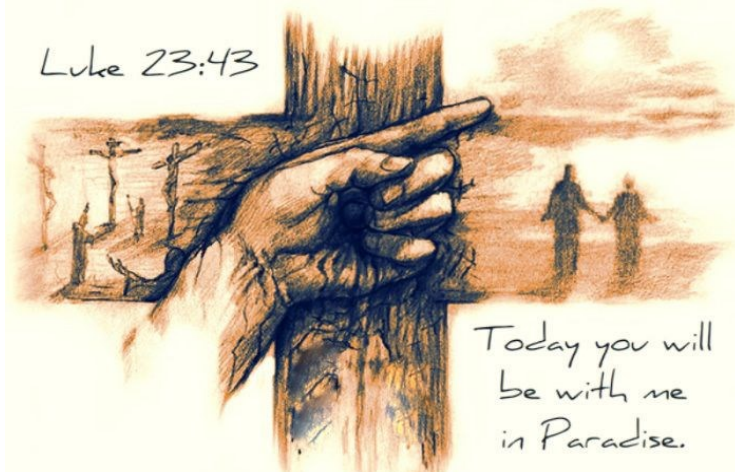


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MARCH 12TH YEAR A 2023 THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT.



Sentence

**God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners
Christ died for us. Romans 5: 8**

Prayer of the Day

**Gracious God, out of your love and mercy you breathed into
dust the breath of life, creating us to serve you and one another:
call forth our penitence and acts of love, and strengthen us to
face our mortality, so that we may look with confidence for your
salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns
with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.**

Exodus 17: 1-7

1 The whole Israelite community set out from the Desert of Sin, travelling from place to place as the Lord commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. 2 So they quarrelled with Moses and said, ‘Give us water to drink.’ Moses replied, ‘Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you put the Lord to the test?’ 3 But the people were thirsty for water there, and they grumbled against Moses. They said, ‘Why did you bring us up out of Egypt to make us and our children and livestock die of thirst?’ 4 Then Moses cried out to the Lord , ‘What am I to do with these people? They are almost ready to stone me.’ 5 The Lord answered Moses, ‘Go out in front of the people. Take with you some of the elders of Israel and take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. 6 I will stand there before you by the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it for the people to drink.’ So Moses did this in the sight of the elders of Israel. 7 And he called the place Massah and Meribah because the Israelites quarrelled and because they tested the Lord saying, ‘Is the Lord among us or not?’

Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

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Psalm 95

**1 O come, let us sing out to the Lord:
let us shout in triumph to the rock of our salvation.**

**2 Let us come before his face with thanksgiving:
and cry out to him joyfully in psalms.**

**3 For the Lord is a great God:
and a great king above all gods.**

**4 In his hand are the depths of the earth:
and the peaks of the mountains are his also.**

**5 The sea is his and he made it:
his hands moulded dry land.**

**6 Come, let us worship and bow down:
and kneel before the Lord our maker.**

**7 For he is the Lord our God:
we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.**

**8 Today if only you would hear his voice—
‘Do not harden your hearts as at Meribah:
as on that day at Massah in the wilderness;**

**9 ‘When your forebears tested me:
put me to proof, though they had seen my works.**

**10 ‘Forty years long I loathed that generation and said:
“It is a people who err in their hearts,
for they do not know my ways”;**

**11 ‘Of whom I swore in my wrath:
“They shall not enter my rest.”’**

Romans 5: 1-11

1 Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, **2** through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand. And we boast in the hope of the glory of God. **3** Not only so, but we also glory in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; **4** perseverance, character; and character, hope. **5** And hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us. **6** You see, at just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly. **7** Very rarely will anyone die for a righteous person, though for a good person someone might possibly dare to die. **8** But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. **9** Since we have now been justified by his blood, how much more shall we be saved from God's wrath through him! **10** For if, while we were God's enemies, we were reconciled to him through the death of his Son, how much more, having been reconciled, shall we be saved through his life! **11** Not only is this so, but we also boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

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Thanks be to God.

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The Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ According to ...

Luke 23: 26-49

26 As the soldiers led him away, they seized Simon from Cyrene, who was on his way in from the country, and put the cross on him and made him carry it behind Jesus. **27** A large number of people followed him, including women who mourned and wailed for him. **28** Jesus turned and said to them, “Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me; weep for yourselves and for your children. **29** For the time will come when you will say, ‘Blessed are the childless women, the wombs that never bore and the breasts that never nursed!’ **30** Then “they will say to the mountains, “Fall on us!” and to the hills, “Cover us!”” **31** For if people do these things when the tree is green, what will happen when it is dry?” **32** Two other men, both criminals, were also led out with him to be executed. **33** When they came to the place called the Skull, they crucified him there, along with the criminals—one on his right, the other on his left. **34** Jesus said, “Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing.” And they divided up his clothes by casting lots. **35** The people stood watching, and the rulers even sneered at him. They said, “He saved others; let him save himself if he is God’s Messiah, the Chosen One.” **36** The soldiers also came up and mocked him. They offered him wine vinegar **37** and said, “If you are the king of the Jews, save yourself.” **38** There was a written notice above him, which

read: this is the king of the Jews. 39 One of the criminals who hung there hurled insults at him: “Aren’t you the Messiah? Save yourself and us!” 40 But the other criminal rebuked him. “Don’t you fear God,” he said, “since you are under the same sentence? 41 We are punished justly, for we are getting what our deeds deserve. But this man has done nothing wrong.” 42 Then he said, “Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.” 43 Jesus answered him, “Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in paradise.” 44 It was now about noon, and darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon, 45 for the sun stopped shining. And the curtain of the temple was torn in two. 46 Jesus called out with a loud voice, “Father, into your hands I commit my spirit.” When he had said this, he breathed his last. 47 The centurion, seeing what had happened, praised God and said, “Surely this was a righteous man.” 48 When all the people who had gathered to witness this sight saw what took place, they beat their breasts and went away. 49 But all those who knew him, including the women who had followed him from Galilee, stood at a distance, watching these things.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

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Sermon Title: The Crucifixion

Sermon Passage: Luke 23:26-49

The Crucifixion points to the final judgement - vv.26-31

The Crucifixion means salvation for all who believe - vv.32-43

The Crucifixion is finished - vv.44-49

1. Is there anything that stood out for you from the passage or the message? New insights?
2. Women were mourning. But in v28, what is Jesus' response? What did Jesus mean?
3. Why was Jesus' torture and death, worse for the world watching it, then it will be for him?

When we consider death, we want it to be gentle, surrounded by people who love and care, and for it to be dignified. Jesus' death was humiliating, painful and lonely! (vv32-29)

4. What unified people who would usually have nothing to do with each other: Roman soldiers, Jewish religious leaders and life-long criminals?
5. What was the irony of the taunts Jesus endured: 'he saved others, but he can't save himself'? What is the brilliant – stunning – impact of Jesus choosing NOT to save himself at this point – even though he most surely could have stepped off the cross at any point? (They demand that Jesus prove himself to be the Messiah and King of the Jews – 'IF you are the Messiah', etc – but, their mocking of Jesus shows they believe this situation proves their point entirely – that he is NONE of what he claims to be! He has failed at the Messiah job-description and is marked as a criminal!)
6. How would you challenge someone who comments to you that they see Jesus' death as just another tragedy from the ancient world of a would-be Messiah who was self-deluded?
7. One criminal saw something different in Jesus – v42. What was he asking for from Jesus? What is the irony of the one person in the centre of the scene who comprehended who Jesus is? (His opponents are right – Jesus is NOT the sort of King they were expecting. He is the kind that God would send! A King of mercy! At his point of death, he promises mercy to the criminal and calls out for forgiveness for his enemies! Jesus had promised a death for sinners; a death that brings forgiveness; and he is not giving up on that goal!)
8. Consider and discuss the challenge of the Crucifixion: if you want to be congratulated on your goodness; if you see yourself as so very different from more notorious sinners (a cut above!); if you want to be protected from ridicule; then you need to look for another King! BUT if you want to be forgiven for your sin; if you want to be welcomed into a kingdom where all people are united by grace; if you want to see how hope can triumph even in the darkest darkness... then you need the King that is Jesus!



Prayer Requests

Our Nation : Prime Minister, Premier, our Mayor and Councillors. All elected and appointed people in positions of responsibility and their decision making.



Worldwide Church: The Church of South India (United).

National Church: The Diocese of Grafton with Bishop Dr Murray Harvey, clergy and people. Pray that as they restructure the nature of ministry there, new possibilities and great opportunities will open up for more effective ministry.

Bathurst Diocese: The Parish of Parkes with Peak Hill. Give thanks to God the Rev'd Ben Mackay (and Bron) in this his second year as minister here. Pray that Ben will equip the saints for ministry in Parkes, so that in turn, we might see the ministry flourish and more people come to know Jesus as Lord and Saviour. Pray for Bishop Mark and his wife Susan.

Other needs: Pray for those who are driving: for alertness and safety on the road, joy in what they see, cheerfulness as they meet people, happiness in the reunion with loved ones, and rest at the end of the journey. Particularly pray for our bishop and other leaders as they travel in the course of their ministry - that they will stay alert and remain safe.

Parish: We are thankful to God for His ongoing provision for us, and pray that He would guide us in His infinitely great wisdom for how we can faithfully serve His Kingdom in our community.

Community: Lions, Rotary, Men's Shed, Probus, CWA, Hospital Auxiliary, RSL Auxiliary, Community Transport and Drivers, Ambulance and Police Services, all Doctors and Nursing Staff at our local hospital.

We pray for Healing for: All patients, who are in hospital, the Residents of the Waratah Village. We give thanks for the doctors and all staff who take care of them.

Faithful Departed: We pray for the families of their departed loved ones on the anniversary of their death: Eric Parkinson, Ernie Izzard, Rodney Templeman, Alice Goodear, Edward Kirkup, Rosemary Buttenshaw, Clarence Ford, Dudley Lemon .

HOLY COMMUNION

READINGS FOR THIS SUNDAY Year A.

Licensed Lay
Minister on Duty

Susan Haines

Exodus 17: 1-7

Jan Heffer

Romans 5: 1-11

Caitlin Klouth

Luke 23: 26-49

Parish of West Wyalong Mission Statement

WE SHALL SERVE CHRIST AND OUR LOCAL COMMUNITY AS AN ALL-AGE WELL-RESOURCED GROWING ANGLICAN FELLOWSHIP USING THE "FIVE MARKS OF MISSION"

1. Proclaim the Good News of the Kingdom.
2. Teach, baptise, and nurture new believers.
3. Respond to human need by loving service
4. Seek to transform unjust structures of society.
5. Strive to safeguard the integrity of creation and sustain and renew the life of the earth

READINGS FOR SUNDAY 19TH MARCH 2023

1 Samuel 16: 1-13

Susan Haines

Ephesians 5: 8-14

Fran Mitchell

Luke 24: 1-12



Next Service 19TH MARCH 2023.
SIDE PERSONS:

Lyn Jamieson



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MORNING TEA



Coral Marshall

CHURCH CLEANING



Arrangements have been made for professional cleaner to come

BRASS CLEANING



FLOWER ARRANGING



Shirley Magrath

COUNTING TODAY

Frank Magrath
Terry Butcher



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Service Schedule



Service for next Sunday:
Holy Communion 9.30am

We welcome everyone

BIRTHDAY'S:



Congratulations
to those celebrating:
Birthdays: Shirley Magrath (80th)
& Betty Payne 16th, Lyn
Jamieson (70) 18th,
NoAnniversaries this coming
week.

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Notes to Remember:

The End of Day Light Breakfast
will be held on Sunday, 2nd
April from 7am to 11am. More
details next week.

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PCC :

**Please hand your Reports to
Marie for the AGM as soon as
possible and she will be
grateful if you can have them
typed up for her.**

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**Bible Study takes place every
Wednesday at 3pm in the
Church hall.**

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Please sign cards on the table.

***GOD LOVES YOU – YOU
ARE SO PRECIOUS***

By Bernard Levine

*If you could feel the
presence of God*

*If you could see God's
kindness*

All over in every place

*If you could know the
strength of his power*

*If you could sense the
depth of his love*

You will begin to realise

*How precious you are to
God.*

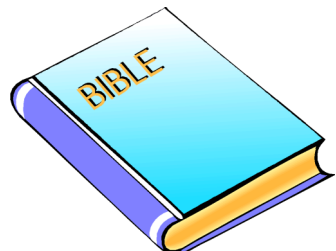
He is always there for you

No matter what may be

*God will always stand by
you*

Loving you endlessly.

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The Miracle of Friendship

There's a "Miracle called **FRIENDSHIP**"

That dwells within the

HEART

and you don't know how

It happens

or when it gets to start...

But the happiness it

brings you

Always gives a special

LIFT,

and you realise that

FRIENDSHIP...

Is **GOD'S** most precious

GIFT!

