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SUNDAY 26 JUNE 2022

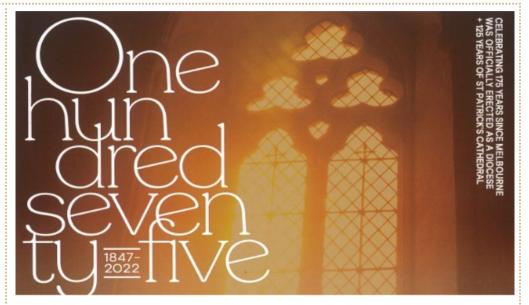
REFLECTION By Sr Veronica Lawson rsm

Most instances of enmity in our world are between near neighbours with differing cultures or slightly differing interpretations of reality. It is much easier to love those who are different from us if they are on the other side of the world. Jews and Samaritans shared a common origin story, but their respective histories led to a deeply conflictual relationship. While the Samaritans worshipped the God of Israel, they accepted only the first five books of the Bible as God's word. They were despised by their southern neighbours. Jesus and his Galilean Jewish friends could hardly have expected a gracious welcome in Samaria. They may have been received more warmly had Jesus planned to stay and worship in the temple on Mt. Gerizim, the centre of Samaritan life and worship. The problem for the Samaritans is Jesus' decision to use Samaritan territory simply as a staging post on his journey to Jerusalem, the heart of Jewish life and worship: the Samaritans "did not receive him because his face was set towards Jerusalem."

James and John have an excessively violent reaction to the unwelcoming Samaritans: "Do you want us to command fire to come down from heaven and consume them?"

The force of this question can easily be lost. James and John have heard Jesus telling them to love their enemies, to do good to those who hate them, bless those who curse them, and pray for those who mistreat them (Luke 6:27-28). And yet they want to call down fire on those who do not receive him. Jesus makes it clear that violence is not the way of God's prophet, even in the face of rejection. He has no word of condemnation for the Samaritan villagers who failed to receive him. He simply turns and rebukes his two disciples and moves on to another village.

There is a sense of relentlessness in this passage. Jesus has "set his face to Jerusalem" and there is no turning back for him or for those who join him on the journey. In the company of his disciples, he now moves inexorably to Jerusalem where he will be "lifted up" in death and exaltation. Bringing the good news and establishing God's reign of peace is the purpose of the journey. Jesus makes it clear that those who wish to follow him must live out in their lives the pattern of his life, a life of total commitment. While there is a degree of hyperbole in his insistence that the dead are to bury their own dead, it makes the point that there are no half measures in a gospel way of life. We are invited to enter into the journey with all its demands. There is no room on the journey for violence or for clinging to familiar securities when they conflict with the call of the gospel to deal with injustice. If we are serious about saving our planet, we must relinquish the certainties we have known and be prepared to "set our faces" towards whatever it takes to ensure God's reign of peace in our common home.



This weekend we celebrate the 175th anniversary of the establishment of the Diocese in Melbourne.

The 25th June 1847 marked the proclamation of Melbourne as a City. On that same day the Roman Catholic Diocese of Melbourne and the Anglican Diocese of Melbourne were also founded.

To mark this event St Patrick's and St Paul's Cathedral's have commissioned a new Mass setting titled 'Melbourne Mass – One family in Christ' by Dr. Philip Matthias and a Jubilee Hymn 'Come down to earth' by Rev. Dr. Christopher Willcock SJ and Dr. Katherine Firth. These two locally composed works draw on our rich and diverse cultural heritage, including Indigenous and many other cultural influences in the compositions. We will be singing these new compositions' for the first time at this weekend Masses, with visiting Choirs joining the full Cathedral choir at 11.00am Mass.

You are invited to join us for refreshments and family friendly activities following the 11.00am Mass.

CHORAL EVENSONG

To mark the 175h anniversary celebrations we have been invited to join the community of St Pauls Anglican Cathedral on Sunday 26 June at 4pm for Choral Evensong.

You are encouraged to join Archbishop Comensoli and Fr Werner Utri the Dean at St Paul's Cathedral in time for 4.00pm start.

Choirs from St Patrick's Cathedral and Christ Church Cathedral Ballarat will join St Paul's Cathedral choir for this special service.

On Sunday 21st August we will hosting evening prayer at 4.00pm here at St Patrick's Cathedral reciprocating the hospitality.

All are most welcome.

TODAY'S LITURGY—YEAR C

Entrance Antiphon

All peoples, clap your hands. Cry to God with shouts of joy!



Entrance Hymn

CWBII 126 v1,2,4

Great God of mercy, God of consolation, look on your people, gathered here to praise you, pity our weakness, come in power to aid us, Source of all blessing.

Jesus, Redeemer, Lord of all creation, come as our Saviour, Jesus, friend of sinners, grant us forgiveness, lift our downcast spirit, heal us and save us.

God in Three Persons, Trinity eternal, come to renew us, fill your Church with glory, grant us your healing, pledge of resurrection, foretaste of heaven.

Text: Christopher Willcock

1st Reading

1 Kgs 19:16. 19-21

Elisha rose and followed Elijah and became his servant.

The Lord said to Elijah: 'Go, you are to anoint Elisha son of Shaphat, of Abel Meholah, as prophet to succeed you.' Leaving there, Elijah came on Elisha son of Shaphat as he was ploughing behind twelve yoke of oxen, he himself being with the twelfth. Elijah passed near to him and threw his cloak over him. Elisha left his oxen and ran after Elijah. 'Let me kiss my father and mother, then I will follow you' he said. Elijah answered, 'Go, go back; for have I done anything to you?' Elisha turned away, took the pair of oxen and slaughtered them. He used the plough for cooking the oxen, then gave to his men, who ate. He then rose, and followed Elijah and became his servant.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 15:1-2. 5. 7-11

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Response: You are my inheritance, O Lord.

- Preserve me, God, I take refuge in you.
 I say to the Lord: 'You are my God.'
 Lord, it is you who are my portion and cup; it is you yourself who are my prize.
- 2. I will bless the Lord who gives me counsel, who even at night directs my heart.
 I keep the Lord ever in my sight: since he is at my right hand, I shall stand firm.
- 3. And so my heart rejoices, my soul is glad; even my body shall rest in safety. For you will not leave my soul among the dead, nor let your beloved know decay.
- 4. You will show me the path of life, the fullness of joy in your presence, at your right hand happiness for ever.

2nd Reading

Gal 5:1. 13-18

My brothers, you were called to freedom.

When Christ freed us, he meant us to remain free. Stand firm, therefore, and do not submit again to the yoke of slavery.

My brothers, you were called, as you know, to liberty; but be careful, or this liberty will provide an opening for self-indulgence. Serve one another, rather, in works of love, since the whole of the Law is summarised in a single command:

Love your neighbour as yourself. If you go snapping at each other and tearing each other to pieces, you had better watch or you will destroy the whole community.

Let me put it like this: if you are guided by the Spirit you will be in no danger of yielding to self-indulgence, since self-indulgence is the opposite of the Spirit, the Spirit is totally against such a thing, and it is precisely because the two are so opposed that you do not always carry out your good intentions. If you are led by the Spirit, no law can touch you.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! Speak, O Lord, your servant is listening; you have the words of everlasting life Alleluia!

Gospel

Lk 9:51-62

Jesus resolutely set his face towards Jerusalem. I will follow you wherever you will go.

As the time drew near for him to be taken up to heaven, Jesus resolutely took the road for Jerusalem and sent messengers ahead of him. These set out, and they went into a Samaritan village to make preparations for him, but the people would not receive him because he was making for Jerusalem. Seeing this, the disciples James and John said, 'Lord, do you want us to call down fire from heaven to burn them up?' But he turned and rebuked them, and they went off to another village. As they travelled along they met a man on the road who said to him, 'I will follow you wherever you go.' Jesus answered, 'Foxes have holes and the birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head.' Another to whom he said, 'Follow me,' replied, 'Let me go and bury my father first.' But he answered, 'Leave the dead to bury their dead; your duty is to go and spread the news of the kingdom of God.' Another said, 'I will follow you, sir, but first let me go and say good-bye to my people at home.' Jesus said to him, 'Once the hand is laid on the plough, no one who looks back is fit for the kingdom of God.'

Communion Hymn

CWBII 507 v1,5,7

Refrain

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Refrain: Christ, our God and brother, hear our humble plea; by this holy banquet keep us joined to thee.

Humbly we adore thee, Christ, Redeemer, King; thou art Lord of heaven, thou to whom we sing.

They who died to save up live on as a wellight.

Thou who died to save us, live on as our light; through our eyes are blinded, yet our faith gives sight.

Christ, do thou be merciful, Lamb for sinners slain; we in grief confess our guilt; cleanse our souls of stain.

Make us one in loving thee, one in mind and heart; from this holy unity, let us not depart. Refrain

Text: Melvin Lloyd Farrell 1930-1986 Music: ADORO TE DEVOTE 11.11.11; mode V

THE NICENE CREED

the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all things visible and invisible.
I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the Only Begotten Son of God,
born of the Father before all ages.
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us men and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary,
and became man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate,

he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Hymn after Communion/ Recessional Hymn

CWBII 129

Your hands, O Lord, in days of old were strong to heal and save; they triumphed over pain and death, o'er darkness and the grave.

To you they went, the blind, the mute, the palsied and the lame, the leper set apart and shunned, the sick and those in shame.

And then your touch brought life and health, gave speech and strength and sight; and youth renewed, and health restored, claimed you, the Lord of light. And so, O Lord, be near to bless, almighty now as then, in every street, in every home, in every troubled friend.

O be our mighty healer still, O Lord of life and death; restore and strengthen, soothe and bless with you're a mighty breath, on hands that work and eyes that see, your healing wisdom pour, that whole and sick and weak and strong may praise you evermore.

Text: Matthew 14:35-36; Edward Hayes Plumptre 1821-1891 alt:

Communion Hymn: 11.00am
Lamb of God - Robert Pido
Linh Hon Tôi No 5 - Traditional Vietnamese
O Lamb of God—Tiwi Islands

Sunday 6.30pm - Cathedral Singers Praeludium (BWV566a) - JS Bach (1685-1750)



We welcome with joy through the sacrament of Baptism this weekend.

Miles Andrew Topic
Charlotte Lommi
Leo Muleta
Phoenix Giurin
Orlando Giurin

(Solemnity)

6.30pm - Inclina aurem Recessional

LITURGICAL CALENDAR

Monday 27 June - St Cyril of Alexandria
Tuesday 28 June - St Irenaeus (Memorial)

Sunday 26 June - 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Wednesday 29 June - St Peter & Paul, Apostles

Visit our Linktree for more information: Recitals. Festival linktr.ee/stpatsmusicmelbourne Music. Great Celebrations. FRIDAY 1 JULY 6pm Michael Petruccelli, tenor accompanied by Coady Green, piano L'invitation au Voyage This programme explores some of the most beautiful, inspiring, heartbreaking and bold music in the classical art song repertoire of Germany, the UK, France, and Italy. Music from Germany: Schubert, Schumann UK: Britten France: Fauré, Duparc Italy: Tosti, Rossini TICKETS \$25 AT DOOR OR TRYBOOKING.COM/BRYBS

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3-10 July - National NAIDOC Week

NAIDOC (National Aboriginal and Islander Day Observance Committee) week celebrates Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures and recognises the contributions of Indigenous Australians in various fields. Its origins can be traced to the emergence of Aboriginal groups in the 1920s which sought to increase awareness of the status and treatment of

Indigenous Australians. All Australians are encouraged to participate.



The 2022 theme is Heal Country! and the focus will be on calls for all of us to seek more protections for our lands, our waters, our sacred sites and our cultural heritage from e xploitation, desecration, and destruction. What can I do to get involved with NAIDOC Week? For more information visit: https://www.naidoc.org.au/news/2022-national-naidoc-week-dates-announced-3-july-10-july

Next Sunday 3 July at 11.00am Mass, St Patrick's Cathedral will celebrate Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander, history, culture and achievements.

INTERCESSORY PRAYER

We pray for the sick of our parish and for all who have asked for our prayers. We pray for all those who have died recently, especially Attilio Costanzo and Beatrice Thornton and those whose anniversaries we remember at this time, especially Erlinda Portes.

May they enjoy the eternal fulfilment of the kingdom of God.

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Each Friday at the conclusion of the 1.00pm Mass, in the Sacred Heart Chapel Exposition until 2.15pm.

EXTRAORDINARY FORM LATIN MASS

In the Sacred Heart Chapel at St Patrick's Cathedral from 5.30pm

Archbishop

Most Rev Peter A Comensoli

Dean of

St Patrick's Cathedral

Very Rev Werner Utri

Master of Ceremonies

Rev. Michael Buck

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SAFEGUARDING. Child Protection Officer: Rev Alexander Chow

We hold the care, safety and wellbeing of children and all vulnerable people as a central and fundamental responsibility for our community. Commitment Statement display at the Cathedral's entrance & parish office. Further information refer to website (https: https://melbournecatholic.org/safeguarding).

St Patrick's Cathedral Young Adult Group (SPYAG)

Every 2nd & 4th Wednesday at Albert Room, CKC Centre, 383 Albert St, East Melbourne.

Last Sunday of each month: 6pm Rosary, 6:30pm mass, followed by meal.

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