



CHRIST CHURCH BRUNSWICK

5 July 2009

TRINITY 4



MISSION and EVANGELISM by EXAMPLE and ENCOURAGEMENT

INTROIT

O COME, let us *wor-ship*^and fall down: **and kneel before the Lord our maker: for he *is* the Lord our God.** O come let us *sing* un-to^the Lord: **let us heartily rejoice in the strength of *our sal-va-tion*.** Glory be...

HYMN *On this day, the first of days*

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COLLECT

O Lord, we beseech thee mercifully to hear us; and grant that we, to whom thou hast given an hearty desire to pray, may by thy mighty aid be defended and comforted in all dangers and adversities; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee in the unity of the Holy Ghost ever One God, world without end. **Amen.**

FIRST READING

Ezekiel 2: 2-5

The Spirit entered into me and set me upon my feet; and I heard Him speaking to me. And He said to me, 'Son of man, I send you to the people of Israel, to a nation of rebels, who have rebelled against me; they and their fathers have transgressed against me to this very day. The people also are impudent and stubborn: I send you to them; and you shall say to them, "Thus says the Lord God."

And whether they hear or refuse to hear (for they are a rebellious house) they will know that there has been a prophet among them.'

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

GRADUAL

Psalm 123

Chant – Ousley

ANTIPHON: **Bring presents and come in- | to his | courts :**

O worship the Lord in the | beauty of | ho-li- | ness.

To you I lift | up mine | eyes : you who are en- | throned | in the | heavens.

As the eyes of servants look to the | hand of · their | master: or as the eyes of a maid towards the | hand | of her | mistress.

So our eyes look to the | Lord our | God : until | he show | us his | mercy.

Have mercy upon us, O Lord, have mercy u- | pon | us: for we have | had our | fill of · de- | rision.

Our souls overflow with the mockery of | those at | ease : and with the con- | tempt | of the | proud.

Repeat antiphon

EPISTLE*2 Corinthians 12: 2-10*

I know a man in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows. And I know that this man was caught up into Paradise—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows—and he heard things that cannot be told, which man may not utter. On behalf of this man I will boast, but on my own behalf I will not boast, except of my weaknesses. Though if I wish to boast, I shall not be a fool, for I shall be speaking the truth. But I refrain from it, so that no one may think more of me than he sees in me or hears from me.

And to keep me from being too elated by the abundance of revelations, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan, to harass me, to keep me from being too elated. Three times I besought the Lord about this, that it should leave me; but He said to me, 'My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.' I will all the more gladly boast of my weaknesses, that the power of Christ may rest upon me.

For the sake of Christ, then, I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities; for when I am weak, then I am strong.

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

HYMN*Breathe on me, breath of life***342** (t. 452)**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

O praise the Lord all ye nations; Praise him all ye peoples. O hold thou up my goings in thy paths, that my footsteps slip not; incline thine ear to me, and hearken unto my words. **Show thy marvelous loving-kindness, O Lord; thou that art the Saviour of them that put their trust in thee.**

GOSPEL*Mark 6:1– 6*

Jesus came to His own country; and His disciples followed Him. And on the sabbath He began to teach in the synagogue; and many who heard Him were astonished, saying, 'Where did this man get all this? What is the wisdom given to Him? What mighty works are wrought by His hands! Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary and brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon, and are not His sisters here with us?' And they took offence at Him. And Jesus said to them, 'A prophet is not without honour, except in his own country, and among his own kin, and in his own house.'

And He could do no mighty work there, except that He laid His hands upon a few sick people and healed them. And He marvelled because of their unbelief. And He went about among the villages teaching.

This is the Gospel of the Lord

Praise be to thee, O Christ

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SERMON

Fr Robert

OFFERTORY HYMN *O worship the King***453****SANCTUS, BENEDICTUS & AGNUS DEI**

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If you are a communicant member of another Church,

you are welcome to receive communion.

Anyone is welcome to receive a blessing at the altar rail.

MOTET*O Sacrum Convivium*

G Croce

COMMUNION

I will go unto the altar of God: **even unto the God of my joy and gladness.**

HYMN *And now, O Father, mindful of thy love* **273**

***Please join us for refreshments in the Bardin Centre
after the 9.30 am service***

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Dear Parishioners,

When I was just barely into my teens, I went through a period of time when I wanted to be someone else. I didn't like the way I looked. I wanted to be just like my friend, John. He was perfect — in everything — and, the girls liked him. I used to stand in front of the mirror and practice smiling like John. For a while, I dressed like he dressed, walked like he walked, and laughed like he laughed. But, I couldn't pull it off. I couldn't be John. I was still me. And the girls still liked him better. My lack of self-confidence wasn't helped very much by my rugby coach. I can still remember the look on his face every time played a forward pass or played offside. Then I went to University and everything changed almost overnight. What really made the difference was the University rugby coach. There was something remarkable about him. He had charisma. He had authority. And, he believed in me. When he was coaching the team and it came time for me to play, he pointed at me with confidence. So I played with confidence. His faith in me changed my perception of myself and made me a better sportsman.

I think something like that was going on with the disciples in Mark 6:1-13. Jesus had come to a turning point in his ministry. He knew that he would not be around much longer to lead the disciples. It was time for them to get started. So, he sent them out on their first mission. They were probably lacking self-confidence. After all, they had just come from Jesus' hometown where he had been totally rejected. So what did Jesus do? Well, he didn't sit down with his followers and complain about the narrow-minded people of Nazareth. Instead, he gave his disciples a pep talk and some basic instructions. Then he gave them his authority and sent them out to do the miracles of healing he had already been doing. He could have done something very different. He could have reminded them that they would always be only his helpers. He was in charge. He was the Son of God, after all. He could have had them waiting on him, running and fetching, carrying messages, acting like general factotums for the boss. He could have done that, but he didn't. What he did was to transfer his power and authority to them. He trusted them. He sent them out with very little training to heal the sick, and they actually did it.

What happened? What happened between that depressing visit to Nazareth and this first successful mission? Something sure changed. Did the disciples suddenly lose their fears and self-consciousness? Did they get massive doses of vitamin B-12 or an injection of steroids? No, of course not. What probably happened was something like this. Jesus called together this group of men who had been his friends from the start and he said to them, "I need you. The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few. I need you. I cannot do it by myself. It is time for you to get started." Then he probably looked each one of them in the eye, put his hands on their heads, and said a prayer that gave them the shivers. Then he gave them his authority so they would have power over diseases, over demons, even over death. When he had finished with them they knew that something had changed forever. They could feel it in their bones. So they went out and they healed people and cast out demons. They surprised everyone, perhaps most of all themselves.

Of course, it doesn't usually happen that way here. But it does happen. Every Sunday we are sent. The very word Mass which we use for our worship means "Go Out" "Don't keep it to yourself". Can we hear those words coming from Jesus to us in the very name of our worship? Do we feel shivers up and down our spine when the power of his authority comes to us? We might even feel his touch. He believes in each one of us. He sends us out into the world. He knows we can do more good for the kingdom than we ever imagined. I dare us all to let it happen.

Yours in Christ,

Fr Robert

**Flowers today have been given in loving memory of
Garry Gartside and his grandmother**

Keble Mass—Tuesday 14 July 8 pm

At St Stephen's, Richmond, 360 Church St, Richmond

Preacher: Bishop John Parkes,

Bishop of Wangaratta

Parish Mission Giving for July

The Anglican Church in Sri Lanka

An Invitation

Margaret and Ced Greaves
invite all parishioners to join them and their family
at the 9:30 am Mass on Sunday 19 July
and afterwards in the Bardin Centre for a
Special Morning Tea
to celebrate their

60th Wedding Anniversary

Definitely no presents please!

PRAYERS AND INTERCESSIONS

For each day the intercessions are, in order, for the **Anglican Communion**, the **Anglican Church of Australia** and the **Diocese of Melbourne**.

- Sun 5 Diocese of Phulbani, North India (Bp Bijay Kumar Nayak); Diocese of Bathurst (Bp Richard Hurford) clergy & people; Christ Church Geelong (Derek Jones, Pamela Kisbee);
- Mon 6 Diocese of Pittsburgh (Province III, USA) (Bp Robert Hodges Johnson); Diocese of Bendigo (Bp Andrew Curnow) clergy & people; Camberwell Grammar School (P G Hicks, principal; Charles Butler, Gregory Davies, chaplains); St Paul's Geelong (Neil Hicks).
- Tue 7 Diocese of Polynesia (NZ) (Abp Jabez Leslie Bryce, Bp Winston Halapua, Bp Apimeleki Nadoki Qiliho, Bp Gabriel Sharma); Diocese of Brisbane (Abp Phillip Aspinall, Bps Jonathan Holland, Robert Nolan, Geoffrey Smith) clergy & people; Kingston Centre (Andre Hassing, chaplain); St Matthew's East Geelong (Ian Weaver, Andrew Goodacre).
- Wed 8 Diocese of Popondota (PNG) (Bp Joseph Kifau Kopapa); Diocese of Bunbury (Bp David McCall) clergy & people; Archdeaconry of Box Hill (Paul Barker); St Paul's Gisborne with Church of the Resurrection Macedon Ranges and St John's Riddell's Creek (Raffaella Pilz).
- Thu 9 Diocese of Port Elizabeth (South Africa) (Bp Nceba Bethlehem Nopece); Diocese of Canberra-Goulburn (Bp Stuart Robinson, Asst Bps Allan Ewing, Trevor Edwards) clergy & people; Camberwell Girls Grammar School (Anne Feehan, principal; Helen Creed, chaplain); St Agnes' Glen Huntly (David Still); St Andrew's,
- Fri 10 Diocese of Port Moresby (PNG) (Bp Peter Ramsden); Ministry with the Forces (Bp Len Eacott) chaplains & all members of the Armed Forces; Property Development & Management (Sam Zaidan, manager); St James' Glen Iris (Mark Pearce).
- Sat 11 Diocese of Port Sudan (Sudan) (Bp Yousif Abdalla Kuku); Diocese of Gippsland (Bp John McIntyre) clergy & people; Risk Management & Insurance (Alan Fong, manager); St Oswald's Glen Iris (Kenneth Hewlett).

Year's Mind

- 5 Sunday Patrick Winfield
- 6 Monday Alan Grainger, Frederick Thomson, Lucille Kent, William Joseph Coish, Phyllis Mary Walker, Kerrie Middleton
- 7 Tuesday May Evans, Garry John Gartside
- 8 Wednesday Reginald Fenwick-Brown, Susan Barker, Melanie Flavell
- 9 Thursday Lucy Matilda Andrews, William Gordon Kent
- 10 Friday Louisa Francis, Percival Francis, Nicholas William Draffin
- 11 Saturday Charles Richard Bond