

Ormond Uniting Church



Eduard Bendemann: *Die trauernden Juden im Exil*, 1832

Pentecost 18

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THE GATHERING OF THE PEOPLE 聚集敬拜

Call to worship

Acknowledgement of Country

1 Hymn: 217 Love divine all loves excelling

PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION 忏悔祷告

THE SERVICE OF THE WORD 敬听圣言

1st Scripture Reading: Jeremiah 耶利米书 29:1, 4-7

These are the words of the letter that the prophet Jeremiah sent from Jerusalem to the remaining elders among the exiles, and to the priests, the prophets, and all the people, whom Nebuchadnezzar had taken into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon. Thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel, to all the exiles whom I have sent into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon: Build houses and live in them; plant gardens and eat what they produce. Take wives and have sons and daughters; take wives for your sons, and give your daughters in marriage, that they may bear sons and daughters; multiply there, and do not decrease. But seek the welfare of the city where I have sent you into exile, and pray to the LORD on its behalf, for in its welfare you will find your welfare.

2nd Scripture Reading: Psalm 诗篇 66:1-12

Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth;
sing the glory of his name;
give to him glorious praise.

Say to God, "How awesome are your deeds!
Because of your great power, your enemies cringe before you.
All the earth worships you; they sing praises to you,
sing praises to your name."

Come and see what God has done:
he is awesome in his deeds among mortals.
He turned the sea into dry land;
they passed through the river on foot.

There we rejoiced in him, who rules by his might forever,
whose eyes keep watch on the nations
let the rebellious not exalt themselves.

Bless our God, O peoples; let the sound of his praise be heard,
who has kept us among the living and has not let our feet slip.
For you, O God, have tested us;
you have tried us as silver is tried.

You brought us into the net; you laid burdens on our backs;
you let people ride over our heads;
we went through fire and through water;
yet you have brought us out to a spacious place.

3rd Scripture Reading: Luke 路加福音 17:11-19

On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee. As he entered a village, ten lepers approached him. Keeping their distance, they called out, saying, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!" When he saw them, he said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." And as they went, they were made clean. Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. He prostrated himself at Jesus' feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan. Then Jesus asked, "Were not ten made clean? But the other nine, where are they? Was none of them found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?" Then he said to him, "Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well."

This is the Word of God.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon: Were not ten made clean?

2 Hymn: 2 Hymn: Trust and Obey

1 When we walk with the Lord
in the light of his word,
what a glory he sheds on our way!
While we do his good will,
he abides with us still,
and with all who will trust and obey.

Refrain:

*Trust and obey, for there's no other way
to be happy in Jesus, but to trust and obey.*

2 Not a burden we bear,
not a sorrow we share,
but our toil he doth richly repay;
not a grief or a loss,
not a frown or a cross,
but is blest if we trust and obey. [Refrain]

3 But we never can prove
the delights of his love
until all on the altar we lay;
for the favor he shows,
for the joy he bestows,
are for them who will trust and obey. [Refrain]

4 Then in fellowship sweet
we will sit at his feet,
or we'll walk by his side in the way;
what he says we will do,
where he sends we will go;
never fear, only trust and obey. [Refrain]

Offering

Announcements and concerns of the church

Prayer of the People

(based on prayer by Revd Bruce Prewer”)

Sometimes when I come to prepare the prayers of the people it is hard to know where to start. Is it with the people I know who are unwell, grieving or anxious for their future? Is it the young people in our community who are running amok, committing crimes, frightening others and yet so vulnerable? Or should I focus on the wars between and within nations? It seems that healing is very far away.

I found this statement written by Revd Bruce Prewer helpful: “Only those who truly believe in faith, hope and love, will keep on praying for a world that lurches from one crisis to another.”

I encourage you to pray this prayer one line at a time, taking time to name individuals or situations that come to mind and pray for healing.

Let us pray.

God of hope, give us more of the Spirit of Jesus and co-opt us into the ongoing work of your salvation. Let us by word, deed and prayer, assist in some way, be it small or large, for the rescue and healing of your people on this planet.

Wherever there is spiritual confusion or despair; may the salvation of Christ come with its light and joy.

Wherever there is emotional sickness or mental disarray, may the salvation of Jesus still exert its ancient power.

Wherever people suffer from accident or disease, experience handicap, or bear a tearing grief, may the salvation of Christ be intimately present.

Wherever there are injustices which crush body, mind and spirit, may the salvation of the Lord bring repentance to the oppressors and liberty and reparation to the victims.

Wherever there is bad blood between family members, neighbours, or old friends, may the salvation of Jesus deliver us and heal relationships.

Wherever the church has failed to be a healing community, may your saving hands draw us away from dis-ease and recall us to that wholesome loving that bears all things, hopes all things and endures all things.

Holy God, you are our light and salvation. Hear our prayers, strengthen our faith, and widen our compassion. Through Christ Jesus our Saviour.

Amen!

THE SENDING FORTH OF THE PEOPLE 差遣信徒

The Peace:

3 Hymn: 147 To God be the glory

Benediction

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