

# Saint George and Saint James

*Anglican Parish in the Borough of Queenscliffe*

## **First Sunday in Lent**

*Sunday 10<sup>h</sup> March, 2019*

### **Deuteronomy 26.1-11**

<sup>1</sup> When you have come into the land that the Lord your God is giving you as an inheritance to possess, and you possess it, and settle in it, <sup>2</sup> you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from the land that the Lord your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket and go to the place that the Lord your God will choose as a dwelling for his name. <sup>3</sup> You shall go to the priest who is in office at that time, and say to him, 'Today I declare to the Lord your God that I have come into the land that the Lord swore to our ancestors to give us.' <sup>4</sup> When the priest takes the basket from your hand and sets it down before the altar of the Lord your God, <sup>5</sup> you shall make this response before the Lord your God: 'A wandering Aramean was my ancestor; he went down into Egypt and lived there as an alien, few in number, and there he became a great nation, mighty and populous. <sup>6</sup> When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labour on us, <sup>7</sup> we cried to the Lord, the God of our ancestors; the Lord heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. <sup>8</sup> The Lord brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with a terrifying display of power, and with signs and wonders; <sup>9</sup> and he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. <sup>10</sup> So now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground that you, O Lord, have given me.' You shall set it down before the Lord your God and bow down before the Lord your God. <sup>11</sup> Then you, together with the Levites and the aliens who reside among you, shall celebrate with all the bounty that the Lord your God has given to you and to your house.

**Psalm 91.1-2, 9-16**

(APBA p. 319)

<sup>1</sup> Those who dwell in the shelter of the Most High:  
who abide under the shadow of the Almighty,

<sup>2</sup> They will say to the Lord

'You are my refuge and my stronghold:  
my God in whom I trust.'

<sup>9</sup> The Lord himself is your refuge:  
you have made the Most High your stronghold.

<sup>10</sup> Therefore no harm will befall you:  
nor will any scourge come near your tent.

<sup>11</sup> For he will command his angels:  
to keep you in all your ways.

<sup>12</sup> They will bear you up in their hands:  
lest you dash your foot against a stone.

<sup>13</sup> You will tread on the lion and the adder:  
the young lion and the serpent  
you will trample under foot.

<sup>14</sup> 'You have set your love upon me,' says the Lord,  
'and therefore I will deliver you:

I will lift you out of danger,  
because you have known my name.

<sup>15</sup> 'When you call upon me I will answer you:

I will be with you in trouble,  
I will rescue you and bring you to honour.

<sup>16</sup> 'With long life I will satisfy you:  
and fill you with my salvation.'

**Romans 10.4-13**

<sup>4</sup> For Christ is the end of the law so that there may be  
righteousness for everyone who believes.

<sup>5</sup> Moses writes concerning the righteousness that comes from the  
law, that 'the person who does these things will live by them.'



<sup>6</sup> And the devil said to him, 'To you I will give their glory and all this authority; for it has been given over to me, and I give it to anyone I please.

<sup>7</sup> If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours.'

<sup>8</sup> Jesus answered him, 'It is written,

"Worship the Lord your God,  
and serve only him." '

<sup>9</sup> Then the devil took him to Jerusalem, and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, 'If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here,

<sup>10</sup> for it is written,

"He will command his angels concerning you,  
to protect you",

<sup>11</sup> and "On their hands they will bear you up,  
so that you will not dash your foot against a stone." '

<sup>12</sup> Jesus answered him, 'It is said, "Do not put the Lord your God to the test." '

<sup>13</sup> When the devil had finished every test, he departed from him until an opportune time.

<sup>14</sup> Then Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country.

<sup>15</sup> He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone.

*Reading sheets for both Sunday, Wednesday and Friday Eucharists are usually available a week ahead of time. Prayerful reflection on the readings can be part of preparing ourselves for worship and Holy Communion.*

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