



13th August 2023
Eleventh Sunday After
Pentecost



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Sentence

They cried out in fear, but Jesus spoke to them and said, 'Take heart, it is I: do not be afraid.' (*Matthew 14:26-27*)

The Collect

Mighty God and ruler of all creation, give new strength to our faith, that we may recognise your presence even when all hope seems lost. Help us to face all trials with serenity as we walk with Christ through the stormy seas of life and come at the last to your eternal peace. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. **Amen.**

First Reading

A reading from the book of Genesis, chapter 37, beginning at the first verse.

Jacob settled in the land where his father had lived as an alien, the land of Canaan. This is the story of the family of Jacob. Joseph, being seventeen years old, was shepherding the flock with his brothers; he was a helper to the sons of Bilhah and Zilpah, his father's wives; and Joseph brought a bad report of them to their father. Now Israel loved Joseph more than any other of his children, because he was the son of his old age; and he had made him a long robe with sleeves. But when his brothers saw that their father loved him more than all his brothers, they hated him, and could not speak peaceably to him. Now his brothers went to pasture their father's flock near Shechem. And Israel said to Joseph, 'Are not your brothers pasturing the flock at Shechem? Come, I will send you to them.' He answered, 'Here I am.' So he said to him, 'Go now, see if it is well with your brothers and with the flock; and bring word back to me.' So he sent him from the valley of Hebron. He came to Shechem, and a man found him wandering in the fields; the man asked him, 'What are you seeking?' 'I am seeking my brothers,' he said; 'tell me, please, where they are pasturing the flock.' The man said, 'They have gone away, for I heard them say, "Let us go to Dothan."' So Joseph went after his brothers, and found them at Dothan. They saw him from a distance, and before he came near to them, they conspired to kill him. They said to one another, 'Here comes this dreamer. Come now, let us kill him and throw him into one of the pits; then we shall say that a wild animal has devoured him, and we shall see what will become of his

dreams.’ But when Reuben heard it, he delivered him out of their hands, saying, ‘Let us not take his life.’ Reuben said to them, ‘Shed no blood; throw him into this pit here in the wilderness, but lay no hand on him’—that he might rescue him out of their hand and restore him to his father. So when Joseph came to his brothers, they stripped him of his robe, the long robe with sleeves that he wore; and they took him and threw him into a pit. The pit was empty; there was no water in it. Then they sat down to eat; and looking up they saw a caravan of Ishmaelites coming from Gilead, with their camels carrying gum, balm, and resin, on their way to carry it down to Egypt. Then Judah said to his brothers, ‘What profit is there if we kill our brother and conceal his blood? Come, let us sell him to the Ishmaelites, and not lay our hands on him, for he is our brother, our own flesh.’ And his brothers agreed. When some Midianite traders passed by, they drew Joseph up, lifting him out of the pit, and sold him to the Ishmaelites for twenty pieces of silver. And they took Joseph to Egypt.

Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 105

R: Let those who seek the Lord rejoice.

O give thanks to the Lord, call on his name, make known his deeds among the peoples. Seek the Lord and his strength; seek his presence continually. Remember the wonderful works he has done, his miracles, and the judgements he has uttered.

R...

When he summoned famine against the land, and broke every staff of bread, he had sent a man ahead of them, Joseph, who was sold as a slave. His feet were hurt with fetters, his neck was put in a collar of iron; until what he had said came to pass, the word of the Lord kept testing him. **R...**

The king sent and released him; the ruler of the peoples set him free. He made him lord of his house, and ruler of all his possessions, to instruct his officials at his pleasure, and to teach his elders wisdom. **R...**

Second Reading

A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans, chapter 10, beginning at verse 4. For Christ is the end of the law so that there may be righteousness for everyone who believes. Moses writes concerning the righteousness that comes from the law, that ‘the person who does these things will live by them.’ But the righteousness that comes from faith says, ‘Do not say in your heart, “Who will ascend into heaven?” ’ (that is, to bring Christ down) ‘or “Who will descend into the abyss?” ’ (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). But what does it say? ‘The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart’ (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in

your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. The scripture says, 'No one who believes in him will be put to shame.' For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. For, 'Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.' But how are they to call on one in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in one of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone to proclaim him? And how are they to proclaim him unless they are sent? As it is written, 'How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!'

Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia! Alleluia!

In the storm of their dismay, Jesus said 'take heart and do not be afraid'.

Alleluia!

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew, chapter 14, beginning at the 22nd verse.

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Immediately he made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them. And early in the morning he came walking towards them on the lake. But when the disciples saw him walking on the lake, they were terrified, saying, 'It is a ghost!' And they cried out in fear. But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, 'Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid.' Peter answered him, 'Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water.' He said, 'Come.' So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came towards Jesus. But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, 'Lord, save me!' Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, 'You of little faith, why did you doubt?' When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. And those in the boat worshipped him, saying, 'Truly you are the Son of God.' When they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret. After the people of that place recognized him, they sent word throughout the region and brought all who were sick to him, and begged him that they might touch even the fringe of his cloak; and all who touched it were healed.

For the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ

Prayers of the People

Lord, you are the voice which calls to us, even over the roar of rough waters. Help us to listen to you, as we pray for the needs of those around us.

We pray for all who live in fear; those whose lives may be in jeopardy, whose future may be uncertain, and those fearing significant loss or change in their lives. Reach your hand out to them, and pull them closer to the all-encompassing truth of your love, no matter what stage of life and faith they may be.

Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

We pray for those who are new to faith, those exploring their spirituality, and those looking for a path to Jesus that they better understand. We pray for all ministers and evangelists who bring others to belief, but who struggle with their own faith. Help your faithful people to be shepherds and guides to those who may be lost and seeking understanding.

Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

We pray for families in our community, that you would strengthen the loving bonds between parents and children. We pray for families where love is lost, where there is selfishness and irresponsibility, and where children are endangered. Help all parents to make wise decisions for their children; to let go of all that does not make for safety and wholeness of life. Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

We pray for healing for the sick, and peace for the dying. For all whose bodies are hurting or frail, whose minds are troubled, and whose spirits are broken. We pray especially for those known to us: *Jeanne Jones, Michelle Peponas, Bill Edge, Sharon and John Simpson, Anni Grimwade, Madeline Allen, Elaine Haddock, Belinda Shannon, Jim Chatz, Barry Watts, Ray Daly, Val Watts, Gwen Bushell, Debbie Chilcott, Beryl and Geoff Kirby, Fiona Mctier, Russel Taylor, David Valentine, Margaret Taylor, Peg and Ken Raeburn, Bishop John Parkes, Glenda McDonald, Edie Simpson, Bruce Seaman, Thomas De Sousa, Mary Cassar, Vince Fazio, and Adeline Bickley.*

Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

We pray for the faithful departed; for those whose example was a beacon to others, those who found you later in life, and those who will only know you in the hereafter. We pray for the repose of the soul of Fr. Rob Whalley, and all who mourn his loss. We remember those whose year's mind occurs at this time: *Rita Elson, Glen Flanagan, Ken Izod, Violet Smith, Norman Wilkie, William Tuckett, Beris Hannam, Edgar Letins, Matthew McInnes, Mabel Smith, Philip Mathiesen, Ernest Ashton, Leslie Watts, Frank Punch, Nessie Zechovsky, Diana Mannin, and Maureen Tennant.* Rest eternal grant unto them, O Lord, **and let light perpetual shine upon them.**

Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Almighty God, you have promised to hear our prayers.

Grant that what we have asked in faith, we may by your grace receive; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Notices

Notice of leave

Fr. David will be away at Queenscliff on retreat with members of his priestly order for four days from Wednesday 16th August to Saturday 19th August. Any pressing matters during this period should be referred to the church wardens.

Service Rosters

We are in need of people willing to help out as welcomers at our services, as well as those happy to help with dusting to spruce up the church before Sunday worship. If you would like to help out in these areas, please speak to Caroline Burge.

Bible Study

The first session of our Bible study group is on Tuesday August 22nd at 7pm at Christ Church Kilmore. If you'd like to join in, please put your name and phone number on the sign-up sheet at the back of the church.

Love in Action

This remains a vibrant and highly necessary community initiative, based in Broadford, providing food and other supplies to families in need. Donations of canned and long-life goods, pasta, children's snacks, etc. can be placed in the

plastic containers at the entrance to your church. Thank you for your help, and continue to pray for this vital initiative. If you would like more information, please speak to Barbara Radford.

Pastoral Visiting

If you know of someone who could use a visit from a priest, e.g. illness, loneliness, grief, spiritual counselling, preparation for baptism or confirmation, please let Fr. David know. Call 0439 288 070.

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This Week in the Parish:

Monday 14th August: 10am-12pm Op Shop Trading

12pm: Diocesan Funeral, Fr. Rob Whalley, Holy Trinity Cathedral

Wednesday 16th August: Fr. David away, no RACF service

Thursday 17th August: No Mass at Broadford

10am-12pm: Op Shop Trading

Friday 18th August: 10.30am: Blue Cross RACF Service

10am-12pm: Op Shop Trading

Saturday 19th August: 10am-12pm: Op Shop Trading

Next Sunday 20th August: Twelfth Sunday After Pentecost: Genesis 45:1-15; Psalm 133; Romans 11:13-36; Matthew 15:10-28

Christ Church, Kilmore	9.00am	Morning Prayer
St Matthew's, Broadford	9.00am	Holy Eucharist
St Stephen's, Tallarook	11.00am	Morning Prayer
Transfiguration, Pyalong	11.00am	Holy Eucharist

Weekly Scripture Readings

	Morning Prayer	Evening Prayer
Monday 14th August	Ps 108; 109:20-20	Ps 45
<i>20th Century Martyrs</i>	2 Samuel 17:15-18:4	1 Samuel 2:1-10
	Acts 15:36-16:10	Revelation 12:1-6
Tuesday 15th August	Ps 138	Ps 72
<i>Mary, Mother of Our Lord</i>	2 Chronicles 7:1-16	Song of Songs 2:8-14
	John 2:1-12	Acts 1:1-14
Wednesday 16th August	Ps 105:1-22	Ps 105:23-45
	2 Samuel 18:19-19:8	Proverbs: 16:1-15
	Acts 16:25-40	Romans 9:25-10:4
Thursday 17th August	Ps 106:1-24	Ps 106:25-50
	2 Samuel 19:8-23	Proverbs 16:16-33
	Acts 17:1-14	Romans 10:5-13
Friday 18th August	Ps 107:1-22	Ps 107:23-43
	2 Samuel 19:24-40	Proverbs 17:1-16
	Acts 17:15-21	Romans 10:14-21
Saturday 19th August	Ps 110; 111	Ps 112; 113
	2 Samuel 19:41-20:13	Proverbs 17:17-18:3
	Acts 17:22-34	Romans 11:1-12

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Thoughts for the Week

There is something deeply satisfying about perfection. Like slicing a cake, the knife going through it like butter, and a perfectly level serve is put on a plate, without it breaking into crumbs or in half. Or like sitting in one's favourite chair in front of a warm fire, and a glass of something equally warming. But is perfection edifying? Yes, that's my word for the week, as recently I was told I would find something 'spiritually edifying'. I just thought it meant to build up, but actually it's equal parts inspiration AND instruction. It's not about feeling good or satisfied per se, not in the way perfection makes us feel good. To be spiritually edified is to be in midst of chaos and turmoil, and to be taught the importance of said chaos and turmoil. That's not say we should aim for chaos, but aim to learn from chaos. Learn to find process and method in the proverbial madness. If you go to someone's house, they usually start apologising about the clutter. But even as a serial perfectionist myself, I find clutter more intriguing, and dare I say edifying, because it tells a story. It tells me I'm with a fellow human being, and we have things that unite us. We also have things to teach each other. Chaos and clutter aren't perfect, but they are spiritually edifying, because they teach us to look for buried treasure, the way God always sees treasure buried in us.