

TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

27 August 2017

HYMNS

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SENTENCE

Jesus said to them, 'Who do you say that I am?' Simon Peter answered, 'You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.'

God beyond earth's finest treasures (tune: *Glory be to God the Father*)
by Martin Leckebusch (b. 1962), George Clement Martin (1844-1916) from Sing Praise

1. God beyond earth's finest treasures
you alone shall have my praise;
I will love your cherished people,
I will serve you all my days;
be my ruler, be my refuge,
God the guardian of my ways.
2. You have caused my life to prosper -
countless gifts your love has planned!
Day and night your wisdom prompts me,
shows me all that you command;
God before me, God beside me,
safe within your care I stand.
3. When my earthly days are over,
fresh delights remain in store:
vaster riches, fuller pleasures
than I ever knew before -
life unending, joy unfading,
in your presence evermore.

COLLECT

O God, fount of all wisdom,
in the humble witness of the apostle Peter
you have shown the foundation of our faith:
give us the light of your Spirit, that,
recognising in Jesus of Nazareth the Son of the living God,
we may be living stones for the building up of your holy Church;
through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**



O God beyond all praising
by Michael Perry (1942 - 1996),
Gustav Holst (1874-1934)
from Anglican Hymns Old & New

1. O God beyond all praising,
we worship you today,
and sing the love amazing
that songs cannot repay;
for we can only wonder
at every gift you send,
at blessings without number
and mercies without end:
we lift our hearts before you
and wait upon your word,
we honour and adore you,
our great and mighty Lord.
2. Then hear, O gracious Saviour,
accept the love we bring,
that we who know your favour
may serve you as our King;
and whether our tomorrows
be filled with good or ill,
we'll triumph through our sorrows
and rise to bless you still:
to marvel at your beauty
and glory in your ways,
and make a joyful duty
our sacrifice of praise.

Sisters and brothers, this we all can do
by John Campbell
from Songs to Shake Us Up (2016)

1. Sisters and brothers, this we all can do:
respond with love to love our God has shown;
expend ourselves in living sacrifice;
show kindness to ev'ryone we've known.
2. Sisters and brothers, this we're called to do:
resist our world's self-centred ways of thought;
instead, transformed, with minds by God renewed,
let's learn to think and live the way we ought.
3. Sisters and brothers, this we each must learn:
to rightly value who and what we are,
that we may see the worth of those we meet,
respecting each and all, both near and far.
4. Sisters and brothers, this we all can be:
a single body where we work as one,
and yet where each uniquely plays their part,
and shares their gifts until God's will is done.
5. Sisters and brothers, this we all must share:
whatever gifts, by grace, we've each received;
encourage all with generosity,
that we may help to set each other free.
6. Therefore, with Christ, together let us build
the bridges that create community,
and let us pool our ev'ry gift and skill,
to make our world a blessed place to be!

READINGS

A reading from the prophecy of Isaiah:

Listen to me, you that pursue righteousness, you that seek the Lord. Look to the rock from which you were hewn, and to the quarry from which you were dug. Look to Abraham your father and to Sarah who bore you; for he was but one when I called him, but I blessed him and made him many. For the Lord will comfort Zion; he will comfort all her waste places, and will make her wilderness like Eden, her desert like the garden of the Lord; joy and gladness will be found in her, thanksgiving and the voice of song. Listen to me, my people, and give heed to me, my nation; for a teaching will go out from me, and my justice for a light to the peoples. I will bring near my deliverance swiftly, my salvation has gone out and my arms will rule the peoples; the coastlands wait for me, and for my arm they hope. Lift up your eyes to the heavens, and look at the earth beneath; for the heavens will vanish like smoke, the earth will wear out like a garment and those who live on it will die like gnats; but my salvation will be for ever, and my deliverance will never be ended. *Isaiah 51. 1-6*
Hear the word of the Lord, **thanks be to God.**

We say the verses of Psalm 138 alternately:

I will give thanks to you, O Lord, with my whole heart; before the gods will I sing praise to you.

I will bow down towards your holy temple and praise your name, because of your love and faithfulness; for you have glorified your name and your word above all things.

In the day that I called to you, you answered me; you put new strength in my soul.

All the kings of the earth shall praise you, O Lord, for they have heard the words of your mouth.

They shall sing of the ways of the Lord, that great is the glory of the Lord.

Though the Lord be high, he watches over the lowly; as for the proud, he regards them from afar.

Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you will preserve me; you will stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies; your right hand will save me.

The Lord shall make good his purpose for me; your loving-kindness, O Lord, endures for ever; forsake not the work of your hands.

Psalm 138

A reading from Paul's letter to the Christians in Rome:

I appeal to you therefore, sisters and brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God - what is good and acceptable and perfect. For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think, but to think with sober judgement, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

Romans 12.1-8

Hear the word of the Lord, **thanks be to God.**

Alleluia, alleluia!

You are Peter, the rock on which I will build my church; the gates of hell will not hold out against it.

Alleluia!

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St Matthew

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ

Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, 'Who do people say that the Son of Man is?' And they said, 'Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.' He said to them, 'But who do you say that I am?' Simon Peter answered, 'You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.' And Jesus answered him, 'Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.' Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

Matthew 16.13-20

This is the Gospel of the Lord, **praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

PRAYERS

Anglican Church: Diocese of Ruvuma, Tanzania (*Bp Maternus Kapinga*); Religious Orders serving within the Anglican Church of Australia; Tintern Schools (*Brad Fry, Principal, Alison Andrew, Chaplain*); St Matthew's, Panton Hill w. St Andrew's, St Andrews (*David Sullivan*).

For the Parish: Give thanks for those who support our parish life: the Op Shop team, Maintenance committee, the Parish Treasurer and office support, and those who contribute through rostered help at each centre; and pray that they do this all in the name of Jesus, who called people to serve others.

For the sick & in need: Keiran (*also expecting in September*), Gail Lubie, Sally Newson, Joan, Chris Erving, Michael, Peter & Sally, Lachie Richardson, Megan Evans, John Bell, Pauline Reeve, & her grandchildren Hannah and James serving in Middle East, Ron Donohue, and those known to us in need of our prayers.

Community of the sick: Heather Weiss, Therese Cummins, Don, Alec Baker, Fiona Tunley, Jenny Stewart.
This community are those who need ongoing prayers for strength, courage, and peace of heart, mind and soul as they journey onwards.

Give thanks: that Rosemary's recovery from knee surgery has progressed well.

Year's mind

28th Frances McPherson (2001)

1st Muriel Rathmill (2015)

Birthdays & Wedding anniversaries

27th Roger Brown