

Praise to the Lord

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty
The King of creation
O my soul, praise Him
For He is thy health and salvation
All ye who hear, now to His temple draw near
Praise Him in glad adoration

Praise to the Lord
Who o'er all things so wonderfully reigneth
Shelters thee under His wings
Yea, so gladly sustaineth
Hast thou not seen how thy desires e'er have been
Granted in what He ordaineth

Praise to the Lord
Who doth prosper they work and defend thee
Surely His goodness and mercy here daily attend thee
Ponder anew what the Almighty can do
If with His love He befriend thee

Praise to the Lord, who, when tempests their warfare are waging,
Who, when the elements madly around thee are raging,
Biddeth them cease, turneth their fury to peace,
Whirlwinds and waters assuaging.

Praise to the Lord, who, when darkness of sin is abounding,
Who, when the godless do triumph, all virtue confounding,
Sheddeth His light, chaseth the horrors of night,
Saints with His mercy surrounding.

Praise to the Lord, O let all that is in me adore Him
All that hath life and breath
Come now with praises before Him
Let the 'amen' sound from His people again
Gladly for aye we adore Him

FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

30 December 2018

HYMNS

T 105, 292, 526, 111
A 105, 292, 111(below)
A 274, 284, 304

SENTENCE

Clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, and be thankful.

COLLECT

God of community, whose call is more insistent than ties of family or blood: may we so respect and love those whose lives are linked with ours that we fail not in loyalty to you, but make choices according to your will; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

READINGS

A reading from the first book of Samuel:

Samuel was ministering before the Lord, a boy wearing a linen ephod. His mother used to make for him a little robe and take it to him each year, when she went up with her husband to offer the yearly sacrifice. Then Eli would bless Elkanah and his wife, and say, 'May the Lord repay you with children by this woman for the gift that she made to the Lord'; and then they would return to their home. Now the boy Samuel continued to grow both in stature and in favour with the Lord and with the people.

1 Samuel 2.18-20, 26

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

We say the verses of Psalm 148 alternately:

Alleluia. Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise him in the heights.

Praise him, all you his angels; praise him, all his host.

Praise him, sun and moon; praise him, all you stars of light.



Praise him, heaven of heavens, and you waters above the heavens.

Kings of the earth and all peoples, princes and all rulers of the world;

Young women and men, old and young together; let them praise the name of the Lord.

For his name only is exalted, his splendour above earth and heaven.

He has raised up the horn of his people and praise for all his faithful servants, the children of Israel, a people who are near him. Alleluia.

Psalm 148

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

As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

Colossians 3.12-17

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

Alleluia, alleluia!

Open our heart, O Lord, to listen to the words of your Son.

Alleluia!

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

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St Luke

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ

Now every year Jesus' parents went to Jerusalem for the festival of the Passover. And when he was twelve years old, they went up as usual for the festival. When the festival was ended and they started to return, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem, but his parents did not know it. Assuming that he was in the group of travellers, they went a day's journey. Then they started to look for him among their relatives and friends. When they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem to search for him. After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers. When his parents saw him they were astonished; and his mother said to him, 'Child, why have you treated us like this? Look, your father and I have been searching for you in great anxiety.'

He said to them, 'Why were you searching for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?' But they did not understand what he said to them. Then he went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them. His mother treasured all these things in her heart. And Jesus increased in wisdom and in years, and in divine and human favour.

Luke 2.41-52

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

PRAYERS

Anglican Church: Diocese of Kyushu, Japan (Bp Luke Ken-ichi Muto); Diocese of Gippsland (Bp Richard Treloar, Clergy & People); Korowa Anglican Girls' School (Helen Carmody, Principal; Fiona Raike, Chaplain); St Paul's Frankston (Claudia Maurach).

For the parish: Give thanks for the different churches on the Surf Coast: the congregations of St Aidan's, Transfiguration, and St Luke's, for the Uniting Church, Salvation Army, Baptists, Catholics, and Elevate Church; and pray that we may recognise and affirm that we are all sisters and brothers together in the one Church, the body of Christ.

For the sick or in need: Keiran & Paul, Gail Lubie, Sally Newson, Michael M, Joan, John B, Will, Deirdre, Yvonne, Sam McGowan, Alan, Jane, Veronica, Mary Sixsmith, Tom, Boris & Maie Zorica, Lanette's family 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, Chris Erving, Glen Bechly, Russ Pickering

This community are those who need ongoing prayers for strength, courage, and peace of heart, mind and soul as they journey onwards.

Give thanks: for the opportunities of a new year.

Please inform the Parish Office if any of these people have recovered, for which we can give thanks; also any other answered prayers of significance are invited for sharing through the pew-sheet.

Year's Mind

3rd Betty Goethe

Birthdays & Anniversaries

4th Ric Maguire

4th Brian & Libby Fuller (anniv)

5th Lynda Cooper