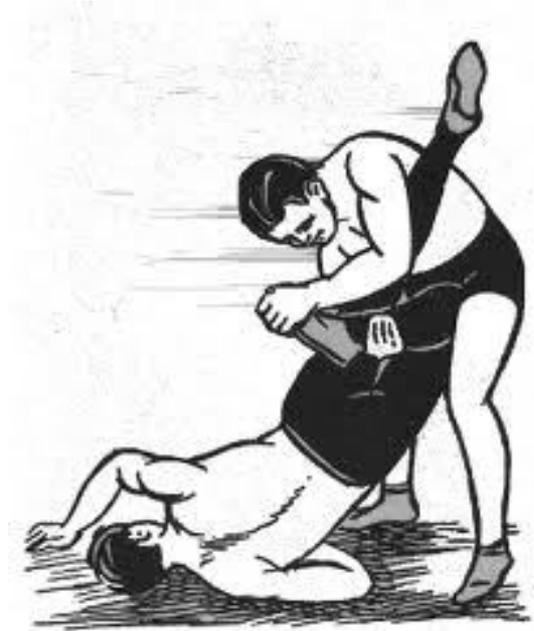


THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

13 June 2021

HYMNS

- 154 Great is your faithfulness
129 Amazing Grace
545 Shout for joy!



SENTENCE

In Christ, God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us.

COLLECT

Almighty God, without you we are unable to please you: mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord.. **Amen.**

READINGS

A reading from the prophet Ezekiel:

Thus says the Lord God:

I myself will take a sprig
from the lofty top of a cedar;
I will set it out.

I will break off a tender one
from the topmost of its young twigs;

I myself will plant it
on a high and lofty mountain.

On the mountain height of Israel
I will plant it,

in order that it may produce boughs and bear fruit,
and become a noble cedar.

Under it every kind of bird will live;
in the shade of its branches will nest
winged creatures of every kind.

All the trees of the field shall know

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that I am the Lord.
I bring low the high tree,
I make high the low tree;
I dry up the green tree
and make the dry tree flourish.
I the Lord have spoken;
I will accomplish it.'

Ezekiel 17.22-24

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

We say the verses of Psalm 92 alternately:

It is a good thing to give thanks to the Lord and to sing praises to your
name, O Most High;

**To tell of your love early in the morning and of your faithfulness in the
night-time,**

Upon the ten-stringed instrument, upon the harp, and to the melody of the
lyre.

**For you, Lord, have made me glad by your acts, and I sing aloud at the
works of your hands.**

The righteous shall flourish like a palm tree, and shall spread abroad like a
cedar of Lebanon.

**Such as are planted in the house of the Lord shall flourish in the courts
of our God.**

They shall still bear fruit in old age; they shall be vigorous and in full leaf;

**That they may show that the Lord is true; he is my rock, and there is no
unrighteousness in him.**

Psalm 92:1-4, 12-15

A reading from Paul's second letter to the church in Corinth:

So we are always confident; even though we know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord - for we walk by faith, not by sight. Yes, we do have confidence, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord. So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him. For all of us must appear before the judgement seat of Christ, so that each may receive recompense for what has been done in the body, whether good or evil.

For the love of Christ urges us on, because we are convinced that one has died for all; therefore all have died. And he died for all, so that those who live might live no longer for themselves, but for him who died and was raised for them. From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of

view, we know him no longer in that way. So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!

2 Corinthians 5.6-10, 14-17

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

Alleluia, alleluia!

The seed is the word of God, Christ is the sower; all who come to him will live for ever.

Alleluia!

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

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St Mark

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ

Jesus said, 'The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground, and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how. The earth produces of itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head. But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle, because the harvest has come.'

He also said, 'With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade.'

With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it; he did not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything in private to his disciples.

Mark 4:26-34

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

PRAYERS

Anglican Church: The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion); Ministry with the Torres Strait Islander people of Australia (Torres Strait Islander Clergy & People); Trinity Grammar School (Adrian Farrer, Principal; Matt Campbell, James Hale, Chaplains); Surfcoast Parish (Sharon Valentino); St Paul's Boronia - Pastoral Service (Bp Paul Barker); All Saints' Kooyong - Pastoral Service (Bp Genieve Blackwell); St Matthew's Panton Hill - Pastoral Service (Bp Kate Prowd).

For the Parish: Give thanks for those who facilitate worship or nurture our faith: Eucharistic Assistants, musicians, St Aidan's Group, Torquay Home Group, Mainly Music Team, Group Meditation; and pray that they may be inspired by the way that Jesus nurtured the faith of others.

For the sick & in need, and those who have ongoing need for strength, courage and peace of heart, mind and soul in their journey: Keiran & Paul, Gail L, Fiona T, Sally N, Joan B, John & Barbara B, Alec & Deirdre B, Jenny S, Jane M, Boris Z, Judy B, Pauline R, Elizabeth N, Norma M, Tina M, Rosalind B, Terry M, Lorraine D, Ian B, Russell D, Ray W and those known to us in need of our prayers.

Year's Mind

16th Wendy McCall (2016),
Winifred Taylor (2003),
19th Kenneth Botting (2000)

Birthdays & Anniversaries

14th Frances Coker
16th Peter Murton, Margaret Vise