

# SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

11 July 20121

## HYMNS

156 Morning has broken

407 Breathe on me breath of God

134 Praise my soul the king of heaven

## SENTENCE

Who shall stand in the Lord's holy place? Those who have clean hands and pure hearts, who do not lift up their hands to what is false.

## COLLECT

Eternal God,  
open our eyes to see your hand at work  
in the splendour of creation and in the beauty of human life.  
Help us to cherish the gifts that surround us,  
to share our blessings with our sisters and brothers,  
and to experience the joy of life in your presence;  
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.**

## READINGS

A reading from the prophet Amos:

This is what he showed me: the Lord was standing beside a wall built with a plumb-line, with a plumb-line in his hand. And the Lord said to me, 'Amos, what do you see?' And I said, 'A plumb-line.' Then the Lord said, 'See, I am setting a plumb-line  
in the midst of my people Israel;  
I will never again pass them by;  
the high places of Isaac shall be made desolate,  
and the sanctuaries of Israel shall be laid waste,  
and I will rise against the house of Jeroboam with the sword.'



On his birthday, Herod Antipas made a supper for his lords and captains. For entertainment, his wife's daughter, Salome, danced.

Then Amaziah, the priest of Bethel, sent to King Jeroboam of Israel, saying, 'Amos has conspired against you in the very centre of the house of Israel; the land is not able to bear all his words. For thus Amos has said, "Jeroboam shall die by the sword, and Israel must go into exile away from his land." '

And Amaziah said to Amos, 'O seer, go, flee away to the land of Judah, earn your bread there, and prophesy there; but never again prophesy at Bethel, for it is the king's sanctuary, and it is a temple of the kingdom.'

Then Amos answered Amaziah, 'I am no prophet, nor a prophet's son; but I am a herdsman, and a dresser of sycamore trees and the Lord took me from following the flock, and the Lord said to me, "Go, prophesy to my people Israel."

*Amos 7.7-14*

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

We say the verses from Psalm 85 alternately:

I will listen to what the Lord God will say, for he shall speak peace to his people and to the faithful, that they turn not again to folly.

**Truly, his salvation is near to those who fear him, that his glory may dwell in our land.**

Mercy and truth are met together, righteousness and peace have kissed each other;

**Truth shall spring up from the earth and righteousness look down from heaven.**

The Lord will indeed give all that is good, and our land will yield its increase.

**Righteousness shall go before him and direct his steps in the way.**

*Psalm 85.8-13*

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

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, to the saints who are in Ephesus and are faithful in Christ Jesus: grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth

in Christ, as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; this is the pledge of our inheritance towards redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

*Ephesians 1.1-14*

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

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our hearts that we might see how great is the hope to which we are called.

**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**

King Herod heard of the ministry of Jesus' disciples, for Jesus' name had become known. Some were saying, 'John the baptizer has been raised from the dead; and for this reason these powers are at work in him.' But others said, 'It is Elijah.' And others said, 'It is a prophet, like one of the prophets of old.' But when Herod heard of it, he said, 'John, whom I beheaded, has been raised.'

For Herod himself had sent men who arrested John, bound him, and put him in prison on account of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, because Herod had married her. For John had been telling Herod, 'It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife.' And Herodias had a grudge against him, and wanted to kill him. But she could not, for Herod feared John, knowing that he was a righteous and holy man, and he protected him. When he heard him, he was greatly perplexed; and yet he liked to listen to him. But an opportunity came when Herod on his birthday gave a banquet for his courtiers and officers and for the leaders of Galilee. When his daughter Herodias came in and danced, she pleased Herod and his guests; and the king said to the girl, 'Ask me for whatever you wish, and I will give it.' And he solemnly swore to her, 'Whatever you ask me, I will give you, even half of my kingdom.' She went out and said to her mother, 'What should I ask for?' She replied, 'The head of John the baptizer.' Immediately she rushed back to the king and requested, 'I want you to give me at once the head of John the Baptist on a platter.' The king was deeply grieved; yet out of regard for his oaths and for the guests, he did not want to refuse her. Immediately the king sent a soldier of the guard with orders to bring John's head. He went and beheaded him in the prison, brought his head on a

platter, and gave it to the girl. Then the girl gave it to her mother. When his disciples heard about it, they came and took his body, and laid it in a tomb.

*Mark 6. 14-29*

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

## PRAYERS

**Anglican Church:** The Episcopal Church in the Philippines; Ministry to the Defence Force (Bishop Grant Dibden, Chaplains & Members of the Defence Forces); Karingal - St Laurence Community Services; Holy Trinity Balaclava & Elwood (Kathryn WaF); Holy Trinity Surrey Hills - Pastoral Services (Bp Paul Barker); St Paul's Westmeadows/Bulla Service & St Mary Magdalene Dallas/Braodmeadows - Pastoral Services (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 Jean Galbraith (2003)*

### Birthdays & Anniversaries

*11th Bronwyn Patrick*

*12th Ian Sweet*

*13th John Forbes*