

EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

18 July 2018

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SENTENCE

As he went ashore, Jesus saw a great crowd; and he had compassion on them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd; and he began to teach them many things.



COLLECT

Eternal God,
author of our life and end of our pilgrimage: guide us by your word and Spirit amid all the perils and temptations, that we may not wander from your way, but may run our course in safety until we come to our eternal rest in you; through the grace of Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

READINGS

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah:

The word of the Lord came to me, saying: Go and proclaim in the hearing of Jerusalem, Thus says the Lord:

I remember the devotion of your youth, your love as a bride, how you followed me in the wilderness, in a land not sown.

Israel was holy to the Lord, the first fruits of his harvest.

All who ate of it were held guilty; disaster came upon them, says the Lord.

Hear the word of the Lord, O house of Jacob, and all the families of the house of Israel. Thus says the Lord:

What wrong did your ancestors find in me that they went far from me, and went after worthless things, and became worthless themselves?

They did not say, 'Where is the Lord who brought us up from the land of Egypt,

who led us in the wilderness, in a land of deserts and pits,

in a land of drought and deep darkness, in a land that no one passes through, where no one lives?’

I brought you into a plentiful land to eat its fruits and its good things. But when you entered you defiled my land, and made my heritage an abomination.

The priests did not say, ‘Where is the Lord?’

Those who handle the law did not know me; the rulers transgressed against me; the prophets prophesied by Baal, and went after things that do not profit.

Therefore once more I accuse you, says the Lord, and I accuse your children’s children.

Cross to the coasts of Cyprus and look, send to Kedar and examine with care; see if there has ever been such a thing.

Has a nation changed its gods, even though they are no gods?

But my people have changed their glory for something that does not profit.

Be appalled, O heavens, at this, be shocked, be utterly desolate, says the Lord,

for my people have committed two evils: they have forsaken me, the fountain of living water, and dug out cisterns for themselves, cracked cisterns that can hold no water.

Is Israel a slave? Is he a home-born servant? Why then has he become plunder?

The lions have roared against him, they have roared loudly.

They have made his land a waste; his cities are in ruins, without inhabitant.

Moreover, the people of Memphis and Tahpanhes have broken the crown of your head.

Jeremiah 2.1-16

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

We read alternately from Psalm 23:

The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.

He makes me lie down in green pastures;

he leads me beside still waters; he restores my soul.

He leads me in right paths for his name’s sake.

Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil;

for you are with me; your rod and your staff - they comfort me.

You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;

you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,

and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord my whole life long.

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

So then, remember that at one time you Gentiles by birth, called 'the uncircumcision' by those who are called 'the circumcision' - a physical circumcision made in the flesh by human hands - remember that you were at that time without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. For he is our peace; in his flesh he has made both groups into one and has broken down the dividing wall, that is, the hostility between us. He has abolished the law with its commandments and ordinances, so that he might create in himself one new humanity in place of the two, thus making peace, and might reconcile both groups to God in one body through the cross, thus putting to death that hostility through it. So he came and proclaimed peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near; for through him both of us have access in one Spirit to the Father. So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God, built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone. In him the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord; in whom you also are built together spiritually into a dwelling-place for God.

Ephesians 2.11-22

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

Alleluia, alleluia!

My sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord; I know them, and they follow me.

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

The apostles gathered around Jesus, and told him all that they had done and taught. He said to them, 'Come away to a deserted place all by yourselves and rest a while.' For many were coming and going, and they had no leisure even to eat. And they went away in the boat to a deserted place by themselves. Now many saw them going and recognized them, and they hurried there on foot from all the towns and arrived ahead of them. As he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd; and he began to teach them many things.

When they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret and moored the boat. When they got out of the boat, people at once recognized him,

and rushed about that whole region and began to bring the sick on mats to wherever they heard he was. And wherever he went, into villages or cities or farms, they laid the sick in the market-places, and begged him that they might touch even the fringe of his cloak; and all who touched it were healed.

Mark 6.30-34, 53-56

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

PRAYERS

Anglican Church: Eglise Anglicane du Rwanda (Abp Laurent Mbanda; The Diocese of North Queensland (Bp Keith Joseph, Clergy & People); Victorian Council of Churches (Rev Fr Shenouda Boutros, President, Ian Smith, ExecuEve Officer); St John's Bentleigh (David Powys); St James & St Peter Kilsyth/Montrose - Pastoral Services (Kate Prowd); Sunday TradiEonal / Holy Communion Service | St MaFhews Panton Hill with St Andrews (Bp Kate Prowd).

For the parish: Give thanks for those who nurture community in our parish: Torquay Craft Group, the Op Shop, those who visit parishioners, those who arrange parish meals; and pray that they may be inspired by Jesus. Give thanks for those who use their abilities and give of their time and resources in the community of which we are a part: in their jobs, as volunteers, in their families, as neighbours, as friends and to strangers.

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, Ray W and those known to us in need of our prayers.

Year's Mind

20th Dorothea MacKay (2014)

Birthdays & Anniversaries

18th Ben Valentino