

ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

8 August 2021

HYMNS

SENTENCE

Be imitators of God, as beloved children, and live in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us.

COLLECT

Grant, O Lord, that we may see in you the fulfilment of all our need, and may turn from every false satisfaction to feed on the true and living bread that you have given us in Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

READINGS

A reading from the first book of Kings:

Elijah went a day's journey into the wilderness, and came and sat down under a solitary broom tree. He asked that he might die: 'It is enough; now, O Lord, take away my life, for I am no better than my ancestors.' Then he lay down under the broom tree and fell asleep. Suddenly an angel touched him and said to him, 'Get up and eat.' He looked, and there at his head was a cake baked on hot stones, and a jar of water. He ate and drank, and lay down again. The angel of the Lord came a second time, touched him, and said, 'Get up and eat, otherwise the journey will be too much for you.' He got up, and ate and drank; then he went in the strength of that food for forty days and forty nights to Horeb the mount of God.

1 Kings 19.4-8

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

We say the verses from Psalm 34 alternately:

I will bless the Lord at all times; his praise shall ever be in my mouth.



My soul shall glory in the Lord; let the humble hear and be glad.

O magnify the Lord with me; let us exalt his name together.

I sought the Lord and he answered me and delivered me from all my fears.

Look upon him and be radiant and your faces shall not be ashamed.

This poor soul cried, and the Lord heard me and saved me from all my troubles.

The angel of the Lord encamps around those who fear him and delivers them.

O taste and see that the Lord is gracious; blessed is the one who trusts in him.

Psalm 34.1-8

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

So then, putting away falsehood, let all of us speak the truth to our neighbours, for we are members of one another. Be angry but do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, and do not make room for the devil. Thieves must give up stealing; rather let them labour and work honestly with their own hands, so as to have something to share with the needy. Let no evil talk come out of your mouths, but only what is useful for building up, as there is need, so that your words may give grace to those who hear. And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with which you were marked with a seal for the day of redemption. Put away from you all bitterness and wrath and anger and wrangling and slander, together with all malice, and be kind to one another, tender-hearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you. Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children, and live in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

Ephesians 4.25-5.2

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

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the living bread from heaven, says the Lord; whoever eats this bread will live for ever.

Alleluia!

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

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St John

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ

Jesus said to them, 'I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.

[But I said to you that you have seen me and yet do not believe. Everything that the Father gives me will come to me, and anyone who comes to me I will never drive away; for I have come down from heaven, not to do my own will, but the will of him who sent me. And this is the will of him who sent me, that I should lose nothing of all that he has given me, but raise it up on the last day. This is indeed the will of my Father, that all who see the Son and believe in him may have eternal life; and I will raise them up on the last day.]

Then the Jews began to complain about him because he said, 'I am the bread that came down from heaven.' They were saying, 'Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How can he now say, "I have come down from heaven"?' Jesus answered them, 'Do not complain among yourselves. No one can come to me unless drawn by the Father who sent me; and I will raise that person up on the last day. It is written in the prophets, "And they shall all be taught by God." Everyone who has heard and learned from the Father comes to me. Not that anyone has seen the Father except the one who is from God; he has seen the Father. Very truly, I tell you, whoever believes has eternal life. I am the bread of life. Your ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died. This is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that one may eat of it and not die. I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live for ever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh.'

John 6.35, 41-51

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

PRAYERS

Anglican Church: The Church of South India (United: Leader/Moderator: A. Dharmaraj Rasalam); the Diocese of Bendigo (Bp Matt Brain, Clergy & People); Archdeaconry of La Trobe (Gavin Ward); St Paul's Canterbury (Rachel McDougall); St James's Anglican Church Kilsyth (Abp Philip Freier); Mordialloc - Pastoral Services (Bp Paul Barker); St Philip's Collingwood Confirmation Service (Bp Genieve Blackwell).

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

Year's Mind

9th Roslyn Hansen (2019)

10th William Wallace (2000)

12th Elizabeth Betts (2019)

Birthdays

8th Wanda Thomas

11th Ian Bennett

13th Val Taylor, Ian Bruce