

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

19 September 2021

HYMNS

132 Holy holy holy

526 Lord Jesus Christ

256 From heaven you came,
helpless babe

SENTENCE

Whoever wants to be first must
be last of all and servant of all.

COLLECT

God and Father of all,
you have taught us through your Son
that the last shall be first,
and have made a little child the measure of your kingdom:
give us the wisdom from above,
so that we may understand that in your sight
the one who serves is the greatest of all.
We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ,
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 Jeremiah:

It was the Lord who made it known to me, and I knew;
then you showed me their evil deeds.

But I was like a gentle lamb
led to the slaughter.

And I did not know it was against me
that they devised schemes, saying,
'Let us destroy the tree with its fruit,
let us cut him off from the land of the living,
so that his name will no longer be remembered!'

But you, O Lord of hosts, who judge righteously,
who try the heart and the mind,
let me see your retribution upon them,
for to you I have committed my cause.

Jeremiah 11.18-20

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

We say the verses of Psalm 54 alternately:

Save me, O God, by your name and vindicate me by your power.

Hear my prayer, O God; give heed to the words of my mouth.

For strangers have risen up against me, and the ruthless seek after my
life; they have not set God before them.

Behold, God is my helper; it is the Lord who upholds my life.

May evil rebound on those who lie in wait for me; destroy them in your
faithfulness.

**An offering of a free heart will I give you and praise your name, O Lord,
for it is gracious.**

For he has delivered me out of all my trouble, and my eye has seen the
downfall of my enemies.

Psalm 54

A reading from the letter of James:

Not many of you should become teachers, my sisters and brothers, for you
know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness. For all of us
make many mistakes. Anyone who makes no mistakes in speaking is perfect,
able to keep the whole body in check with a bridle. If we put bits into the

mouths of horses to make them obey us, we guide their whole bodies. Or look at ships: though they are so large that it takes strong winds to drive them, yet they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs. So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great exploits. How great a forest is set ablaze by a small fire! And the tongue is a fire. The tongue is placed among our members as a world of iniquity; it stains the whole body, sets on fire the cycle of nature, and is itself set on fire by hell. For every species of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by the human species, but no one can tame the tongue - a restless evil, full of deadly poison. With it we bless the Lord and Father, and with it we curse those who are made in the likeness of God. From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My sisters and brothers, this ought not to be so. Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and brackish water? Can a fig tree, my sisters and brothers, yield olives, or a grapevine figs? No more can salt water yield fresh.

James 3.1-12

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

Alleluia, alleluia!

God has called us with the gospel; to share in the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.

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 went on with his disciples and passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know it; for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, 'The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again.' But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him. Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them, 'What were you arguing about on the way?' But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another about who was the greatest. He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, 'Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all.' Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them, 'Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me.'

Mark 9.30-37

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

PRAYERS

Anglican Church: The Church of the Province of Uganda (Abp Stephen Kaziimba); The Diocese of Newcastle (Bp Peter Stuart, Asst Bps Charlie Murry, Sonia Roulston, Clergy & People); Defence Force Chaplains; St Paul's Anglican Church Frankston (Claudia Mauracher); St Andrew's Brighton (Pastoral Visit, Bp Paul Barker).

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

22nd Cynthia Barnacle (2018)

Birthdays & Anniversaries

20th Sandy Born

25th Russell Dripps, Frances Wardle