

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

24 October 2021

HYMNS

- 232 O the deep deep love of Jesus
607 Make me a channel of your peace
517 Hallelujah! Sing to Jesus

SENTENCE

The redeemed of the Lord shall return
and come to Zion with singing; everlasting joy shall be upon their heads.

COLLECT

O God, you give light to the blind and comfort to the sorrowing, and in your Son you have given us a High Priest who has offered the true sacrifice for us and yet can sympathise with us in our weakness: hear the cry of your people and lead us home to our true country, where with your Son and the Holy Spirit you live and reign, one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen.**

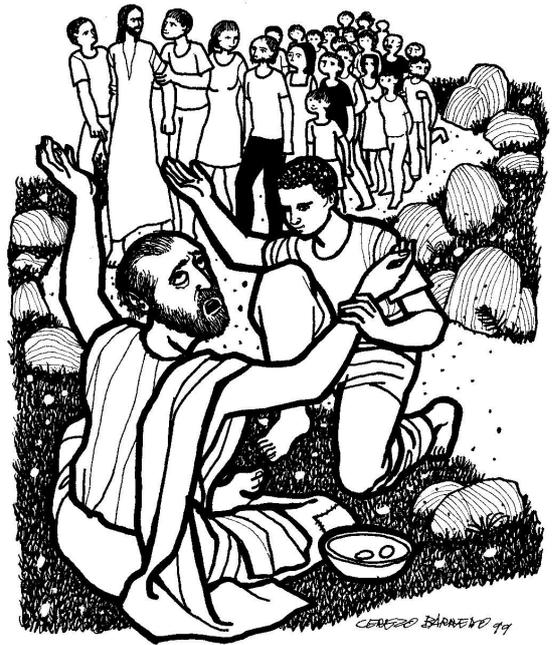
READINGS

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah:

Oh yes, God says so: Shout for joy at the top of your lungs for Jacob! Announce the good news to the number-one nation! Raise cheers! Sing praises. Say, 'God has saved his people, saved the core of Israel.'

Watch what comes next: I'll bring my people back from the north country and gather them up from the ends of the earth, gather those who've gone blind, and those who are lame and limping, gather pregnant women, even the mothers whose birth pangs have started, bring them all back, a huge crowd!

Watch them come! They'll come weeping for joy as I take their hands and lead them, lead them to fresh flowing brooks, lead them along smooth, uncluttered paths. Yes, it's because I'm Israel's Father and Ephraim's my firstborn son!



Jeremiah 31.7-9

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

We say the verses of Psalm 126 alternately:

It seemed like a dream, too good to be true, when God returned Zion's exiles.

We laughed, we sang, we couldn't believe our good fortune.

We were the talk of the nations— "God was wonderful to them!"

God was wonderful to us; we are one happy people.

And now, God, do it again - bring rains to our drought-stricken lives

So those who planted their crops in despair will shout hurrahs at the harvest,

So those who went off with heavy hearts will come home laughing, with armloads of blessing.

Psalm 126 - A Pilgrim Song

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews:

The old priesthood of Aaron perpetuated itself automatically, father to son, without explicit confirmation by God. But then God intervened and called this new, permanent priesthood into being with an added promise: God gave his word; he won't take it back: "You're the permanent priest." This makes Jesus the guarantee of a far better way between us and God—one that really works! A new covenant. Earlier there were a lot of priests, for they died and had to be replaced. But Jesus' priesthood is permanent. He's there from now to eternity to save everyone who comes to God through him, always on the job to speak up for them. So now we have a high priest who perfectly fits our needs: completely holy, uncompromised by sin, with authority extending as high as God's presence in heaven itself. Unlike the other high priests, he doesn't have to offer sacrifices for his own sins every day before he can get around to us and our sins. He's done it, once and for all: offered up himself as the sacrifice. The law appoints as high priests men who are never able to get the job done right. But this intervening command of God, which came later, appoints the Son, who is absolutely, eternally perfect.

Hebrews 7.21-28

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

Alleluia, alleluia!

Our Saviour Jesus Christ has done away with death, and brought us life through his gospel.

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

They spent some time in Jericho. As Jesus was leaving town, trailed by his disciples and a parade of people, a blind beggar by the name of Bartimaeus, son of Timaeus, was sitting alongside the road. When he heard that Jesus the Nazarene was passing by, he began to cry out, "Son of David, Jesus! Mercy, have mercy on me!" Many tried to hush him up, but he yelled all the louder, "Son of David! Mercy, have mercy on me!" Jesus stopped in his tracks. "Call him over." They called him. "It's your lucky day! Get up! He's calling you to come!" Throwing off his coat, he was on his feet at once and came to Jesus. Jesus said, "What can I do for you?" The blind man said, "Rabbi, I want to see." "On your way," said Jesus. "Your faith has saved and healed you." In that very instant he recovered his sight and followed Jesus down the road. *Mark 10.46-52*

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

PRAYERS

Anglican Church: The Extra Provincial Churches of the Anglican Communion (Abp Justin Welby, Abp of Canterbury); The Diocese of Perth (Abp Kay Goldsworthy, Asst Bps Jeremy James, Kate Wilmot, Clergy & People); Girls' Friendly Society (Alison Benfield, Chair); Holy Trinity Melbourne East (Grant Edgumbe); Church of the New Guinea Martyrs, Croydon South - pastoral visit (Abp Philip Freier); St Hilary's Kew - Confirmation Service (Bp Genieve Blackwell).

For the parish: Give thanks for those who support our parish life: the Op Shop team, Maintenance committee, the Parish Treasurer and Bookkeeper and office support, and those who contribute through rostered help at each centre; and pray that they do this all in the name of Jesus, who called people to serve 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, Rosalind B, Lorraine D, Ian B, Ray W, Jim H, Phil S and those known to us in need of our prayers.

Year's Mind

26th Jack O'Donnell (2009)

28th Harry McLaren (2004)

29th Jack Stark (2002), Joan Van Aalst (1992)

Birthdays & Anniversaries

26th Lydia Erving

29th John Bell

30th Melissa & Jeffrey Bowkett-Hall, George & Mary Freijah, Srebrenka Kunek & John Shone (anniv)