

# THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

12 March 2023

## HYMNS

446 Glorious things of you are spoken

129 Amazing Grace

145 The King of love my shepherd is

## SENTENCE

‘The water that I will give,’ says the Lord, ‘will become in you a spring of water welling up to eternal life.’

## COLLECT

O God, the fountain of life, to a humanity parched with thirst you offer the living water that springs from the Rock, our Saviour Jesus Christ: stir up within your people the gift of your Spirit, that we may profess our faith with freshness and announce with joy the wonder of your love. 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 Exodus:

From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the LORD commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. The people quarrelled with Moses, and said, ‘Give us water to drink.’ Moses said to them, ‘Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the LORD?’ But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, ‘Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?’ So Moses cried out to the LORD, ‘What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me.’ The LORD said to Moses, ‘Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck



the Nile, and go. I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink.' Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarrelled and tested the LORD, saying, 'Is the LORD among us or not?'

*Exodus 17.1-7*

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

We say the verses of Psalm 95 alternately:

O come, let us sing to the Lord; let us heartily rejoice in the rock of our salvation.

**Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving and be glad in him with psalms.**

For the Lord is a great God and a great king above all gods.

**In his hand are the depths of the earth and the heights of the mountains are his also.**

The sea is his, for he made it, and his hands have moulded the dry land.

**Come, let us worship and bow down and kneel before the Lord our Maker.**

For he is our God; we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand.

**O that today you would listen to his voice: 'Harden not your hearts as at Meribah, on that day at Massah in the wilderness,**

**'When your forebears tested me, and put me to the proof, though they had seen my works.**

**'Forty years long I detested that generation and said, "This people are wayward in their hearts; they do not know my ways."**

**'So I swore in my wrath, "They shall not enter into my rest." '**

*Psalm 95*

A reading from Paul's letter to the Christians in Rome:

Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in

our hope of sharing the glory of God. And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us. For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person - though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us. Much more surely then, now that we have been justified by his blood, will we be saved through him from the wrath of God. For if while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son, much more surely, having been reconciled, will we be saved by his life. But more than that, we even boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

*Romans 5.1-11*

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

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!**

Lord, you are truly the Saviour of the world; give me living water, that I may never thirst again.

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!**

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**

*see John 4.5-42*

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

## PRAYERS

**Anglican Church:** Footscray Parish (Chaplain Soma, Gabriel Mayen); Ministry with the Aboriginal people of Australia (Bp Chris McLeod, National Aboriginal Bishop, Aboriginal Clergy & People); Angliss Health Services; St Agnes Glen Huntly service (Abp Philip Freier)

**For the Parish:** Give thanks for those who facilitate worship or nurture our faith: Eucharistic Assistants, musicians, 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:** Alan Y, Kathie M, Keiran & Paul, Fiona T, Sally N, John B, Deirdre B, Jenny S, Jane & Peter M, George F, Boris Z, Pauline R, Lorraine D, Ray & Marion W, Ray M, Helen & Geoff D, Jim H, Nan L, Marilyn, Mary & Ian S and those known to us in need of our prayers.

Gwennyth McLaren passed away recently at Grace McKellar centre. May she rest in peace and rise in glory.

She had been a part of our Op Shop community some years ago. Her funeral will be on Wednesday 15th March at 2pm. I will be unavailable, but the chaplain Ps David Drummond from Grace MacKellar will take the service at St Luke's. David had been giving care to Gwennyth and I am happy to fulfil her request for him to take the service. I'll meet with David this Tuesday to show him around. Kings will be using our kitchen and hall for refreshments after the service.

### Year's mind

*12th Philip Marriot (1996)*

*13th John Pettigrove (2008)*

*16th Judy Beach (2022)*

### Birthdays & Anniversaries

*19th Richard Kelly*