

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

5 May 2024

HYMNS

459 In Christ There Is No East or West

152 Joyful, joyful, we adore you

210 O For A Thousand Tongues

SENTENCE

Jesus said, 'You did not choose me, but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit.'

COLLECT

Loving God, your Son has chosen us and called us to be his friends: give us grace to keep his commandments, to love one another, and to bear fruit which will abide; through him who is the true vine, the source of all our life, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

READINGS

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles:

While Peter was still speaking to Cornelius and his friends, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, 'Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?' So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

Acts 10.44-48

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

We say the verses of Psalm 98 alternately:

Sing to the Lord a new song, for he has done marvellous things.

His own right hand and his holy arm have won for him the victory.



The Lord has made known his salvation; his deliverance has he openly shown in the sight of the nations.

He has remembered his mercy and faithfulness towards the house of Israel, and all the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.

Sound praises to the Lord, all the earth; break into singing and make music.

Make music to the Lord with the lyre, with the lyre and the voice of melody.

With trumpets and the sound of the horn sound praises before the Lord, the King.

Let the sea thunder and all that fills it, the world and all that dwell upon it.

Let the rivers clap their hands and let the hills ring out together before the Lord, for he comes to judge the earth.

In righteousness shall he judge the world and the peoples with equity.

Psalm 98

A reading from John's first letter:

Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, for whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith. Who is it that conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

This is the one who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ, not with the water only but with the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one that testifies, for the Spirit is the truth. There are three that testify: the Spirit and the water and the blood, and these three agree. If we receive human testimony, the testimony of God is greater; for this is the testimony of God that he has testified to his Son. Those who believe in the Son of God have the testimony in their hearts. Those who do not believe in God have made him a liar by not believing in the testimony that God has given concerning his Son. And this is the testimony: God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life.

I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, so that you may know that you have eternal life.

And this is the boldness we have in him, that if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us. And if we know that he hears us in whatever we ask, we know that we have obtained the requests made of him. If you see your brother or sister committing what is not a mortal sin, you will ask, and God will give life to such a one - to those whose sin is not mortal. There is sin that is mortal; I do not say that you should pray about that. All wrongdoing is sin, but there is sin that is not mortal.

We know that those who are born of God do not sin, but the one who was born of God protects them, and the evil one does not touch them. We know that we are God's children, and that the whole world lies under the power of the evil one. And we know that the Son of God has come and has given us understanding so that we may know him who is true; and we are in him who is true, in his Son Jesus Christ. He is the true God and eternal life.

Little children, keep yourselves from idols.

1 John 5

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

Alleluia, alleluia!

All who love me will keep my words, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them.

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: 'As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete. This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.'

John 15.9-17

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

PRAYERS

Anglican Church: St Philip's Mount Waverley (Ruth Newmarch, Breannon Wilkinson); The Diocese of Adelaide (Abp Geoff Smith, Asst Bps Denise

Ferguson, Timothy Harris, Christopher McLeod; Clergy & People); Anglican Episcopal Church of Brazil (Abp Marinez Rosa Dos Santos Bassotto.

For the Parish: Give thanks for our parish leadership: the clergy, Church Wardens and Parish Council, and the leaders of parish groups and teams; and pray that they may be inspired by the leadership of Jesus.

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, Deirdre B, John & Barbara B, Roger B, Lorraine D, Helen & Geoff D, John F, Nan L, Brian Moore, Jane & Peter M, Barbara McN, Janet N, Pauline R, Hadyn R, Jenny S, Mary & Ian S, Ray & Marion W, Linda W, Boris Z and those known to us in need of our prayers

Year's Mind

6th Fred Tarn (2012)
7th Chris Erving (2019)
8th Norma Morrison (2022)
9th Mary Brown (2014)
10th Jock Sutherland (2014)
11th Myra Polwarth (2002)

Birthdays & Anniversaries

6th Helen Drury
7th Brian & Judy Moore
8th Margaret & Martin Morse
11th Russell & Valerie Dripps