Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

2 July 2023

HYMNS 390 Alleluia Alleluia give thanks 111 Praise to the Lord the Almighty SENTENCE

The wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

COLLECT: O God, your Son has taught us that those who give a cup of water in his name will not lose their reward: open our hearts to the needs of your children, and in all things make us obedient to your will, so that in faith we may receive your gracious gift, eternal life in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

READINGS

The prophet Jeremiah spoke to the prophet Hananiah in the presence of the priests and all the people who were standing in the house of the Lord; and the prophet Jeremiah said, 'Amen! May the Lord do so; may the Lord fulfil the words that you have prophesied, and bring back to this place from Babylon the vessels of the house of the Lord, and all the exiles. But listen now to this word that I speak in your hearing and in the hearing of all the people. The prophets who preceded you and me from ancient times prophesied war, famine, and pestilence against many countries and great kingdoms. As for the prophet who prophesies peace, when the word of that prophet comes true, then it will be known that the Lord has truly sent the prophet.'

Jeremiah 28:5-9

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

We say the verses of Psalm 89 alternately:

My song shall be always of the loving-kindness of the Lord: with my mouth will I proclaim your faithfulness throughout all generations.

I will declare that your love is established for ever; you have set your faithfulness as firm as the heavens.

For you said: 'I have made a covenant with my chosen one; I have sworn an oath to David my servant:

"Your seed will I establish for ever and build up your throne for all generations."

Happy are the people who know the shout of triumph: they walk, O Lord, in the light of your countenance.

In your name they rejoice all the day long and are exalted in your righteousness.

For you are the glory of their strength, and in your favour you lift up our heads.

Truly the Lord is our shield; the Holy One of Israel is our king Psalm 89:1-4, 15-18

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

Therefore, do not let sin exercise dominion in your mortal bodies, to make you obey their passions. No longer present your members to sin as instruments of wickedness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and present your members to God as instruments of righteousness. For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace. What then? Should we sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means! Do you not know that if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness? But thanks be to God that you, having once been slaves of sin, have become obedient from the heart to the form of teaching to which you were entrusted, and that you, having been set free from sin, have become slaves of righteousness. I am speaking in human terms because of your natural limitations. For just as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity and to greater and greater iniquity, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness for sanctification. When you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. So what advantage did you then get from the things of which you now are ashamed? The end of those things is death. But now that you have been freed from sin and

enslaved to God, the advantage you get is sanctification. The end is eternal life. For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Romans 6:12-23

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

Alleluia, alleluia!

You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy people. Praise God who called you out of darkness and into his marvellous light.

Alleluia!

The Lord be with you. And also with you.

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St Matthew

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ

Jesus said: 'Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. Whoever welcomes a prophet in the name of a prophet will receive a prophet's reward; and whoever welcomes a righteous person in the name of a righteous person will receive the reward of the righteous; and whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple - truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward.'

Matthew 10:40-42

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

PRAYERS

Anglican Church: St Barnabas' Anglican Church Balwyn (Randle Bond, Kirsty Brown); Anglicare Australia (Bp Chris Jones, Chair; Kasy Chambers, Exec Director); Shelford Girls' Grammar (Katrina Brennan, Principal); Christ Church Melton - Pastoral visit (Bp Brad Billings); St David's Moorabbin - Pastoral visit (Bp Paul Barker); St Peter's Fawkner - Pastoral visit (Bp Kate Prowd); St Peter's Anglican Church Bundoora - Pastoral visit (Abp Philip Freier)

For the Parish: Give thanks for our parish leadership: Ps Sharon, Fr Irwin & Fr Barry, the 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: Alan Y, 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, Helen & Geoff D, Jim H, Nan L, Marilyn, Mary & Ian S, Janet N and those known to us in need of our prayers.

Year's mind 4th Bob Gall (2001) 6th Jack Everson (2012) 8th Ken Voice (2014) Birthdays & Anniversaries
3rd Hadyn Rickey
2nd Matthew & Ruth Taylor
(anniversary)