

# Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

9 July 2023

## HYMNS

547 Be Thou My Vision

745 Seek ye first

599 Take my life

## SENTENCE

‘Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest,’ says the Lord. ‘Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart.’

**COLLECT:** Almighty God, your Son Jesus Christ has taught us that what we do for the least of his sisters and brothers we do also for him: give us the will to serve others as he was the servant of all, who gave up his life and died for us; yet lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## READINGS

A reading from the prophecy of Zechariah:

Rejoice greatly, O daughter Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter Jerusalem! Lo, your king comes to you; triumphant and victorious is he, humble and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey. He will cut off the chariot from Ephraim and the warhorse from Jerusalem; and the battle-bow shall be cut off, and he shall command peace to the nations; his dominion shall be from sea to sea, and from the River to the ends of the earth. As for you also, because of the blood of my covenant with you, I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit. Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope; today I declare that I will restore to you double.

*Zechariah 9:9-12*

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



We say the verses of Psalm 145 alternately:

The Lord is gracious and merciful, long-suffering and of great goodness.

**The Lord is loving to everyone and his mercy is over all his creatures.**

All your works praise you, O Lord, and your faithful servants bless you.

**They tell of the glory of your kingdom and speak of your mighty power,**

To make known to all peoples your mighty acts and the glorious splendour of your kingdom.

**Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom; your dominion endures throughout all ages.**

The Lord is sure in all his words and faithful in all his deeds.

Psalm 145:8-14

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

For we know that the law is spiritual; but I am of the flesh, sold into slavery under sin. I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. Now if I do what I do not want, I agree that the law is good. But in fact it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me. For I know that nothing good dwells within me, that is, in my flesh. I can will what is right, but I cannot do it. For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I do. Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me. So I find it to be a law that when I want to do what is good, evil lies close at hand. For I delight in the law of God in my inmost self, but I see in my members another law at war with the law of my mind, making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. Wretched man that I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death? Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord! So then, with my mind I am a slave to the law of God, but with my flesh I am a slave to the law of sin.

Romans 7:14-25

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

## **Alleluia, alleluia!**

Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth; you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom.

**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, 'Let anyone with ears listen! But to what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the market-places and calling to one another,

"We played the flute for you, and you did not dance; we wailed, and you did not mourn."

For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, "He has a demon"; the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, "Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax-collectors and sinners!" Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds.'

At that time Jesus said, 'I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.'

Matthew 11:19,25-30

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 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, 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.

We give thanks for the life of George Freijah, may he rest in peace and rise in glory.

### Year's mind

*9th Betty Fawcett (2000), Thelma Norman (2000)  
10th Rev'd John Corby (2018)*

### Birthdays & Anniversaries

*10th Rosa Cullen, Jill Shaw, Marion Woods  
11th Bronwyn Patrick  
12th Ian Sweet  
13th John Forbes*