

24th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

12 November 2023

HYMNS

547 Be thou my vision

398 Come now O love divine

216 Rejoice, the Lord is King

SENTENCE

Watch and be ready, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming.

COLLECT

Eternal God,
you have taught us that the night is far spent and the day is at hand: keep us awake and alert, watching for your kingdom, so that when Christ, the bridegroom, comes we may go out joyfully to meet him, and with him enter into the marriage feast that you have prepared for all who truly love you; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

READINGS

A reading from the prophecy of Amos:

Alas for you who desire the day of the Lord!

Why do you want the day of the Lord?

It is darkness, not light;

as if someone fled from a lion,

and was met by a bear;

or went into the house and rested a hand against the wall,

and was bitten by a snake.

Is not the day of the Lord darkness, not light,

and gloom with no brightness in it?

I hate, I despise your festivals,

and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies.

Even though you offer me your burnt-offerings and grain-offerings,



I will not accept them;
and the offerings of well-being of your fatted animals
I will not look upon.
Take away from me the noise of your songs;
I will not listen to the melody of your harps.
But let justice roll down like waters,
and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.

Amos 5.18-24

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

We say the verses of Psalm 70 alternately:

O God, make speed to save me; O Lord, make haste to help me.

**Let those who seek my life be put to shame and confusion; let them be
turned back and disgraced who wish me evil.**

Let those who mock and deride me turn back because of their shame.

**But let all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you; let those who love
your salvation say always, 'Great is the Lord!'**

As for me, I am poor and needy; come to me quickly, O God.

You are my help and my deliverer; O Lord, do not delay.

Psalm 70

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

Now concerning love of the sisters and brothers, you do not need to have anyone write to you, for you yourselves have been taught by God to love one another; and indeed you do love all the sisters and brothers throughout Macedonia. But we urge you, beloved, to do so more and more, to aspire to live quietly, to mind your own affairs, and to work with your hands, as we directed you, so that you may behave properly towards outsiders and be dependent on no one.

But we do not want you to be uninformed, sisters and brothers, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air; and so we will be with the Lord for ever. Therefore encourage one another with these words.

1 Thessalonians 4.9-18

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

Alleluia, alleluia!

Be watchful and ready: you know not when the Son of Man is coming.

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: 'Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a shout, "Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him." Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish said to the wise, "Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out." But the wise replied, "No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves." And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, "Lord, lord, open to us." But he replied, "Truly I tell you, I do not know you." Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.'

Matthew 25.1-13

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

PRAYERS

Church: The Anglican Parish of Jika Jika Preston (Michael Hopkins, Fan Zhang); Igreja Anglicana de Mocambique e Angola The Anglican Church of Australia (Primate Abp Geoffrey Smith, General Secretary Anne Hywood, the General Synod & the Standing Committee); Angliss Health Services; St Andrew's Brighton - pastoral visit (Bp Paul Barker); All Soul's' Sandringham - pastoral visit (Bp Paul Barker); Holy Trinity Balaclava - pastoral visit (Bp Kate Prowd); Anglican Church of Mozambique Angola: Carlos Matsinhe.

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: Keiran & Paul, Deirdre B, John & Barbara B, Lorraine D, Helen & Geoff D, Peggy & John F, Jim H, Nan L, Jane & Peter M, Barbara McN, Janet N, Pauline R, Jenny S, Mary & Ian S, Ray & Marion W, Alan & Jean Y, Boris Z and those known to us in need of our prayers.

Year's Mind

12th Grace Povey (2002), Gwendolen Stack (2002)

16th David Clayden (2019)

Birthdays & Anniversaries

13th Ron & Lorraine Driscoll (anniv)

14th Val Dripps, Roy Morris

16th Linda Dwyer

16th Julie Hands