

25th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

19 November 2023

HYMNS

- 161 Tell out, my soul
599 Take my life, and let it be
133 O worship the King

SENTENCE

God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore encourage one another and build up each other.

COLLECT

Everliving God, before the earth was formed, and even after it shall cease to be, you are God. Break into our short span of life and show us those things that are eternal, that we may serve your purpose in all we do; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in unity with the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

READINGS

A reading from the prophecy of Zephaniah:

Be silent before the Lord God! For the day of the Lord is at hand; the Lord has prepared a sacrifice, he has consecrated his guests. At that time I will search Jerusalem with lamps, and I will punish the people who rest complacently on their dregs, those who say in their hearts, 'The Lord will not do good, nor will he do harm.' Their wealth shall be plundered, and their houses laid waste. Though they build houses, they shall not inhabit them; though they plant vineyards, they shall not drink wine from them. The great day of the Lord is near, near and hastening fast; the sound of the day of the Lord is bitter, the warrior cries aloud there. That day will be a day of wrath, a day of distress and anguish, a day of ruin and devastation, a day of darkness and gloom, a day of clouds and thick darkness, a day of trumpet blast and battle cry against the fortified cities and against the lofty battlements. I will bring such distress upon people that they shall walk like the blind; because they have sinned against the Lord, their blood shall be



poured out like dust, and their flesh like dung. Neither their silver nor their gold will be able to save them on the day of the Lord's wrath; in the fire of his passion the whole earth shall be consumed; for a full, a terrible end he will make of all the inhabitants of the earth.

Zephaniah 1.7, 12-18

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

We say the verses from Psalm 90 alternately:

Lord, you have been our refuge from one generation to another.

Before the mountains were brought forth, or the earth and the world were formed, from everlasting to everlasting you are God.

You turn us back to dust and say: 'Turn back, O children of earth.'

For a thousand years in your sight are but as yesterday, which passes like a watch in the night.

You sweep them away like a dream; they fade away suddenly like the grass.

In the morning it is green and flourishes; in the evening it is dried up and withered.

For we consume away in your displeasure; we are afraid at your wrathful indignation.

You have set our misdeeds before you and our secret sins in the light of your countenance.

So teach us to number our days that we may apply our hearts to wisdom.

Psalm 90.1-8, 12

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

Now concerning the times and the seasons, sisters and brothers, you do not need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. When they say, 'There is peace and security', then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labour pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. So then, let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

1 Thessalonians 5.1-11

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

Alleluia, alleluia!

Live in me and let me live in you, says the Lord; my branches bear much fruit.
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: 'For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, "Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents." His master said to him, "Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master." And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, "Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents." His master said to him, "Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master." Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, "Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours." But his master replied, "You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'"

Matthew 25. 14-30

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

PRAYERS

Anglican Church: All Souls' Anglican Church Sandringham (Jeremy Watson, Samantha White); The Church of the Province of Myanmar (Burma); The Diocese of Bunbury (Bp Ian Coutts, Clergy & People); Defence Force Chaplains; St Thomas, Winchelsea - pastoral visit (Bp Brad Billings); St John's Frankston North and St Luke's Carrum Downs - pastoral visit (Bp Paul Barker); St Michael's and St Luke's North Dandenong - pastoral visit (Bp Paul Barker); St Augustine's Church and St Hilary's Network Church Mont Albert North - pastoral visit (Bp Kate Prowd); All Saints' Rosebud - pastoral visit (Abp Philip Freier); The Church of the Province of Myanmar (Burma): Stephen Than Myint Oyoo.

For the Parish: Give thanks for those who nurture community in our parish: Torquay Craft Group, the Op Shop, those who visit parishioners, those who arrange parish meals; and pray that they may be inspired by Jesus. Give thanks for those who use their abilities and give of their time and resources in the community of which we are a part: in their jobs, as volunteers, in their families, as neighbours, as friends and to strangers.

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

20th Eleanor Doreen Williams (2010)

21st Mary McPhee (2005)

24th Robert Miller (2010)

Birthdays & Anniversaries

22nd Kaye Mackie, Jan Heiner

23rd Jane Murton