

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

8 September 2024

HYMNS

- 156 Morning has broken
599 Take my life and let it be
231 At the name of Jesus

SENTENCE

Those who want to save their life will lose it,
and those who lose their life for the sake of
the gospel will save it.

COLLECT

God of mercy,
help us to forgive as you have forgiven us, to
trust you, even when hope is failing, and to
take up our cross daily and follow you in your redeeming work; through
Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one
God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

READINGS

A reading from the prophet Isaiah:

Say to those who are of a fearful heart,
‘Be strong, do not fear!
Here is your God.
He will come with vengeance,
with terrible recompense.
He will come and save you.’
Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened,
and the ears of the deaf unstopped;
then the lame shall leap like a deer,
and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy.
For waters shall break forth in the wilderness,
and streams in the desert;
the burning sand shall become a pool,
and the thirsty ground springs of water.

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



Isaiah 35.4-7a

We say the verses from Psalm 116 alternately:

I love the Lord, for he has heard the voice of my supplication; because he inclined his ear to me on the day I called to him.

The snares of death encompassed me; the pains of hell took hold of me; by grief and sorrow was I held.

Then I called upon the name of the Lord: 'O Lord, I beg you, deliver my soul.'

Gracious is the Lord and righteous; our God is full of compassion.

The Lord watches over the simple; I was brought very low and he saved me.

Turn again to your rest, O my soul, for the Lord has been gracious to you.

For you have delivered my soul from death, my eyes from tears and my feet from falling.

I will walk before the Lord in the land of the living.

I believed that I should perish for I was sorely troubled; and I said in my alarm, 'Everyone is a liar.'

Psalm 116.1-9

A reading from the letter of James:

Someone will say, 'You have faith and I have works.' Show me your faith without works, and I by my works will show you my faith. You believe that God is one; you do well. Even the demons believe - and shudder. Do you want to be shown, you senseless person, that faith without works is barren? Was not our ancestor Abraham justified by works when he offered his son Isaac on the altar? You see that faith was active along with his works, and faith was brought to completion by the works. Thus the scripture was fulfilled that says, 'Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness', and he was called the friend of God. You see that a person is justified by works and not by faith alone. Likewise, was not Rahab the prostitute also justified by works when she welcomed the messengers and sent them out by another road? For just as the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is also dead.

James 2.18-26

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

Alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus preached the Good News of the kingdom, and healed all who were sick.

Alleluia!

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St Mark

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ

Jesus set out and went away to the region of Tyre. He entered a house and did not want anyone to know he was there. Yet he could not escape notice, but a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit immediately heard about him, and she came and bowed down at his feet. Now the woman was a Gentile, of Syrophenician origin. She begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. He said to her, 'Let the children be fed first, for it is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs.' But she answered him, 'Sir, even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs.' Then he said to her, 'For saying that, you may go - the demon has left your daughter.' So she went home, found the child lying on the bed, and the demon gone.

Then he returned from the region of Tyre, and went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. They brought to him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they begged him to lay his hand on him. He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spat and touched his tongue. Then looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, 'Ephphatha', that is, 'Be opened.' And immediately his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. Then Jesus ordered them to tell no one; but the more he ordered them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. They were astounded beyond measure, saying, 'He has done everything well; he even makes the deaf to hear and the mute to speak.'

Mark 7.24-37

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

PRAYERS

Anglican Church:

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: Keiran & Paul, Deirdre B, John & Barbara B, Barry B, Lorraine D, Helen & Geoff D, John F, Nan L, Jane & Peter M, Janet N, Stephen P, Pauline R, Hadyn R, Jenny S, Mary & Ian S, Ray & Marion W and those known to us in need of our prayers.

Year's Mind

8th Elizabeth North (2022)

11th Bill North (2003)

12th Ruth Botting (2006)

13th Mabel Cashin (2016)

14th Arthur Reed (2013)

14th Val Taylor (2021)

Birthdays & Anniversaries

7th Nick Walter

8th Poul Hansen