

# THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

29 June 2025

## HYMNS

447 Lord, your almighty word

613 Lord of all hopefulness

351 Lift high the cross

## SENTENCE

Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for Jesus' sake will find it.

## COLLECT

O God, the light of the minds that know you, the life of the souls that love you, the strength of the thoughts that seek you: help us to know you that we may truly love you, and so to love you that we may fully serve you, whose service is perfect freedom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## READINGS

A reading from the second book of Kings:

Now when the Lord was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. Elijah said to Elisha, "Stay here; for the Lord has sent me as far as Bethel." But Elisha said, "As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they went down to Bethel...Then Elijah said to him, "Stay here; for the Lord has sent me to the Jordan." But he said, "As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So the two of them went on. Fifty men of the company of prophets also went, and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. Then Elijah took his mantle and rolled it up, and struck the water; the water was parted to the one side and to the other, until the two of them crossed on dry ground.

When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, "Tell me what I may do for you, before I am taken from you." Elisha said, "Please let me inherit a double share of your spirit." He responded, "You have asked a hard thing; yet, if you see me as I am being taken from you, it will be granted you; if not, it will not." As they continued walking and talking, a chariot of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them, and Elijah ascended in a whirlwind into heaven. Elisha kept watching and crying out, "Father, father!

The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!” But when he could no longer see him, he grasped his own clothes and tore them in two pieces.

He picked up the mantle of Elijah that had fallen from him, and went back and stood on the bank of the Jordan. He took the mantle of Elijah that had fallen from him, and struck the water, saying, “Where is the Lord, the God of Elijah?” When he had struck the water, the water was parted to the one side and to the other, and Elisha went over. *2 Kings 2:10-14*

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

We say the verses of Psalm 77 for Surf Coast:

I cry aloud to God, aloud to God, that he may hear me.

**In the day of my trouble I seek the Lord; in the night my hand is stretched out without wearying; my soul refuses to be comforted.**

I will call to mind the deeds of the LORD; I will remember your wonders of old.

**I will meditate on all your work, and muse on your mighty deeds.**

Your way, O God, is holy. What god is so great as our God?

**You are the God who works wonders; you have displayed your might among the peoples.**

With your strong arm you redeemed your people, the descendants of Jacob and Joseph.

**When the waters saw you, O God, when the waters saw you, they were afraid; the very deep trembled.**

The clouds poured out water; the skies thundered; your arrows flashed on every side.

**The crash of your thunder was in the whirlwind; your lightnings lit up the world; the earth trembled and shook.**

Your way was through the sea, your path, through the mighty waters; yet your footprints were unseen.

**You led your people like a flock by the hand of Moses and Aaron.**

*Psalm 77:1-2, 11-20*

A reading from Paul’s letter to the Christians in Galatia:

For freedom Christ has set us free. Stand firm, therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery. For you were called to freedom, brothers and sisters; only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for self-indulgence, but through love become slaves to one another. For the whole law is summed up in a single commandment, “You shall love your neighbour as

yourself.” If, however, you bite and devour one another, take care that you are not consumed by one another.

Live by the Spirit, I say, and do not gratify the desires of the flesh. For what the flesh desires is opposed to the Spirit, and what the Spirit desires is opposed to the flesh; for these are opposed to each other, to prevent you from doing what you want. But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not subject to the law. Now the works of the flesh are obvious: fornication, impurity, licentiousness, idolatry, sorcery, enmities, strife, jealousy, anger, quarrels, dissensions, factions, envy, drunkenness, carousing, and things like these. I am warning you, as I warned you before: those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God. By contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against such things. And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. If we live by the Spirit, let us also be guided by the Spirit.

*Gal 5:1,13-25*

Hear the word of the Lord, **thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!**  
Speak, O Lord, your servant is listening; you have the words of everlasting life. **Alleluia!**

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**  
The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St Luke  
**Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ**

When the days drew near for him to be taken up, he set his face to go to Jerusalem. And he sent messengers ahead of him. On their way they entered a village of the Samaritans to make ready for him; but they did not receive him, because his face was set toward Jerusalem. When his disciples James and John saw it, they said, “Lord, do you want us to command fire to come down from heaven and consume them?” But he turned and rebuked them. Then they went on to another village. As they were going along the road, someone said to him, “I will follow you wherever you go.” And Jesus said to him, “Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests; but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head.” To another he said, “Follow me.” But he said, “Lord, first let me go and bury my father.” But Jesus said to him, “Let the dead bury their own dead; but as for you, go and proclaim the kingdom of God.” Another said, “I will follow you, Lord; but let me first say farewell to those at my home.” Jesus said to him, “No one who puts a hand to the plow and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God.” *Luke 9:51-62*  
This is the Gospel of the Lord, **praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

## PRAYERS

**Anglican Church:** St Matthew's Ashburton (Kurian Peter); The Diocese of The Northern Territory (Bp Greg Anderson, Clergy & People); Archdeaconry of La Trobe (Michael Hopkins); St Peter's Box Hill - Pastoral service (Bp Alison Taylor); Provincial Council Evensong - St Paul's Cathedral (Bp Genieve Blackwell); St Stephen's Warrandyte - Pastoral service (Bp Paul Barker); The Church of the Province of Myanmar (Bp Stephen Than Myint Oo);

**For the parish:** For the congregations of our parish and visitors. For the churches on the Surf Coast: the Baptist Churches, Salvation Army, Uniting and Catholic Churches; City on a Hill Surf Coast, The Living Room and Surfcoast Chapel, and those who gather in small ways in homes. May we work together as sisters and brothers in the body of Christ.

**For the sick & in need, and those who have need of strength, courage and peace in their journey:** Morgan, Dina, Keiran & Paul, Deirdre B, John B, Barry B, Roger B, Lorraine D, Lydia E, John F, Kevin H, Nan L, Jane M, Barry M, Janet N, Stephen P, Pauline R, Hadyn R, Jenny S, Yvonne S, Susan T-J, Sharon V, Ray & Marion W, Margaret V and those known to us in need of our prayers

### Year's mind

*30th George Freijah (2023)  
1st Emmy Bick (1998) , Henry  
Brown (2007)  
4th Bob Gall(2001)*

### Birthdays & Anniversaries

*2nd Matthew & Ruth Taylor (anniv)  
3rd Haydn Rickey*