

SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

27 July 2025

HYMNS

228 Crown Him with many crowns

106 Now thank we all our God

342 When I survey the wondrous
cross

SENTENCE

Ask, and it will be given you; seek,
and you will find; knock, and the
door will be opened to you.

COLLECT

Provident Father,
with the prayer your Son taught us always on our lips, we ask, we
seek, we knock at your door: help us so to seek that we may truly find,
so to ask that we may joyfully receive, and so to knock that the door
of mercy may be opened for us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

READINGS

A reading from the book Genesis:

Then the Lord said, 'How great is the outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah and how very grave their sin! I must go down and see whether they have done altogether according to the outcry that has come to me; and if not, I will know.' So the men turned from there, and went towards Sodom, while Abraham remained standing before the Lord. Then Abraham came near and said, 'Will you indeed sweep away the righteous with the wicked? Suppose there are fifty righteous within the city; will you then sweep away the place and not forgive it for the fifty righteous who are in it? Far be it from you to do such a thing, to slay the righteous with the wicked, so that the righteous fare as the wicked! Far be that from you! Shall not the Judge of all the earth do what is just?' And the Lord said, 'If I find at Sodom fifty righteous in the city, I will forgive the whole place for their sake.'



Abraham answered, 'Let me take it upon myself to speak to the Lord, I who am but dust and ashes. Suppose five of the fifty righteous are lacking? Will you destroy the whole city for lack of five?' And he said, 'I will not destroy it if I find forty-five there.' Again he spoke to him, 'Suppose forty are found there.' He answered, 'For the sake of forty I will not do it.' Then he said, 'Oh do not let the Lord be angry if I speak. Suppose thirty are found there.' He answered, 'I will not do it, if I find thirty there.' He said, 'Let me take it upon myself to speak to the Lord. Suppose twenty are found there.' He answered, 'For the sake of twenty I will not destroy it.' Then he said, 'Oh do not let the Lord be angry if I speak just once more. Suppose ten are found there.' He answered, 'For the sake of ten I will not destroy it.'

Genesis 18.20-32

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

We say the verses of Psalm 138 alternately:

I will give thanks to you, O Lord, with my whole heart; before the gods
will I sing praise to you.

**I will bow down towards your holy temple and praise your
name, because of your love and faithfulness; for you have
glorified your name and your word above all things.**

In the day that I called to you, you answered me; you put new strength
in my soul.

**All the kings of the earth shall praise you, O Lord, for they have
heard the words of your mouth.**

They shall sing of the ways of the Lord, that great is the glory of the
Lord.

**Though the Lord be high, he watches over the lowly; as for the
proud, he regards them from afar.**

Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you will preserve me; you will
stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies; your right
hand will save me.

**The Lord shall make good his purpose for me; your loving-kindness,
O Lord, endures for ever; forsake not the work of your hands.**

Psalm 138

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

As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, continue to live
your lives in him, rooted and built up in him and established in the

faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving. See to it that no one takes you captive through philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the universe, and not according to Christ. For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, and you have come to fullness in him, who is the head of every ruler and authority. In him also you were circumcised with a spiritual circumcision, by putting off the body of the flesh in the circumcision of Christ; when you were buried with him in baptism, you were also raised with him through faith in the power of God, who raised him from the dead. And when you were dead in trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made you alive together with him, when he forgave us all our trespasses, erasing the record that stood against us with its legal demands. He set this aside, nailing it to the cross. He disarmed the rulers and authorities and made a public example of them, triumphing over them in it.

Colossians 2.6-15 (16-19)

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

Alleluia, alleluia!

You have received the Spirit which makes us God's children, and in that Spirit we call God our Father.

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

Jesus was praying in a certain place, and after he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, 'Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples.' He said to them, 'When you pray, say:

Father, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come. Give us each day our daily bread. And forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us. And do not bring us to the time of trial.'

And he said to them, 'Suppose one of you has a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say to him, "Friend, lend me three loaves of bread; for a friend of mine has arrived, and I have nothing to set before him." And he answers from within, "Do not bother me; the door has already been locked, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot get up and give you anything." I tell you, even though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, at least because of his persistence he will get up and give him whatever he needs.

‘So I say to you, Ask, and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. Is there anyone among you who, if your child asks for a fish, will give a snake instead of a fish? Or if the child asks for an egg, will give a scorpion? If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!’

Luke 11.1-13

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

PRAYERS

Anglican Church: St Paul's Canterbury (Rachel McDougall); The Diocese of Riverina (Bp Donald Kirk, Clergy & People); Brighton Grammar School (Ross Featherston, Principal; Peter Waterhouse, Chester Lord, Chaplains); The Anglican Church of Papua New Guinea (Bp Reverend Nathan Ingen); St John the Baptist Wantirna South - Pastoral service (Bp Paul Barker); St James' Thornbury - Pastoral service (Bp Alison Taylor); All Saints' Greensborough

For the parish: For those who support parish life: the Op Shop team, maintenance committee and team, planners, Synod reps and nominators, the treasurer, bookkeeper and office support, and those who contribute through rosters at each centre. May they serve in Jesus name.

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, Val D, Lydia E, John F, Kevin H, Nan L, Jane M, Barry M, Terry M, Janet N, Stephen P, Pauline R, Hadyn R, Jenny S, Yvonne S, Susan T-J, Sharon V, Ray W, Nick W, Margaret V and those known to us in need of our prayers.

Year's mind

27th Joan Davis (1999), Lawrence Sheers (1996)

Birthdays & Anniversaries

27th Russell Hannan, Margaret Morse, Martin Morse