



Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

22 August 2021

Prayer for Afghanistan

**O God of mercy and of peace,
We hold before you the peoples of Afghanistan.
Be living bread to those who are hungry each day
Be healing and wholeness to those who have no access
to health care amidst the ravages of pandemic.
Be their true home to all who have been displaced.
Be open arms of loving acceptance to those who fear
because of their gender, ethnicity, religious or political
views.
Be peace to those engaged in armed conflict and those
who live within its shadow.**

**Turn our hearts and minds to your ways of just and
gentle peace,
Open our eyes to see you in all acts of compassionate
care.
Strengthen our hearts to step out in solidarity with your
suffering people and
Hold us all in your unfailing love.
We pray in the name of Jesus Christ, who emptied
himself of all but love in order to bring life in all its
fullness.**

AMEN

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

We acknowledge the traditional custodians of the land on which we meet, the people of the Kulin nation, and pay our respects to Elders past, present and emerging.

This parish is committed to Child Safety and complies with Diocesan and State requirements.
This is a shared responsibility of staff and parish. Please see the back of pew leaflet for contact details.

At Worship Today:

Everliving God,
by whose Spirit the whole body of the Church
is governed and sanctified:
hear the prayers we offer for all your faithful people,
that in the ministry to which you have called them
each may serve you in holiness and truth;
through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. Amen.

10.00 am

Preaching & Presiding:

Revd Greg

Cantor:

Brian Copple

Liturgy Setting:

Curtis Stephan 'Mass of Creation'

Introit:

TIS 477 'Jesus Calls Us Here To Meet Him'

Sentence:

**Jesus said, 'It is the spirit that gives life; the flesh is
useless. The words that I have spoken to you are
spirit and life.'**

First Reading:

Ephesians 6.10-20

Psalm Response:

Julie Hoy

Refrain
Cantor

Bless-ed are they who dwell in your house, O Lord.

All

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2 to Verses Final

in your house, O Lord. in your house, O Lord. bless-ed are

they, bless-ed are they.

Gospel Acclamation:

R. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

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Gospel:

John 6.56-69

Offertory:

TIS 430 'Your Words To Me Are Life And Health'

Recessional Hymn:

TIS 276 'There's A Light Upon The Mountains'v.1,2,4

First Reading: Ephesians 6.10-20

10 Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his power. 11 Put on the whole armour of God, so that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. 12 For our struggle is not against enemies of blood and flesh, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. 13 Therefore take up the whole armour of God, so that you may be able to withstand on that evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm. 14 Stand therefore, and fasten the belt of truth around your waist, and put on the breastplate of righteousness. 15 As shoes for your feet put on whatever will make you ready to proclaim the gospel of peace. 16 With all of these, take the shield of faith, with which you will be able to quench all the flaming arrows of the evil one. 17 Take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. 18 Pray in the Spirit at all times in every prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert and always persevere in supplication for all the saints. 19 Pray also for me, so that when I speak, a message may be given to me to make known with boldness the mystery of the gospel, 20 for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it boldly, as I must speak.

Gospel Reading: John 6.56-69

56 Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. 57 Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. 58 This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread **will live for ever.** 59 He said these things while he was teaching in the synagogue at Capernaum. 60 When many of his disciples **heard it, they said, 'This teaching is difficult; who can accept it?'** 61 But Jesus, being aware that his disciples were complaining about it, **said to them, 'Does this offend you?'** 62 Then what if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? 63 It is the spirit that gives life; the flesh is useless. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life. 64 But among you there are some who do **not believe.** For Jesus knew from the first who were the ones that did not believe, and who was the one that would betray him. 65 And he **said, 'For this reason I have told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted by the Father.'** 66 Because of this many of his disciples turned back and no longer went about with him. 67 **So Jesus asked the twelve, 'Do you also wish to go away?'** 68 Simon Peter answered him, **'Lord, to whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life. 69 We have come to believe and know that you are the Holy One of God.'**

THE COMMUNITY FORUM

'LISTENING TO FIRST AUSTRALIANS'

(WHIN-NGA-RRA ... LISTEN, HEAR AND THINK)

Which was scheduled to take place on

SUNDAY, AUGUST 22

has been POSTPONED.

Watch this space!

The Thursday Evening Meditation Group

We continue to meet on Zoom on the second and fourth Thursday evenings of the month at 7.30pm. Our next session will be on August 26th at 7.30pm. Zoom links are emailed to members prior to the sessions or enquiries can be directed to Michael Mosley.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

TIS 477 'Jesus Calls Us Here To Meet Him'

1. Jesus calls us here to meet him
as, through word and song and prayer,
we affirm God's promised presence
where his people live and care..
Praise the God who keeps his promise;
praise the Son who calls us friends;
praise the Spirit who, among us,
to our hopes and fears attends.

2. Jesus calls us to confess him
Word of Life and Lord of All,
sharer of our flesh and frailness
saving all who fail or fall.
Tell his holy human story;
tell his tales that all may hear;
tell the world that Christ in glory
came to earth to meet us here.

3. Jesus calls us to each other:
found in him are no divides.
Race and class and sex and language
such are barriers he derides.
Join the hand of friend and stranger;
join the hands of age and youth;
join the faithful and the doubter
in their common search for truth,

John L. Bell 1949 -& Graham Maule 1958-

OFFERTORY HYMN

TIS 430 'Your Words To Me Are Life And Health'

1. Your words to me are life and health;
Pour strength into my soul;
Enable, guide, and teach my heart
To reach its perfect goal.

2. Your words to me are light and truth;
From day to day they show
Their wisdom, passing human thought,
As in their truth I grow.

3. Your words to me are full of joy,
of beauty, peace, and grace;
from them I learn your blessed will,
through them I see your face.

4. Your words are perfected in One,
yourself, the living Word;
within my heart your image print
in clearest lines, O Lord.

George Currie Martin 1865-1937 alt.

RECESSIONAL HYMN

TIS 276 'There's A Light Upon The Mountains'

1. **There's a light upon the mountains,**
and the day is at the spring
when our eyes shall see the beauty
and the glory of the King;
weary was our heart with waiting,
and the night-watch seemed so long,
but his triumph day is breaking,
and we hail it with a song.

2. **There's a hush of expectation,**
and a quiet in the air,
and the breath of God is moving
in the fervent breath of prayer:
for the suffering, dying Jesus
is the Christ upon the throne,
and the travail of our spirit
is the travail of his own.

3. Hark, we hear a distant music,
and it comes with fuller swell -
the great triumph song of Jesus,
of our King, Immanuel:
Zion, go you forth to meet him;
and, my soul, be swift to bring
all your finest and your dearest
for the triumph of our King!

*Henry Burton
1840 -1930 alt.*

Dates to put in your diary ...

Sunday Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost
- August 22, 2021

10.00 am Eucharist via zoom

Monday 23

Tuesday 24

Wednesday 25

Thursday 26

Friday 27

2.00 pm Funeral

Saturday 28

Sunday 29 Pentecost 14

10.00 am Eucharist via zoom

Next Sunday Pentecost 14
- August 29, 2021

8.00 am

Server Doug Hastings

Welcomers Celia Gant

Reader Frank Miller

James 1:17 – 27

Mark 7.1—8,14—23

Intercessor Clergy

10.00 am

Welcomers David Sharrock

Tony Watts

Reader **Eleanor U'Ren**

James 1:17 – 27

Mark 7.1—8,14—23

Intercessor Graeme Dellora

Morning Tea David Sharrock

Aileen Wong

Afternoon Meditation Gatherings

1st Wednesday of the month at 2.30pm in the Chapel, based on Ignatian Spirituality. A Sacred Space where you can find rest and stillness, listen and centre yourself. Spiritual food is offered to aid reflection and meditation. Contact Val Dyke. Next session will be on 1st September 2021.

Covid Cleaning Roster

Sunday 29th August

10.00am

Anne Richardson

Anne-Marie Davies

Tamil Christian Church services

2nd and 4th Sunday from 3pm

Joyriver Chinese Church

Saturdays from 3pm

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Children's and Families' Minister (Tues 10.00 am - 3.00 pm, Wed 9.30 am - 2.30 pm, Sun 10.30 am - 12.30 pm)	Lisa Eames
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<i>Contemporary Eucharist Contact:</i>	Rowena Ferguson
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SERVICES:	Sunday 8.00 & 10.00 am Thursday 10.00 am