



Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

10 October 2021

*O God,
make the door of this house wide enough to receive
all who need human love and fellowship;
narrow enough to shut out all envy, pride and strife.
Make its threshold smooth enough to be no stumbling-block
to children, nor to straying feet,
but rugged enough and strong enough
to turn back the tempter's power:
make it a gateway to thine eternal kingdom.
Amen*

Thomas Ken, bishop of Bath and Wells, England

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:

Merciful God,
in your Son you call not the righteous but sinners to repentance:
draw us away from the easy road that leads to destruction,
and guide us into paths that lead to life abundant,
that in seeking your truth, and obeying your will,
we may know the joy of being a disciple of Jesus our Saviour;
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. Amen.

10.00 am

Preaching & Presiding:

The Venerable Dianne Sharrock

Cantor:

Allan Washington

Liturgy Setting:

'Mass of Renewal' Curtis Stephan

Introit:

TIS 474 'Gather Us In' (v.1,2 & 4)

Sentence:

There is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields, for **Jesus' sake, who will not receive a hundredfold now** in this age, with persecutions, and in the age to come eternal life.

First Reading:

Hebrews 4:12-16

Psalm Response:



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Gospel Acclamation:



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Gospel:

Mark 10:17-31

Offertory:

'Our Hearts are Turning to the Poor' *Tune: TIS 557*

Communion Meditation:

'For You Alone' by Alison Washington

Recessional Hymn:

TIS 547 'Be Thou My Vision' (v.1,2,4 & 5)

First Reading: Hebrews 4:12-16

12 Indeed, the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing until it divides soul from spirit, joints from marrow; it is able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart. 13 And before him no creature is hidden, but all are naked and laid bare to the eyes of the one to whom we must render an account. 14 Since, then, we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast to our confession. 15 For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin. 16 Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

Proof of covid vaccination

If you can't access your covid vaccination

certificate online, you can phone the Australian Immunisation Register - 1800 653 809 between 8am-5pm, Mon-Fri and ask them to send it to you. It can take up to two - three weeks to arrive in the mail.

A note of thanks

Dear Parishioners

I would like to say thank you to you all for your support over the past weeks and months.

Thank you for your love and prayers and for all the beautiful flowers, cards and phone calls.

My daughter Kaye and I have felt loved and supported during this very difficult time.

I look forward to being able to see you all again in person.

With grateful thanks

Leonie McLachlan

Gospel Reading: Mark 10:17-31

17 As he was setting out on a journey, a man ran up and knelt before him, and asked him, **'Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?'** 18 **Jesus said to him, 'Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. 19 You know the commandments: "You shall not murder; You shall not commit adultery; You shall not steal; You shall not bear false witness; You shall not defraud; Honour your father and mother."** ' 20 **He said to him, 'Teacher, I have kept all these since my youth.'** 21 **Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said, 'You lack one thing; go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me.'** 22 When he heard this, he was shocked and went away grieving, for he had many possessions. 23 Then Jesus looked around and **said to his disciples, 'How hard it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!'** 24 And the disciples were perplexed at these words. But Jesus said to them again, **'Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! 25 It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God.'** 26 They were greatly astounded and said to one another, **'Then who can be saved?'** 27 Jesus looked at them and said, **'For mortals it is impossible, but not for God; for God all things are possible.'** 28 **Peter began to say to him, 'Look, we have left everything and followed you.'** 29 **Jesus said, 'Truly I tell you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields, for my sake and for the sake of the good news, 30 who will not receive a hundredfold now in this age—houses, brothers and sisters, mothers and children, and fields, with persecutions—and in the age to come eternal life. 31 But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first.'**

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

'Gather Us In'

1. Here in this place new light is streaming,
now is the darkness vanished away,
see, in this space, our fears and our dreamings,
brought here to you in the light of this day.

*Gather us in, the lost and forsaken;
gather us in, the blind and the lame;
call to us now, and we shall awaken,
we shall arise at the sound of our name.*

2. We are the young, our lives are a mystery;
we are the old, who yearn for your face;
we have been sung throughout all of history,
called to be light to the whole human race.

*Gather us in, the rich and the haughty;
gather us in, the proud and the strong;
give us a heart so meek and so lowly,
give us the courage to enter the song.*

3. Not in the dark of buildings confining,
not in some heaven light years away,
but here in this space, the new light is shining,
now is the kingdom, now is the day.

*Gather us in, and hold us forever;
gather us in, and make us your own;
gather us in, all peoples together,
fire of love in our flesh and our bone.*

Marty Haugen 1950-

OFFERTORY HYMN

'Our Hearts are Turning to the Poor'

1. Our hearts are turning to the poor
both far away and at our door,
but we use more than our fair share
of good things, leaving none to spare.

2. Our sins of greed we now confess.
Teach us, O God, to live with less,
to simplify the way we live
and, from our riches, learn to give.

3. As you forgive us, give us grace
to see Christ in our neighbour's face
and, loving both, to play our part
and share with open mind and heart.

4. The good we pray for, we must do,
so turn our mind and will to you,
to make the changes you demand
and love the justice you command.

words: Elizabeth Smith

RECESSIONAL HYMN

'Be Thou My Vision'

1. Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart,
naught be all else to me, save that thou art
thou my best thought, by day or by night,
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

2. Be thou my wisdom, be thou my true word;
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;
thou my great Father, thy child let me be;
thou in me dwelling, and I one with thee.

3. **Riches I scorn and the world's empty praise,**
thou my inheritance, now and always:
thou and thou only the first in my heart;
high King of heaven, my treasure thou art.

4. High King of heaven, after victory won,
**may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's
Sun!**

Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
still be my vision, O ruler of all.

Gaelic c.8th cent.

tr. Mary Elizabeth Byrne 1880-1931

versified by Eleanor Henrietta Hull 1860-1935 alt.

NOTICE OF PARISH GENERAL MEETING 2021

Our Parish General Meeting will be held on **Sunday, November 28 following a joint service at 9.30am** - at this stage via Zoom. Further information will be provided closer to the date.

Group Reports

Although Parish groups have been unable to meet for the majority of 2021, it is requested that groups prepare a report for the Parish Annual Report covering the period October 2020 until the end of September 2021. Reports are due to the Parish Office no later than **Friday October 29.**

Please send your reports to parishoffice@stephenandmary.org.au

Electoral Roll

If you are unsure if you are on the electoral roll, please email Katherine in the Parish Office to check. If you are not on the roll and would like to be, please check that you fulfill the criteria (below) and ask Katherine for an enrolment form to be emailed to you.

Nominations

Further details about nominations for Wardens, Parish Council and Incumbency Committee will be included in the pew sheet in the coming weeks. Please start to think and pray about these nominations.

JOAN WEST

Secretary Parish Council

CRITERIA FOR BEING ADDED TO PARISH ELECTORAL

- I am 18 years of age or older
- I have been baptised
- I am a member of the Anglican Church of Australia by attending regularly (at least 12 times in preceding 12 months, and at least 3 times in the 3 months prior to the Annual Meeting)
- I do not belong to any religious body which is not in communion with the Anglican Church of Australia
- I seek to be entered on the parish roll of this parish, and will organise to be removed from the roll of the parish in which I am currently enrolled.

Dates to put in your diary ...

Sunday Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost
- October 10, 2021

10.00 am Eucharist via zoom

Monday 11

Tuesday 12

10.00 am Morning Prayer (zoom)

Wednesday 13

Thursday 14

7.30 pm Meditation (zoom)

Friday 15

Saturday 16

Sunday 17 Pentecost 21

10.00 am Eucharist via zoom

Next Sunday Twenty-first Sunday after
Pentecost - October 17, 2021

10.00 am

Welcomers Tony Watts
Judith Gibson

Reader Peter Northwood
Hebrews 5: 1-10

Gospel Mark 10: 35 – 45
(Clergy)

Intercessor Sue Retschko

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 October 14th at 7.30pm. Zoom links are emailed to members prior to the sessions or enquiries can be directed to Michael Mosley.

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 3rd November 2021.

Tamil Christian Church services

2nd and 4th Sunday from 3pm

Joyriver Chinese Church

Saturdays from 3pm

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Priest (Day off - Monday)	The Venerable Dianne Sharrock
Assistant Curate (Tues, Thurs, Fri)	The Revd Greg Wong
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
Child Safety Compliance Officer	Elaine Fasken
Covid19 Compliance Officer	Sugan Blanchard
Music Director	Brian Copple
Treasurer	Helen Warren
Office Manager	Katherine Rushby
Churchwardens:	Graeme Dellora John Foster Sue Retschko
Parish Council:	Sugan Blanchard, David Bruce, Margaret Crawford, Rowena Ferguson, Judith Gibson, Jennifer Gracie, Nathan Kelly, Sherredan Maher, Helen Warren, Joan West
Pastoral Care Ministry:	
<i>Hospital Visiting:</i>	Clergy
<i>Funeral Ministry:</i>	The Vicar
<i>Contemporary Eucharist Contact:</i>	Rowena Ferguson
Spiritual Directors:	Cath Connelly Val Dyke
Prayer Chain contact	Margaret Syfret
SERVICES:	Sunday 8.00 & 10.00 am Thursday 10.00 am