

20 SEPTEMBER 2020

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

10.00 AM—FRIDAY EUCHARIST

8.30AM— SUNDAY EUCHARIST

ST JOHN
THE BAPTIST
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ANGLICAN CHURCH

ANNOUNCEMENT OF SERVICES

**The next Friday service will be held on Friday 25th of September at 10.00am.
The next Sunday service will be a combined service at 8.30am on Sunday 27th September.**

Pre-registration is not required for the Friday service, but is for the Sunday service. Please register online at <https://stjohnsbulimba.org/what-we-do/online-worship/> or call Felicity Scott on 0431 599 662 by Friday 25th at 10.00 to make your booking for the Sunday service. We cannot guarantee you a seat if you have not booked, due to limitation on numbers. At recent services we have had room for more attendees so please come even if you have not booked.

A Prayer in the Midst of a Crisis

*Holy God, who created us for and from love,
in this time of social distancing, hold us close in your arms.
Comfort those who are afraid, enliven those who are bored,
give courage to those who are distressed,
and warm those who feel the cold touch of loneliness.
Breathe in, with and through us as we walk through uncertainty into a new future
knowing that you are with us now and await us there.
In the name of Christ the Beloved we pray.
Amen.*

By the Rev. Canon Dr. Ellen Clark-King, Vice Dean and Canon for Social Justice at Grace Cathedral, San Francisco

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THE SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

SENTENCE FOR THE DAY:

By grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing: It is the gift of God.
Ephesians 2.8-9

THE COLLECT FOR THE DAY:

Loving and righteous God, your boundless generosity exceeds all that we can desire or deserve, and you give to the last worker all you promised to the first: Liberate us from all jealousy and greed, that we may be free to love and serve others, and in your service may find our true reward; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

1ST READING: EXODUS 16.2-15

The whole congregation of the Israelites complained against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness. The Israelites said to them, 'If only we had died by the hand of the Lord in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the fleshpots and ate our fill of bread; for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger.' Then the Lord said to Moses, 'I am going to rain bread from heaven for you, and each day the people shall go out and gather enough for that day. In that way I will test them, whether they will follow my instruction or not. On the sixth day, when they prepare what they bring in, it will be twice as much as they gather on other days.' So Moses and Aaron said to all the Israelites, 'In the evening you shall know that it was the Lord who brought you out of the land of Egypt, and in the morning you shall see the glory of the Lord, because he has heard your complaining against the Lord. For what are we, that you complain against us?' And Moses said, 'When the Lord gives you meat to eat in the evening and your fill of bread in the morning, because the Lord has heard the complaining that you utter against him— what are we? Your complaining is not against us but against the Lord.' Then Moses said to Aaron, 'Say to the whole congregation of the Israelites, "Draw near to the Lord, for he has heard your complaining." ' And as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the Israelites, they looked towards the wilderness, and the glory of the Lord appeared in the cloud. The Lord spoke to Moses and said, 'I have heard the complaining of the Israelites; say to them, "At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall have your fill of bread; then you shall know that I am the Lord your God." ' In the evening quails came up and covered the camp; and in the morning there was a layer of dew around the camp. When the layer of dew lifted, there on the surface of the wilderness was a fine flaky substance, as fine as frost on the ground. When the Israelites saw it, they said to one another, 'What is it?' For they did not know what it was. Moses said to them, 'It is the bread that the Lord has given you to eat.

PSALM 105.1-6, 37-45

1. O give thanks to the Lord, call on his name, make known his deeds among the peoples.
2. ***Sing to him, sing praises to him; tell of all his wonderful works.***
3. Glory in his holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.
4. ***Seek the Lord and his strength; seek his presence continually.***

5. Remember the wonderful works he has done, his miracles, and the judgements he has uttered,

6. *O offspring of his servant Abraham, children of Jacob, his chosen ones.*

37. Then he brought Israel out with silver and gold, and there was no one among their tribes who stumbled.

38. *Egypt was glad when they departed, for dread of them had fallen upon it.*

39. He spread a cloud for a covering, and fire to give light by night.

40. *They asked, and he brought quails, and gave them food from heaven in abundance.*

41. He opened the rock, and water gushed out; it flowed through the desert like a river.

42. *For he remembered his holy promise, and Abraham, his servant.*

43. So he brought his people out with joy, his chosen ones with singing.

44. *He gave them the lands of the nations, and they took possession of the wealth of the peoples,*

45. that they might keep his statutes and observe his laws.

Praise the Lord!

SECOND READING: PHILIPPIANS 1.21-30

For to me, living is Christ and dying is gain. If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labour for me; and I do not know which I prefer. I am hard pressed between the two: my desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better; but to remain in the flesh is more necessary for you. Since I am convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with all of you for your progress and joy in faith, so that I may share abundantly in your boasting in Christ Jesus when I come to you again. Only, live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that, whether I come and see you or am absent and hear about you, I will know that you are standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel, and are in no way intimidated by your opponents. For them this is evidence of their destruction, but of your salvation. And this is God's doing. For he has graciously granted you the privilege not only of believing in Christ, but of suffering for him as well— since you are having the same struggle that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

GOSPEL: MATTHEW 20. 1-16

'For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire labourers for his vineyard. After agreeing with the labourers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. When he went out about nine o'clock, he saw others standing idle in the market-place; and he said to them, "You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right." So they went. When he went out again about noon and about three o'clock, he did the same. And about five o'clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, "Why are you standing here idle all day?" They said to him, "Because no one has hired us." He said to them, "You also go into the vineyard." When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, "Call the labourers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first." When those hired about five o'clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, saying, "These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat." But he replied to one of them, "Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?" So the last will be first, and the first will be last.'

Reflection:

Even though God was already providing for the Israelites as they were journeying out of Egypt, the people nonetheless complained, remembering their enslavement as an idyllic time when they sat by fleshpots eating their fill of bread. So, having provided for their needs, God now provides for the ungrateful people's wants, sending them manna in the morning and quails in the evening. God gives freely to sustain life in a foretaste of the Eucharist. 'In Exodus, through food and water, the people are transformed, as they grow from adolescence to adulthood – into being God's people, obedient to him.' – Chris Haslam

Pray that we will be committed to sharing God's generosity throughout the world.

Give thanks for all those who generously care for others, especially remembering Anglicare and all other church caring agencies throughout Australia.

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THE ANGLICAN CYCLE OF PRAYER:

IN THE WORLD: -

- ⇒ **The Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan:** †Justin Badi Arama – Bishop of Juba and Archbishop of the Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan
- ⇒ **The Diocese of Perth:** †Kay Goldsworthy; Assistant Bishops: †Kate Wilmot, †Jeremy James; Clergy and People

IN THE DIOCESE:-

- ⇒ **The Parish of Auchenflower-Milton:** Penny Jones, Illyd Loveluck
- ⇒ **Cooloola Community Development Centre**
- ⇒ **West Moreton Anglican College, Karrabin:** Principal - Geoff McLay; Chaplaincy team - Louise Orpe, Brenda Davis & Juliana Bate; Chair of College Council - Ian Lupton; members of School Council; staff & students

LOCALLY: WE PRAY FOR OUR LOCAL NURSING AND AGED CARE HOMES, PARTICULARLY REGIS BULIMBA, ALL ITS RESIDENTS AND STAFF.

PRAY FOR THE SICK: Bronwyn, Duncan Family, Kerrie, Roselee, Steph and Chris, Kerry, Gloria, Joseph, Linda, Elizabeth, Bernie, Don, Andrea, Graham, Pat, Peter.

In Memory, September 20—September 26

No names are listed for this week. Please pray for all who have died during the pandemic, especially those who have died alone without family or friends.